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Re: NEPA Review for Rose Canyon Fisheries Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Ms. Sablad,

I am writing to offer my support for the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) application for permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to operate a commercial aquaculture farm in our nation's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the coast of San Diego.

For a number of years I served as the Washington representative for the Ocean Stewards Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting safe, sustainable open ocean aquaculture in U.S. waters. I am familiar with the open ocean aquaculture industry and understand the industry's immense potential. Based on my knowledge, I can confirm that the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) is an outstanding example of how aquaculture should be done.

Our nation has a growing demand for seafood which cannot be met by wild fishing stocks. Over 80% of our seafood is imported -- the second largest component of our national trade deficit after oil. It is essential that we develop new domestic sources of quality seafood.

It is also essential that we develop those capabilities in an environmentally sustainable manner. RCF is a model for that. RCF will also foster innovative technologies to insure that our nation's aquaculture maintains the highest standards for sustainability and safety in the future. RCF will also generate jobs and economic development.

For all these reasons, I strongly support, RCF. Please approve the permits needed to allow the project to start.

Sincerely,

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From: dwaynesda@juno.com
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: Aqua culture project off San Diego Coast
Date: Monday, January 04, 2016 4:06:37 PM

I have a giant concern with this project. As you know, there are live bluefin tuna pens (aquaculture) located just below the Mexican border from San Diego. Those fish have to be fed a lot everyday to keep them growing. The problem with the tuna pens is that sardine, mackerel and anchovy seiner boats have basically wiped out the bait population of northern Baja Mexico. I have a house in San Quintin (100 miles south of the tuna pens) and have seen the bait population in the area raped by the seiners that come in there everyday looking for tuna food over the last 5 to 7 years. Mackerel, anchovies and sardines used to be so thick you could almost walk on them. Not any more.

I am afraid of the same thing happening here in San Diego with the proposed aquaculture pens. The fish food has to come from some where, and local bait populations certainly are enticing to the business owners of the pens.

My vote is no on the aqua culture pens.

Dwayne Patenaude
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December 15, 2015

Re: NEPA Review of the Rose Canyon Fisheries Sustainable Aquaculture Project
Dear Ms Sablad:

Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) has submitted applications for permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to site and operate a commercial fish farm in federal waters off the coast of San Diego. As a 30 plus year professional member of the U.S. aquaculture industry, I am writing to offer my strong support for this project, as EPA initiates the scoping process by soliciting comments from stakeholders.

Recently, the Marine Aquaculture Advisory Committee (MAFAC) that advises the Secretary of Commerce on fisheries and aquaculture policy, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) created an Aquaculture Task Force (ATF) of highly experienced members of the marine aquaculture industry to review its Aquaculture Program and advise the updating of the NOAA Strategic Plan for Marine Aquaculture. Among the most significant findings were the following:

- The U.S. is increasingly relying on imports to satisfy rising seafood demand – expanding from 86% of supply in 2007 to 91% of supply in 2014 – and causing growing concerns about America’s seafood security.
- Domestic seafood supplies will not be bolstered significantly by active government management of capture fisheries – one recent NOAA estimate done for MAFAC indicates if the 59 stocks under federal management are rebuilt, then it would result in \$800 million less imports or only 4.4% of the large and growing \$18 billion 2013 value.
- The large volume of U.S. seafood imports has led to an annual seafood trade deficit of \$12 billion – notably the U.S. is the number one or two seafood importer in the world, yet ranks only 15th and falling in aquaculture production.
- Other documented megatrends that will increase short-term and long-term risk of import supply chain disruption, i.e., U.S. food security, include: global climate change impacting wild fisheries harvests; growth of mega cities in the developing world, which will affect the global flow of supply; the growing middle class in developing countries will divert export supplies; and emerging and recurring geopolitical conflicts that can suddenly disrupt the global seafood trade.

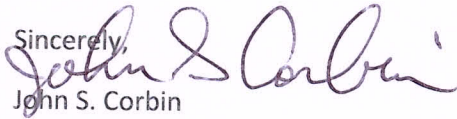
The ATF concluded that there is an urgent need to develop commercial marine fish farming in the federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone to increase domestic seafood production. Immediate action to demonstrate commercial-scale marine fishing farming is required and the industry and the country is fortunate to have highly experienced entrepreneurs such as Hubbs Sea World Research Institute (HSWRI) and Cuna Del Mar (CDM) spearheading this project. HSWRI is San Diego based research institute that is well known nationally and internationally for its sustainable marine aquaculture research. CDM is a forward-looking, private equity firm that has invested in marine aquaculture companies that are pioneering offshore farming around the world. RCF has clearly and

accurately described a phased commercial project in their Final Report that utilizes the best available science for cage technology and siting and operating a sustainable, large-scale farm in an open ocean environment.

The benefits of implementing this project to the state of California, the nation and the world are many. For California and San Diego, studies indicate significant economic impacts at full build out, using economic multipliers, of more than \$ 50 million in annual total economic impact, more than 300 total jobs and \$ 93 million in new state and local taxes. For the nation, it will be the first large-scale, open ocean commercial fish farm in federal waters and its successful permitting will influence other entrepreneurs in other regions to find and develop sites. For the world, this leading-edge technology project can be a beacon showing where significant future supplies of fish will be come from; as Cousteau said, "farming the sea as we do the land."

