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December 30, 2015

Brook Edwards  
Jenner Headlands Preserve Manager  
The Wildlands Conservancy  
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Dear Brook:

We are in 100% support of your Proposition 1 grant application to help fund your Russian Gulch East Branch Fish Passage Improvement Project on the Jenner Headlands property. This project will remove Large Woody Debris (LWD) Jams on the Russian Gulch East Branch and open up 3 miles of important spawning habitat for the federally listed steelhead trout and historic habitat for coho salmon. With the decline of salmonid populations along the north coast due to habitat loss, this project will restore habitat connectivity between steelhead populations in coastal streams and restore habitat that will greatly aid in the reestablishment of the federally-endangered coho salmon.

Russian Gulch is a unique coastal watershed and the location of important, ongoing work by both The Wildlands Conservancy and Sonoma Land Trust. This project would increase important habitat for salmonid populations along the North Coast, and be another important step in restoring Russian Gulch.

I strongly support The Wildlands Conservancy's pursuit of this restoration project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Koehler", is written over a large, light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Dave Koehler  
*Executive Director*



May 4, 2016

Brook Edwards  
Jenner Headlands Preserve Manager  
The Wildlands Conservancy  
PO Box 94  
Jenner, CA 95450

Dear Brook,

Despite its small size, Russian Gulch was once one of the great producers of Coho salmon in Sonoma County. So much so that the California Department of Fish and game actually operated a Coho hatchery in the Watershed in the 1970s.

I am writing to support Wildlands Conservancy in their plans to restore anadromous passage to the east branch of Russian Gulch. This work to allow anadromous fish passage through debris jams will open 3 miles of critical spawning habitat for steelhead and coho salmon. Russian Gulch is jewel. Projects like this that reopen historic habitat are absolutely foundational to the success of Coho species recovery. Good on you and Wildlands for undertaking such an important project.

Please let me know if CalTrout can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Jacob Katz  
California Trout  
Central California Director