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House of Representatives
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September 8, 2014

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

Re: Northwest CA RC&D Council 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project

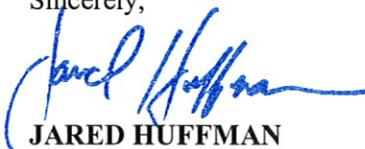
Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Northwest CA RC&D Council's application for funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Five Counties Salmonid Restoration Program (5C Program) Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The project will design up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement for the benefit of salmonids. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit within Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity counties.

With this funding, the council and its partners will lay the groundwork to restore fish passage and hydraulic function in tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity rivers. It will complete designs for projects that will prevent some 5,500 tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith rivers during storm events. Since 2000, through partnerships with local, state and federal agencies and landowners, the 5C Program has removed 72 migration barriers opening up 146 miles of salmonid habitat as well as storm proofing county and private roads to prevent the release of 225,000 tons of sediment into streams.

As a strong supporter of salmon restoration, I ask that you give this application your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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September 9, 2014

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway 13th Floor
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Re: Support for Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program Fisheries Restoration Design Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support for the application submitted by the Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council's (Council) Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program (5C) to the State Coastal Conservancy for \$200,000 for their Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement efforts. The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects.

The Council's 5C Program with its partners will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity Rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent up 5,500 tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith Rivers during major storm events. The projects will greatly benefit efforts to recover Southern Oregon and Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon to a naturally sustainable condition, which concurrently can result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits.

The 5C program is an important program in my district that partners with over 20 agencies, non-profits, and private landowners to design and/or build over 100 restoration projects in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. Collectively they represent valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships. They are a model for cooperative restoration efforts.

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

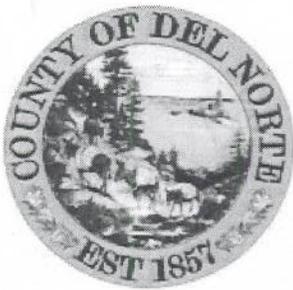
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Cc: Mark Lancaster, Executive Director, Northwest CA RC&D Council
Michael Bowen, California State Coastal Conservancy

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September 9, 2014

Michael Bowen
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Subject: Northwest CA RC&D Council 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The Del Norte County Board of Supervisors are writing to express our support for the application submitted by the Northwest CA RC&D Council (Council) to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for the 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement efforts. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit within Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. Collectively they represent valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships. The Council's 5C Program (Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program) has a long history of working with public entities, and more recently with individual landowners, to achieve effective and efficient restoration.

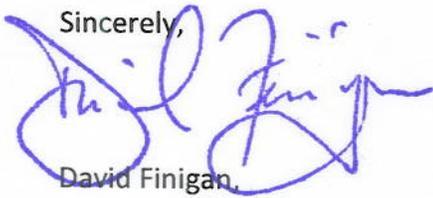
It is our understanding that with this funding, the Council and its partners will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity Rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent up ~5,500 tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith Rivers during major storm events. The projects continue to build on the more than 100 barriers and sediment reduction projects that the Council's 5C Program has completed since 2000 via long standing partnerships with local agencies, state and federal agencies and landowners. These efforts have removed 72 migration barriers resulting in the restoration of more than 146 miles of salmonid habitat as well as storm proofing county and private roads to prevent as much as 225,000 tons of

sediment. This funding will enable the Council's 5C Program to complete the designs, which are a critical step in the implementation of high priority restoration needs.

The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects. I urge you to assist in these efforts by allocating \$200,000 to the Council. The projects 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Finigan

Chair of Del Norte County Board of Supervisors

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September 2, 2014

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Northwest CA RC&D Council 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Hoopa Tribal Fisheries Department supports the application submitted by the Northwest CA RC&D Council's 5C Program (5C) to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for their Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement efforts. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit (SONCC). Collectively they represent valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships.

The Council's 5C Program and its partners effort will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity Rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent up ~5,500 tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith Rivers during major storm events. The projects will greatly benefit efforts to recover SONCC coho salmon to a naturally sustainable condition, which concurrently can result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits.

I urge you to assist in these efforts by allocating \$200,000 to the Council. The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Sean Ledwin
Senior Fisheries Biologist
Hoopa Tribal Fisheries



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STEELHEAD



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November 21, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
Attn: Michael Bowen
California Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Chairman Bosco:

Support for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program's Fish Passage and Water Quality Improvement Planning Grant request

The California Department of Fish and Game, Northern Region strongly supports the request by the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program (5C) to the Coastal Conservancy for funding the design and permitting of at least ten fish passage and five water quality improvement projects in the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, and Siskiyou. This preliminary engineering work will facilitate the implementation of priority fish passage improvement and sediment reduction projects within the Program Area.