This project has my full support and its approval by federal and state authorities is essential to demonstrating a readily available means for the U.S. to expand domestic supplies of seafood through large-scale commercial aquaculture in federal waters. Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

Sincerely,



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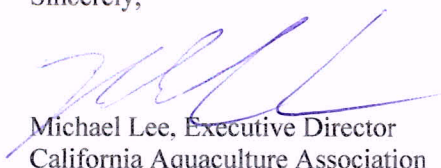
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Michael Lee, Executive Director
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Respectfully submitted,

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Ted Owen, President/CEO
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Osborne".

John Osborne, Chairman of the Board
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce



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December 17, 2015

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Subject: Comments on Scoping for the Rose Canyon Fisheries, Inc. (RCF) proposed Sustainable Aquaculture Project

The City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department, is pleased to offer comments in response to the notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project. It is our understanding that these comments will be used to assist in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts related to the issuance of an NPDES permit for the project. In view of this, the City also understands that another comment period will be available once the draft EA is completed and published for public review. It is anticipated that more specific comments may be made at that time depending on how the EA addresses any issues brought up during the scoping process.

For purposes of the scoping process the following comments are submitted:

1. General Comments

- a. The City of San Diego operates the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant that discharges 4.5 miles offshore of the Point Loma peninsula at a depth of 310 feet. This plant successfully operates with a modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that obviates the need for secondary treatment. By constructing one of the longest and deepest outfalls in the world and implementing an extensive and robust ocean monitoring program, the City invested the resources necessary to qualify for a modified permit. Critical to the continuing approval of this modified permit is maintaining the soundness of the City's ocean monitoring program, an important aspect of which is the ability to discern outfall discharge effects from other local and regional impacts.
- b. Future water and wastewater planning strategies for San Diego, including the creation of 83 million gallons of potable water per day via wastewater reclamation, as well as the resulting reduction of flow to Point Loma, are made achievable by maintaining the Point Loma modified permit. Threats to the modified permit, including any loss of integrity to the ocean monitoring program, jeopardize these plans and also expose the City to a liability of nearly two billion dollars.



2. Specific Comments and Recommendations

- a. The proposed site for the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) submersible cage structures is located within the NPDES permit mandated monitoring grid for the Point Loma Ocean Outfall (see **Figure 1**). Consequently, it will not be possible to continue the existing monitoring program and to achieve the objectives for which it has been designed if the aquaculture project is located as proposed. Construction and operation of the RCF project at the proposed site will impact field sampling efforts, as well as environmental assessment and reporting requirements for the City's long-term monitoring program for the Point Loma region, a program that began in the 1960s and which was expanded to the current discharge region in 1991. Additionally, if acceptable adjustments to the program were possible it could potentially result in an increase in costs to the City.
- b. The proposed site location will prevent sampling at some critical monitoring stations.
 - i. The RCF cages will physically preclude sampling at station F23, which is an important site for monitoring water quality conditions and northward dispersion of the Point Loma Ocean Outfall (PLOO) wastewater plume.
 - ii. The RCF cages will physically impede sampling within northernmost trawl zone SD14, which is an important reference area for assessing the health of the demersal fish community and other marine life.
 - iii. The RCF cages will affect the station selection process for future "randomly selected" benthic stations that are monitored during the summer each year.
- c. RCF operations will negatively impact the ability to monitor wastewater dispersion from the PLOO.
 - i. Expected inputs to the water column from the aquaculture project will make it impossible for the City to effectively monitor dispersion or any possible impacts of the wastewater plume in the northern third of the monitoring region. Thus, this will eliminate any further utility of these northern sites as reference stations.
 - ii. Expected inputs to the seafloor from the aquaculture project will make it difficult or impossible for the City to effectively monitor potential wastewater effects on sediment quality or macrobenthic invertebrate community structure at benthic stations E26, B8, B9, B10, B11 and B12. Thus, this will eliminate the future utility of these sites as reference stations.
 - iii. Expected inputs to the water column and seafloor from the aquaculture project will make it difficult or impossible for the City to effectively monitor potential wastewater effects on fish communities at trawl station SD14 and rig fishing station RF2. Thus, this will eliminate the future utility of these sites as reference stations.

- d. If the RCF project is approved, it is recommended that the cage structures be relocated to at least 1 mile north of the PLOO monitoring grid (e.g., north of stations F25, B11 and F36 in Figure 1) in order to prevent disruption to the decades long monitoring program for the Pt Loma outfall region.
- e. Since fish aquaculture projects such as that proposed are alleged to be sources of organic enrichment, nutrients and other contaminants, consideration must also be given to discerning potential impacts specific to the project. Thus, it is highly recommended that any NPDES permit for the project include a rigorous Monitoring & Reporting Program strong enough to distinguish between future project specific effects from other regional inputs.
- f. Pre-discharge monitoring may also be necessary for the final site location in order to achieve a baseline for the area prior to implementation of the project.

