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August 27, 2014

Michael Bowen
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
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Dear Mr. Bowen:

I am writing to support the application submitted by Trout Unlimited to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project located within the Eel River watershed in Humboldt County California.

The Eel River watershed is the third largest watershed in California, and the South Fork Eel River watershed has been the largest producer of coho salmon in the Eel River basin, and perhaps all of California. The South Fork Eel coho population is the largest and most stable in the Southern Oregon Northern California Coho (SONCC) evolutionarily significant unit, and will therefore play a major role in the re-colonization of other populations in the stratum. This funding will enable Trout Unlimited to complete the draft intermediate designs and replace the current crossing with one that is both biologically and hydraulically appropriate.

The culvert on Fish Creek is ranked as the highest priority crossing within Cal Trans District 1 and does not meet California Department of Fish and Wildlife or National Marine Fisheries Service fish passage criteria. This priority status is based largely on the fact that more than two miles of high quality spawning and rearing habitat for coho, chinook and steelhead exists above the culvert, an impediment that only allows adult passage 15% of the time.

This project will greatly benefit efforts to recover SONCC salmon to a naturally sustainable condition and concurrently will result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits. Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,


JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress

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August 26, 2014

Doug Bosco, Chair
California State Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Michael Bowen
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by Trout Unlimited to the Conservancy for funding consideration for the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. The Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project is located within the Eel River watershed in my District, on Highway 254, Avenue of the Giants, near Phillipsville in Humboldt County.

It is my understanding that with this funding Trout Unlimited and its partners will restore fish passage and hydraulic function to 2.7 miles on Fish Creek. The current stream crossing inhibits fish passage for juvenile and adult Coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. This funding will enable Trout Unlimited to complete the draft intermediate designs and replace the current crossing with one that is both biologically and hydraulically appropriate.

I urge the Conservancy to approve this proposal to complete the final designs and implementation of the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. This project will greatly benefit salmon recovery efforts in my District.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Zuretti Goosby in my Eureka District office at 707-445-6508 if you have any questions about this project.

Sincerely,

NOREEN EVANS
Senator 2nd District

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September 9, 2014

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Trout Unlimited Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project submitted by Trout Unlimited to the State Coastal Conservancy for \$600,000. This grant is needed to restore fish passage and hydraulic function to 2.7 miles on Fish Creek.

The current stream crossing inhibits fish passage for juvenile and adult coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. This funding will enable Trout Unlimited to complete the draft intermediate designs and replace the current crossing with one that is both biologically and hydraulically appropriate.

The culvert on Fish Creek is ranked as the highest priority crossing within Cal Trans District 1. It does not meet California Department of Fish and Wildlife or National Marine Fisheries Service fish passage criteria and should be replaced with a structure that provides unimpeded fish passage. More than two miles of high quality spawning and rearing habitat for coho, chinook and steelhead exists above the culvert.

This project will greatly benefit efforts to recover salmon and steelhead to a naturally sustainable condition, which concurrently can result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits. I urge you the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 2nd District

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Cc: Anna Halligan, Trout Unlimited NCCP Project Coordinator

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North Coast Redwoods District
3431 Fort Avenue
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September 30, 2014

Mr. Michael Bowen
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project, Highway 254, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Humboldt County, California

Dear Michael:

I am writing to express our support for the application submitted by Trout Unlimited to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. The Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project is located within the Eel River watershed, on Highway 254 the Avenue of the Giants, near Phillipsville, in Humboldt County California.

Fish Creek flows through a grove of ancient redwood trees and beneath the scenic Avenue of the Giants before it joins the South Fork Eel River. The project is located within Humboldt Redwoods State Park which is the third largest park in the State Park system; it receives thousands of visitors each year, offering a little something for everyone by providing opportunities for camping, hiking, biking, and riding trails.

It is our understanding that with this funding Trout Unlimited and its partners will restore fish passage and hydraulic function to 2.7 miles on Fish Creek. The current stream crossing inhibits fish passage for juvenile and adult coho salmon, chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. The Eel River watershed is the third largest watershed in California, and the South Fork Eel River watershed has been the largest producer of coho salmon in the Eel River basin, and perhaps all of California. The South Fork Eel coho population is the largest and most stable in the Southern Oregon Northern California Coho (SONCC) evolutionarily significant unit, and will therefore play a major role in the re-colonization of other populations in the stratum. This funding will enable Trout Unlimited to complete the draft intermediate designs and replace the current crossing with one that is both biologically and hydraulically appropriate.

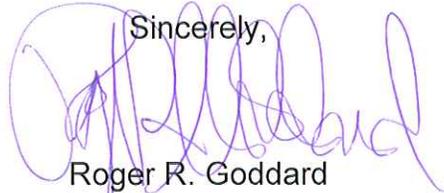
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Exhibit 4: Project Letters

I urge you to assist in allocating \$600,000 to Trout Unlimited for the final designs and implementation of the Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. This project will greatly benefit efforts to recover SONCC salmon to a naturally sustainable condition, which concurrently can result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits. While we are supportive of the project, we recommend that design and environmental staff continue to collaborate with Park staff to help ensure that nearby redwoods receive as much protection as possible and that those protections are written into governing documents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roger R. Goddard

Senior Landscape Architect and Planner
Acting District Manager
North Coast Redwoods District
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September 25, 2014

To: Michael Bowen
Project Manager
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway
13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

From: Mark Lancaster
Director

Subject: Fish Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Lancaster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "L".

Mark Lancaster
Director