The 5C Program is an official association of the five northwestern California counties within the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon Evolutionary Significant Unit, listed as "threatened" under the state and federal Endangered Species Act. The five counties share the common goal of protecting the economic and social resources of northwestern California by providing for the conservation and restoration of salmonid populations to healthy and sustainable levels while basing decisions on watershed rather than County boundaries.

One element of the 5C is the migration barrier removal program. It began with an inventory of barriers on County maintained roads in the 5C Program Area, conducted from 1998 to 2004, which identified 245 passage barriers to adult and juvenile salmonids. The identified barriers were ranked in priority using site-specific information weighed heavily towards the biological considerations of anadromous salmonids. Since 1998, 53 projects have been completed, allowing access to 130 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for coho and Chinook salmon and coastal cutthroat and steelhead trout in priority watersheds within the 5C Program Area.

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Another 5C element is the sediment reduction and water quality improvement program. Similar to the migration barrier inventory, an assessment of county road related sediment sources is in the process of being completed. A Direct Inventory of Roads and Treatments (DIRT) inventory has been conducted on all county roads in Mendocino, Trinity and Del Norte counties with partial inventories completed in Humboldt and Siskiyou counties. The DIRT identifies specific sites along county roads that contribute sediment to waterways and prioritizes treatments to assure economic, biological, and management effectiveness. Since 2001, eleven projects have been completed, effectively reducing the potential for 45,287 cubic yards of sediment delivery to anadromous streams from county road sources.

The primary objective of all projects is the restoration of aquatic ecosystems that support anadromous salmonids and other sensitive wildlife species. This is done by improving upstream fish passage with the added benefit of reducing sediment aggradation above the crossings and improving channel morphology; improving road related drainage by making road systems as hydrologically neutral as possible while maintaining safe driving conditions for the public; training county engineering, permitting, and road crew staff in the various methods and best management practices for implementing the above treatments and projects. Both the fish passage and water quality improvement projects contribute to the larger restoration efforts occurring within watersheds and improve infrastructure, resulting in reduced maintenance costs and emergency response efforts during storm events.

The 5C Program, the Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Conservancy, the State Water Board, NOAA Fisheries, and various watershed groups have worked closely to design and implement numerous projects during the past 10 years. We believe the potential project benefits to fish and wildlife and to the people of California as a result of implementing future projects will be significant.

The California Department of Fish and Game, Northern Region Fisheries staff looks forward to working with the 5C Program to prioritize the locations of the stream crossings selected for preliminary engineering and the watersheds selected for sediment reduction projects within the Program Area. We urge the Coastal Conservancy to support the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program's funding request for the design of future fish passage and water quality improvement projects. If you have any questions please call Senior Biologist Supervisor Gary Flosi at 707-725-1072.

Sincerely,


for **GARY B. STACEY**
Regional Manager

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September 25, 2014

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

Subject: Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I am writing to express support for the application submitted by the Northwest California Resource Conservation and Development Council (Council) to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program (5C) Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) understands that the project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including fish migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement activities. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon~Northern California (SONCC) coho salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit within Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity counties. These projects are valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships.

DFW has partnered with the 5C Program to restore habitat essential for coastal salmon and steelhead trout populations, and these new projects represent 5C Program's continued dedication to fisheries restoration. The 5C Program is in a unique position to work with landowners and local governments to achieve vital habitat restoration. In addition to local restoration grant projects in the five northwest counties, the 5C Program has been a partner with DFW in developing the State recovery strategy for coho salmon, creating and establishing the California Fish Passage Forum, and conducting technical education and training workshops for the State's restoration community.

DFW understands that the funding will target several important restoration objectives. With this funding, the Council and its partners will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith rivers during major storm events. The projects build on the more than 100 barriers and sediment reduction projects that the Council's 5C Program has completed since 2000 through its long-standing partnerships with local agencies, landowners, and State and federal agencies. This funding will enable the Council's 5C Program to complete the

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California State Coastal Conservancy
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designs, which are an essential step in the implementation of restoration that will benefit salmon and steelhead trout.

The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects. I encourage you to assist in these efforts by allocating \$200,000 to the Council. The projects will promote recovery of SONCC coho salmon, which concurrently can result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits and will also improve stream condition for other fish and wildlife. Please contact me at (916) 327-8841 or kevin.shaffer@wildlife.ca.gov if you want to discuss my comments and perspective on the proposal.