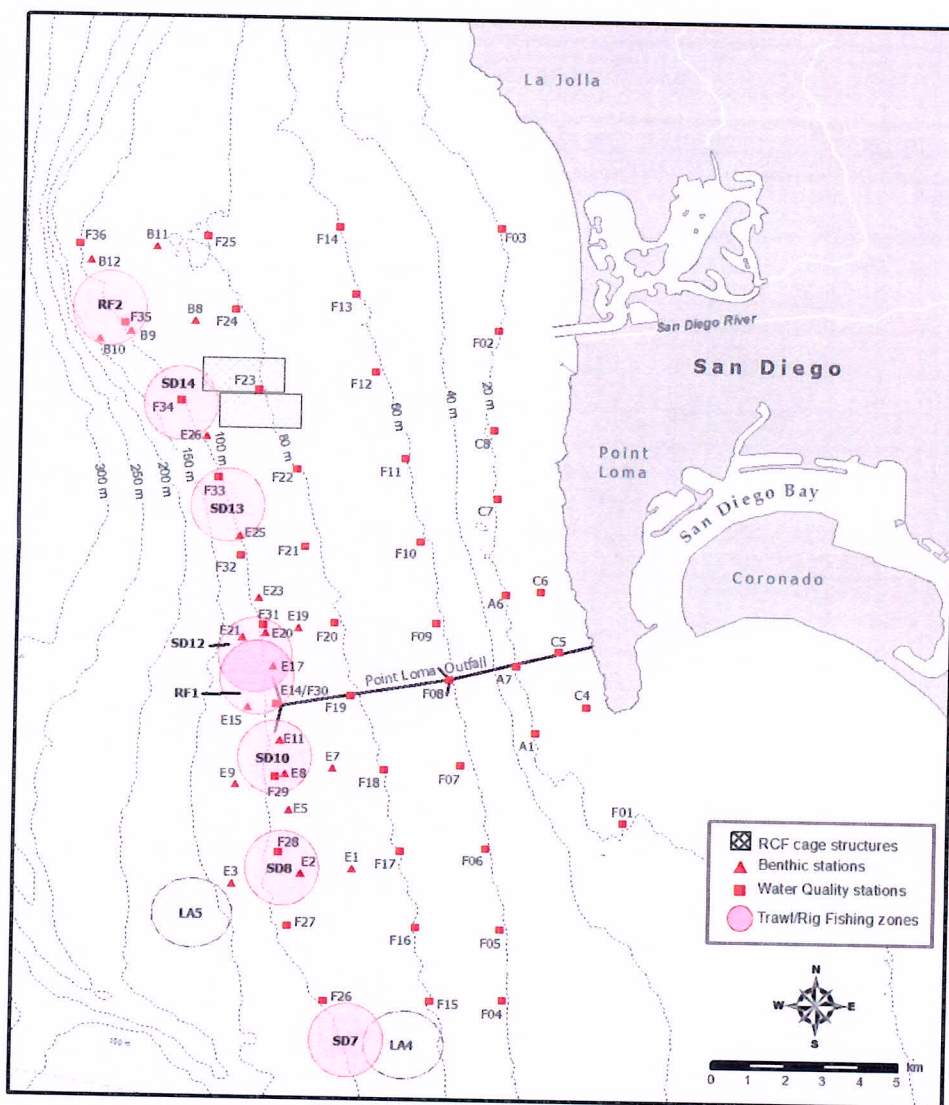


Figure 1

Map of proposed site for the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) Sustainable Aquaculture Project submersible cage structures, along with NPDES-mandated receiving waters monitoring stations for the City of San Diego's Point Loma Ocean Outfall (Order No. R9-2009-0001, NPDES Permit No. CA0107409). Not shown are locations of 40 randomly selected benthic stations that are selected each year by EPA, and which extend from the US/Mexico border to Del Mar and offshore to about the 500 m depth contour.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Halla Razak" followed by a small flourish.

Halla Razak
Director of Public Utilities

From: [Levin, Lisa](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: comments on Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 9:56:18 PM

Comments by Lisa Levin, Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Offshore Aquaculture offers much promise and may eliminate some of the problems characteristic of nearshore/coastal aquaculture. However it raises many new issues as well. Below I have listed some of the key issues that need to be addressed.

I. Direct environmental impacts:

A. Physical impacts on regional flow, turbulence, sedimentation, oxygenation.

B. Biogeochemical and consequences of organic enrichment in the underlying water column and seafloor

C. Ecological consequences of organic enrichment in the underlying water column and seafloor – changes in community composition, diversity, productivity, food webs and other functional attributes.

D. Effects of noise, light, electromagnetic and other non-natural aspects associated with operations. Impacts of boat activity to and from shore.

II. Indirect environmental impacts.

A Reef effects – attraction of fish and invertebrate species to the pen structures, fish aggregations and attraction of the predators of those species.

--[if !supportLists]-->B. <!--[endif]--> B. Are there effects on or attraction of non-native species.

--[if !supportLists]-->C. c. Impacts on long-distance migratory species (marine mammals), or local - vertical migrating plankton.

--[if !supportLists]-->D. D/<!--[endif]-->Genetic impacts – altered connectivity of the target or affected species. Will the site act as a larval source or sink? Will the farmed population exchange genes with resident populations?

--[if !supportLists]-->E. E. Energy efficiency and use... what is the carbon footprint of the farmed fish.

--[if !supportLists]-->F. <!--[endif]-->

III. Interaction with Climate Change

A. How will environmental changes interact with secular trends in declining oxygen/intensified CA undercurrent, increased onshore/upwelling events, ENSO, storms etc.

B. Can instrumentation on the pens be used as long-term climate monitoring facilities? Or as early warning to avoid catastrophic results from changes in conditions.

C. Will kelp drifts and other debris released during storms get trapped on the pens? Are the pens stable under storm conditions?

D. Can multitrophic culturing (plants, bivalves in addition to fish) ameliorate some of the potential climate hazards such as ocean acidification or hypoxia?

IV. What are the social benefits and disadvantages?

Jobs? Food availability? Competition with wild fisheries or reduced pressure on wild fisheries?

From: [Kristen Monsell](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: Comments on Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 8:33:54 AM
Attachments: [CBD Scoping Comments Rose Canyon Offshore Fish Farm Permit FINAL \(1.14.16\).pdf](#)

Hello,

Attached please find comments from the Center for Biological Diversity on the Rose Canyon Fisheries offshore aquaculture project. I will be sending several additional emails with the references cited in the comments attached.

A copy of the comments and cited references are also being sent via first class mail.

Cheers,
Kristen

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Please see attached letter commenting on the Rose Canyon Fisheries proposal to apply for permits for an offshore aquaculture facility. Thank you

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Hi Elizabeth,

I have attached a corrected letter. The only corrections are to the formatting of the letter.

Sincerely,

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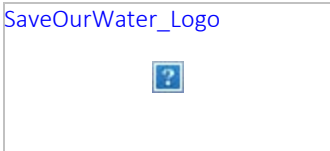
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Sherri S. Lightner



From: [Robertson, Ken](#)
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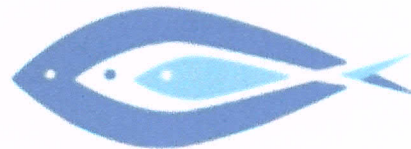
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Rose Canyon Fisheries will serve as a model for the development of sustainable, offshore aquaculture, which will demonstrate a new local, regional and national paradigm for seafood production; will help revitalize the commercial fishing industry by building upon existing working waterfront infrastructure that receives, processes and distributes seafood. This project will provide necessary data for establishing the regulatory framework for an offshore aquaculture development in our nation's Exclusive Economic Zone, the largest EEZ in the world.

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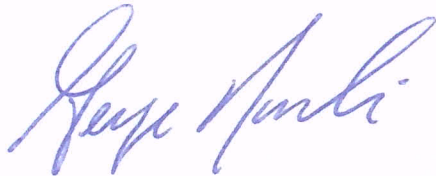
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Re: NEPA Review for Rose Canyon Fisheries Sustainable Aquaculture Project

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Since I am a director of Pacific Ocean Fresh Inc., a subsidiary of Hubbs SeaWorld and one of the partners in Rose Canyon Fisheries, I obviously have a natural bias in favor of the project, but it also means that I know it and the individuals involved well. I have had an association with Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute for many years going back well before Rose Canyon Fisheries was contemplated and I am an admirer of its science and commitment to the development of responsible aquaculture here. The Institute has been a leader in US aquaculture research for many years and has done outstanding work in developing the technology to make the Rose Canyon Fisheries project feasible.

My own background in aquaculture goes back to 1965 when I started work with the UK Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. Since then I have seen the aquaculture industry grow and flourish worldwide and have been privileged to work on aquaculture projects in several countries. I have worked in the U.S. since 1984 having come here to establish salmon farming operations in Washington State and a sturgeon farm in California for Stolt Sea Farm. In 1995 I started my own aquaculture consulting business and have worked with numerous corporate and government clients since then.

Regrettably, aquaculture has not developed here as successfully as it has elsewhere in the World despite the fact that the U.S. is one of the world's largest consumers and imports of seafood. Yet we have many suitable areas of coastline, the S. Californian Bight being one of them, and we have been instrumental in developing much

aquaculture technology that is now used elsewhere in the world. It is long past time that more of it was applied here so local communities can benefit from the economic development it brings and so we can become less dependent on imports. Presently, our seafood imports comprise 86% of the seafood eaten by US citizens and lead to a negative trade balance in seafood of \$12 billion.

The Rose Canyon Fisheries project has been impeccably researched and is backed by well financed and technically experienced owners. Environmental questions have been thoroughly investigated, this work having had the benefit of years of experience in marine fish farming elsewhere in the world and in the U.S., notably salmon farming in Maine and Washington.