Sincerely,



Kevin Shaffer
Program Manager, Fisheries Branch
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Ec: Mark Lancaster, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program

Exhibit 4: Project Letters

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

Re: Northwest CA RC&D Council's Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program (5C) Fisheries Restoration Design Project

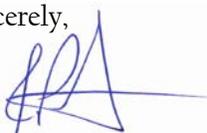
Dear Michael Bowen:

On behalf of the County of Mendocino, I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Northwest CA RC&D Council (Council) to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for the 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement efforts. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit within Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. Collectively they represent valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships. The Council's 5C Program has a long history of working with public entities, and more recently with individual landowners, to achieve effective and efficient restoration.

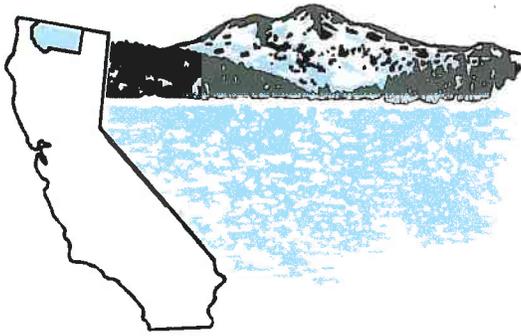
It is my understanding that with this funding, the Council and its partners will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity Rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent up to ~5,500 tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith Rivers during major storm events. The projects continue to build on the more than 100 barriers and sediment reduction projects that the Council's 5C Program has completed since 2000 via long standing partnerships with local agencies, state and federal agencies and landowners. These efforts have removed 72 migration barriers resulting in the restoration of more than 146 miles of salmonid habitat as well as storm proofing county and private roads to prevent as much as 225,000 tons of sediment. This funding will enable the Council's 5C Program to complete the designs, which are a critical step in the implementation of high priority restoration needs.

The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects. I urge you to assist in these efforts by allocating \$200,000 to the Council. The projects 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.

Sincerely,



John Pinches, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



Siskiyou County

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September 29, 2014

To: Michael Bowen
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From: Scott Waite
Director of Public Works
1312 Fairlane Rd
Yreka, CA 96097

Subject: Northwest CA RC&D Council 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Northwest CA RC&D Council (Council) to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for the 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement efforts. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit within Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. Collectively they represent valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships. The Council's 5C Program (Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program) has a long history of working with public entities, and more recently with individual landowners, to achieve effective and efficient restoration.

In the past 14 years the 5C Program has helped fund and implement removal of five fish barriers in Siskiyou County. Removal of these barriers has increased the quantity and quality of fish habitat.

It is my understanding that with this funding, the Council and its partners will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity Rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent up ~5,500 tons of sediment

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from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith Rivers during major storm events. The projects continue to build on the more than 100 barriers and sediment reduction projects that the Council's 5C Program has completed since 2000 via long standing partnerships with local agencies, state and federal agencies and landowners. These efforts have removed 72 migration barriers resulting in the restoration of more than 146 miles of salmonid habitat as well as storm proofing county and private roads to prevent as much as 225,000 tons of sediment. This funding will enable the Council's 5C Program to complete the designs, which are a critical step in the implementation of high priority restoration needs.

The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects. I urge you to assist in these efforts by allocating \$200,000 to the Council. The projects 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Waite', written in a cursive style.

Scott Waite, P.E.

Director of Public Works



September 25, 2014

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

Re: Northwest CA RC&D Council 5C Fisheries Restoration Design Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Trout Unlimited's North Coast Coho Project supports the application submitted by the Northwest CA RC&D Council's 5C Program (5C) to the State Coastal Conservancy for funding consideration for their Fisheries Restoration Design Project. The Project will result in completed designs for up to 12 projects including migration barrier removal, road and other floodplain sediment reduction, and in-stream habitat enhancement efforts. The projects are located throughout the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit (SONCC). Collectively they represent valuable restoration work that draws from a variety of approaches on multiple public and private ownerships.

The Council's 5C Program and its partner's effort will lay the ground work to restore fish passage and hydraulic function within tributary streams of the Eel, Garcia, Smith, and Trinity Rivers. It will also complete designs to prevent up ~5,500 tons of sediment from reaching tributary streams of the Eel, Noyo, Scott, and Smith Rivers during major storm events. The projects will greatly benefit efforts to recover SONCC coho salmon to a naturally sustainable condition, which concurrently can result in a wide array of economic, societal and ecosystem benefits.

I urge you to assist in these efforts by allocating \$200,000 to the Council. The projects partners are providing an additional \$120,000 to complete the design phase of these projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Anna Halligan
Project Coordinator
Trout Unlimited North Coast Coho Project