It is hard to think of a better or more timely project than Rose Canyon Fisheries or more qualified organizations to establish this first commercial fish farm in the S. Californian Bight. It will serve as a demonstration of the potential in the region for a substantial new industry and set the standards that others will be required to follow. It will also create many well-paying jobs both at the farm itself and in related businesses in the seafood value chain.

Therefore I hope the project will be able to move through the regulatory process with the minimum of delay so that regulatory agencies and citizens of California will have a chance to witness first hand what an excellent new opportunity this is both for the State and the Nation as a whole. I encourage you to issue a permit for it so that it may begin.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Forster".

John Forster Ph.D.

cc Don Kent, Hubbs SeaWorld Research Institute.

From: [Jaski, KC](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: FW: Extended Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016 7:01:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[EPA.Rose Canyon Fisheries Aquaculture Support.1.15.16.pdf](#)

Please find comments from Congressman Scott Peters and Congressman Juan Vargas on the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project attached. A hard copy letter will be mailed to the San Francisco address as well.

Thank you,
K.C.

K.C. Jaski

Legislative Assistant

[Rep. Scott Peters](#) | CA-52

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From: Sablad, Elizabeth [mailto:Sablada.Elizabeth@epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** R9RoseCanyon
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 5:02 PM
Subject: Extended Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project

To All Interested Parties,

We are aware of the email issue for those trying to submit comments using the email address in the Notice below and are working to resolve the issue. In the meantime, we encourage submittal of comments using the mailing address in the Notice and are extending the comment period until **January 15, 2016**. Our website will be updated shortly to reflect this extension.

Thank you for your patience.

Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Public Notice Date: November 20, 2015

Comment Period Closes: **January 15, 2016**

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Electronically: Email comments to

R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov

Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
ATTN: (WTR-2-3)
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

NPDES application and supplemental materials available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html>

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter.

From: [Huber, Michael CIV CNRSW, N40 Env](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Cc: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#); [Wilson, Walter L CIV CNRSW, N40](#); [Tymes, Melanie B SPL](#)
Subject: FW: Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2015 1:30:34 PM
Attachments: [Navy Rose Canyon Scoping Letter 17Dec2015.pdf](#)

Elizabeth,

Please find the attached Navy comments to this scoping notice. We look forward to working with you as this process evolves.

V/R,

Michael Huber, P.E.
DoD Regional Environmental Coordination (DoDREC 9) Program Manager
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sablad, Elizabeth [<mailto:Sablad.Elizabeth@epa.gov>] On Behalf Of R9RoseCanyon
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:14 AM
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project

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ICICLE

December 10, 2015

Ms. Elizabeth Sablad
Environmental Scientist
US EPA Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street (WTR-5)
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: NEPA Review for Rose Canyon Fisheries Sustainable Aquaculture Project

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I am the Vice President of Aquaculture for Icicle Seafoods, Inc. Icicle Seafoods is a diversified seafood company with fishing and processing operations in Alaska and net pen aquaculture operations in Washington State. We are headquartered in Seattle. Our combined annual seafood sales amount to more than 250 million lbs of salmon (both farmed and wild), crab, halibut, pollock, cod etc. We have 250 full time employees and a seasonal staff of more than 2,100.

We own and operate the only net pen salmon farms on the West Coast of the US. Doing business under the name American Gold Seafoods since 2008, these farms have operated for more than 30 years. Although small by international standards, they have been an important contributor to commercial salmon landings in Washington State. From only 21 acres of net pens, we have represented an average of 36% of all commercial salmon landings in Washington State over the last six years. In years with low pink salmon returns, our harvests represent closer to 45% of commercial salmon landings.

Recent studies published by U.S. researchers as well as by international, non-governmental organizations report that aquaculture, conducted properly, is by far the most sustainable way to produce animal protein for human consumption. This is especially true of marine aquaculture, which requires minimal land-based infrastructure, no fresh water and minimal energy consumption. The RCF project will take the best of what we know today and then evolve as new technologies and protocols are developed, thereby ensuring that it constantly strives to set the highest standards for sustainability.

The Rose Canyon Fisheries project is critical and it has our full support.

Sincerely,

ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC.

Alan Cook
Vice President, Aquaculture

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Indigo Seafood

December 17, 2015

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I have retired from the NOAA National Sea Grant College Program where I was the Program Director for Marine Aquaculture for 22 years. During that time NOAA Sea Grant funded nearly \$100 million dollars of marine aquaculture projects in over 30 Coastal and Great Lakes states that has led to US a marine aquaculture industry valued at over \$400 million dollars a year. A very good return on investment. However, much of the benefit from this investment has ended up overseas because of opposition from special interests and the exaggerated fear of environmental damage from marine aquaculture practices.

NOAA Sea Grant and the National Marine Fisheries Service have held many national and international workshops to identify the most environmentally and economically sustainable aquaculture techniques. To sum up the result, marine cage culture in offshore areas mixed with multi-trophic species culture to absorb nutrients, balanced ecosystem approaches for species used and improved diet formulations using a variety of protein sources can all contribute to sustainable marine aquaculture operations. But we have to try these things out on commercial scale to move forward and improve. Without a vibrant offshore marine industry new developments will be slow. These new developments will help other nation's marine aquaculture be more sustainable in the future.

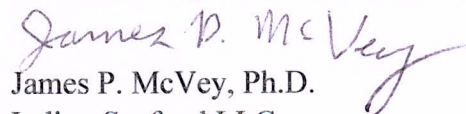
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December 10, 2015

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Sincerely,

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Langley Gace
President

From: [Neil Anthony Sims](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Cc: DKent@hswri.org; amyhammer50@gmail.com
Subject: Kampachi Farms Comments on Rose Canyon Fisheries
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2016 1:44:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Kampachi Farms Comments on Rose Canyon Fisheries.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

Thanks, and aloha,

Neil

Neil Anthony Sims
Co-Founder; CEO
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From: [Donna Lanzetta](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#); [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Cc: dkent@rosecanyonfisheries.com; [Neil Anthony Sims](#)
Subject: Letter of Support
Date: Monday, December 21, 2015 4:13:56 AM
Attachments: [mff letter in support rose canyon.doc](#)

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Sablad - Attached please find letter of support regarding the Rose Canyon Fisheries permit application. Thank you.

Donna

Donna Lanzetta

CEO

Manna Fish Farm, Inc.

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From: [Jacqueline Claudia](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: LoveTheWild supports Rose Canyon Fisheries
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 2:56:34 PM
Attachments: [LoveTheWild_RoseCanyonFisheries_Jan.14.2016.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached LoveTheWild's letter of strong and unwavering support for Rose Canyon Fisheries, and the fantastic opportunities it brings for the US.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Claudia
CEO, LoveTheWild
267-972-2715 mobile



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Via email (R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov, Sablad.Elizabeth@epa.gov), and regular mail
November 19, 2016

Ms. Elizabeth Sablad
Environmental Scientist
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75 Hawthorne Street
(NTR-5)
San Francisco, California 94105

Regarding: Rose Canyon Fisheries

Dear Ms. Sablad,

I am writing in full support of the Rose Canyon Fisheries' application for a permit to farm fish in Federal waters off the coast of San Diego, California. This is an application whose time has come, as the United States verily needs offshore mari-culture development, such as the proposed Rose Canyon plan, for many reasons.

Today in the United States we are importing 91 % of our seafood, half of which is farmed. Seafood is the second largest, natural resource trade deficit, second only to oil, a trade deficit that costs our country over \$ 12 Billion dollars annually. In 2010, Congress passed the Open Ocean Aquaculture Act – and we are long overdue in ocean mari-culture development. Ocean Farming is in accord with the NOAA Strategic Plan, and will provide an urgently needed boost to our economy. Aquaculture is the most sustainable way to produce animal protein for human consumption, and we must begin farming the ocean now if we are to meet the growing demands to feed our world population.

The Rose Canyon proposed plan seeks to reduce our U.S. trade deficit, while at the same time ensuring that any impact to the marine environment is negligible. Technology has developed to support such ocean mari-culture, and it is now possible to farm seafood in the ocean in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive fashion, as has been proposed. There should be no further delay, and I urge you to approve this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LANZETTA
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Cc: dkent@rosecanyonfisheries.com, oceanstewards@oceanstewards.org

Mark A. Snell
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December 3, 2015

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December 3, 2015

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Mark A. Snell

Mr. Snell is a trustee of the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, the parent organization of Rose Canyon Fisheries. Mr. Snell is also President of Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 energy infrastructure and utility company headquartered in San Diego, California.

From: [Neil Anthony Sims](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Cc: [DKent@hswri.org](#); [amyrrammer@aol.com](#); "[Kate Eagles](#)"
Subject: Ocean Stewards Institute comments on Rose Canyon Fisheries
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2016 1:07:43 PM
Attachments: [removed.txt](#)
[Ocean Stewards comments to EPA on Rose Canyon Fisheries.pdf](#)
[OSI Water Quality White Paper 1 P.FINAL.pdf](#)

Dear Ms Sablad,

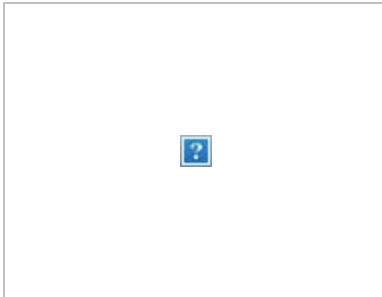
Please find attached Ocean Stewards Institute comments on the Rose Canyon Fisheries application for permits for their proposed offshore operation.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks, and aloha,

Neil

Neil Anthony Sims
President
Ocean Stewards Institute



From: [George Liddle](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: Proposed RCF Aquaculture Project
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016 1:17:09 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

The first open ocean finfish aquaculture project in federal waters has been proposed 4.5 miles off the coast of San Diego. While I'm excited about the potential for aquaculture projects to reduce human impacts on our wild ocean ecosystems, this particular project promises much but delivers too little.

My primary concern is the absence of any direct link between the raising of fish in these pens and the ongoing commercial harvest from wild populations. Proponents of this project are touting its benefit for wild fisheries to the public. According to a publication of Hubbs Sea World Research Institute, a part-owner of Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF), "The wild fisheries will benefit as a supplemental supply of high quality farmed fish will take pressure off wild fisheries."⁽¹⁾ While I feel this is a laudable goal, RCF is not in a position to make good on such promises. However, as the lead agency for evaluating and potentially permitting this project, the EPA is in an excellent position to prevent the public from being misled, to ensure that the project will benefit wild fisheries, and to help the RCF facility live up to the public statements of its owners.

I urge the EPA, together with the cooperating agencies, to make an explicit pound-for-pound connection between the production of finfish at aquaculture facilities and the commercial take quotas of ecologically similar wild-caught finfish at US ports a pre-condition for permit issuance. Furthermore, I urge the EPA to ensure that all wild-caught animals that are fed to the penned fishes are also counted against appropriate commercial wild-caught take quotas. While there are obviously numerous other environmental concerns about the implementation of finfish aquaculture projects, I am confident that if they result in direct reductions in appropriate wild-caught take levels, which is only a formalization of RCF's public statements, these potentially harmful impacts can be substantially mitigated by appropriate regulation.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

George Lee Liddle, III
BS Biology - Ecology
UC San Diego, 2003

(1) - <http://www.caaquaculture.org/2015/01/16/hsfri-rose-canyon-fisheries-paves-the-way-for-sustainable-ocean-farming-off-san-diego/>

From: [Kristen Monsell](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: RE: Comments on Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 8:37:12 AM
Attachments: [80_romano_2004.pdf](#)
[Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning \(ASP\) - Washington State Dept.pdf](#)
[Anderson Coastal&MarineHazards_2014.pdf](#)
[Aquaculture and coastal resources.pdf](#)
[aquaculture-human-health impacts-reportfinal2005.pdf](#)

Attached is the first batch of attachments to the Center's comments.

From: Kristen Monsell [mailto:kmonsell@biologicaldiversity.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 8:34 AM
To: 'R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov'
Subject: Comments on Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project

Hello,

Attached please find comments from the Center for Biological Diversity on the Rose Canyon Fisheries offshore aquaculture project. I will be sending several additional emails with the references cited in the comments attached.

A copy of the comments and cited references are also being sent via first class mail.

Cheers,
Kristen

Kristen Monsell
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Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 8:38:28 AM
Attachments: [Assessment and management of seafood.pdf](#)
[Biodiversity response to experimental induced hypoxic-anoxic conditions in seagrass sediments.pdf](#)
[Clin Infect Dis.-2009-Heuer-1248-53.pdf](#)
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Attachments: [da-seizures-in-csls.pdf](#)
[Dozens of sea lions drown at B.C.pdf](#)
[envpeoceanspollutionpdf.pdf](#)
[Exposure of NARW to DA.pdf](#)
[Gedamke.pdf](#)
[hab_us.pdf](#)
[Harmful Algal Blooms Along the North American West Coast Region-.pdf](#)
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Attachments: [Marine Aquaculture in the United States Environmental Impacts and Policy Options \(1\).pdf](#)
[mchuron-ea-et-al-da.pdf](#)
[Metian - 2009 - Fishing for Feed or Fishing for Food Increasing G.pdf](#)
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Attachments: [Hildebrand Noise.pdf](#)
[Hites et al. - 2004 - Global Assessment of Organic Contaminants in Farmed Aquaculture Systems.pdf](#)
[Hypoxia in oceans.pdf](#)
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[Review and Synthesis of the Enviro Impacts of Aquaculture.pdf](#)
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From: jonna.mazet@gmail.com on behalf of [Jonna Mazet](#)
To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
Subject: Re: Extended Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 3:29:27 PM
Attachments: [Rose Canyon Mazet 2016.pdf](#)

Please find my letter in response to your request for comment attached.
Respectfully submitted,
Jonna Mazet

[Jonna AK Mazet, DVM, MPVM, PhD](#)
Professor of Epidemiology & Disease Ecology
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On Tue, Dec 15, 2015 at 2:01 PM, R9RoseCanyon <R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov> wrote:

To All Interested Parties,

We are aware of the email issue for those trying to submit comments using the email address in the Notice below and are working to resolve the issue. In the meantime, we encourage submittal of comments using the mailing address in the Notice and are extending the comment period until **January 15, 2016**. Our website will be updated shortly to reflect this extension.

Thank you for your patience.

Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Public Notice Date: November 20, 2015

Comment Period Closes: **January 15, 2016**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4307h), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR Part 1500-1508), and EPA's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Part 6), EPA will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts related to the issuance of

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Rose Canyon Fisheries, Inc. (RCF), a partnership between Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and Cuna del Mar, has proposed construction of a concentrated aquatic animal production facility in federal waters, approximately 4.5 miles off the coast of San Diego, CA. The proposed project will be a commercial-scale fish farm and will be phased, initially producing 1,000 to 1,500 metric tons of fish per year, and increasing to 5,000 metric tons of fish per year by year eight. The initial fish species for production will be yellowtail jack with the option of changing fish species later to white seabass or striped bass. At the maximum capacity, the project will consist of 2 mooring structures, each with 24, 11,000 m³ submersible sea cages.

This notice initiates the scoping process by inviting comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and the public to help identify potential environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives for the EA to examine. The scoping process will inform the preparation of the EA, which will be made available for public comment.

Comments may be submitted during the comment period as follows:

Electronically: Email comments to

R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov

Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
ATTN: (WTR-2-3)
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

NPDES application and supplemental materials available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html>

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter.

From: [Renee Owens](#)
To: ["Richard Miller"; R9RoseCanyon](#)
Cc: [d.raney108@gmail.com](#); ["Debbie H"](#)
Subject: RE: San Diego Sierra Club Comments on NEPA Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016 4:09:54 PM
Attachments: [FINAL Sierra Club comments EPA scoping Rose Canyon 2016.pdf](#)

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Renée Owens

From: Richard Miller [mailto:richard.miller@sierraclub.org]
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 9:20 AM
To: R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov
Cc: Renee Owens; d.raney108@gmail.com; Debbie H
Subject: San Diego Sierra Club Comments on NEPA Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project

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Please acknowledge receipt.
Thank You

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Cc: [Richard Miller](#); [R9RoseCanyon](#); [Dave Raney](#)
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Date: Friday, January 15, 2016 4:57:59 PM

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To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 4:54:53 AM

Jan 14, 2016

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Elise Buffie](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 5:07:18 PM

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To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, November 26, 2015 1:08:36 AM

Nov 26, 2015

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To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 2:16:30 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Michelle Diss](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 4:45:43 PM

Nov 27, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Jorge belloso-curiel](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 5:12:17 PM

Nov 27, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Stockton Garver](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 8:42:18 PM

Nov 27, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Raquel Medina](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 9:14:54 PM

Nov 27, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [ADELA ESTUDILLO](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, November 27, 2015 10:40:53 PM

Nov 28, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Llauren Peralta](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, November 28, 2015 1:11:10 PM

Nov 28, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Ken Schliesmann](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, November 22, 2015 6:48:17 PM

Nov 22, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Nicole Moore](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2015 6:44:07 PM

Nov 29, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [annalisa maffei](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, December 03, 2015 7:47:29 AM

Dec 3, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Lynn Carin](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 04, 2015 11:29:40 AM

Dec 4, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Tom Solari](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 04, 2015 3:57:33 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Adriana Bidarra](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 05, 2015 8:00:00 PM

Dec 5, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Stacy Bell](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 05, 2015 9:29:25 PM

Dec 5, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [sonam sharma](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 06, 2015 11:01:26 PM

Dec 7, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Liliana Melkumyan](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 07, 2015 8:02:31 AM

Dec 7, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [tracy.rogers](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 8:43:05 AM

Dec 9, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Elizabeth Bryan](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 12:36:50 PM

Dec 9, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Antoinette Gonzales](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, November 22, 2015 11:21:14 PM

Nov 23, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Ilana Bollag](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015 12:10:10 PM

Dec 10, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [David Brunner](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 11, 2015 5:31:27 PM

Dec 11, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [lisa watson](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 11, 2015 7:05:41 PM

Dec 11, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Sally Olson](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015 2:32:37 AM

Dec 12, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Elena Sorokina](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015 7:33:01 AM

Dec 12, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Catherine Macan](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015 3:03:35 PM

Dec 12, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [kliontia-kalia konstantinou](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015 7:03:49 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Allison Petzko](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 13, 2015 5:05:31 PM

Dec 13, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Maria Altieri](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 14, 2015 12:37:32 AM

Dec 14, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Gina estrada](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 14, 2015 11:40:06 AM

Dec 14, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Mary Leon](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015 9:36:31 AM

Nov 23, 2015

EPA EPA

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Sincerely,

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Wendy Li](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 2:42:03 PM

Dec 15, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [LEGRAND LEVY karoline](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 10:13:52 AM

Dec 16, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Mercedes Howard](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:56:01 PM

Dec 16, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Yamada Misato](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2015 5:46:25 PM

Dec 17, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [R. Zierikzee](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 2:28:19 PM

Dec 18, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Crystal mathies](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 2:45:58 PM

Dec 18, 2015

EPA EPA

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Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 3:14:47 PM

Dec 18, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Deborah Talker](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 11:13:49 PM

Dec 19, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Lisa Haut](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, December 19, 2015 1:15:06 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [R. de Blaey](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2015 10:46:52 AM

Dec 20, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Therese Ryan](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015 2:06:41 PM

Nov 23, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [eva orlowski](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2015 7:17:30 PM

Dec 20, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Elisabetta Tamiazzo](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 21, 2015 9:48:58 AM

Dec 21, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Debbie Harris](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 21, 2015 10:48:26 PM

Dec 22, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Muradiye Öztakn](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 3:48:13 AM

Dec 22, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [martin walls](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 6:19:08 AM

Dec 22, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Irina Barcar](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 10:51:31 AM

Dec 23, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Susan Murray](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 12:51:42 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Adrienne Estrada](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, December 24, 2015 3:25:32 PM

Dec 24, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Mitchell Stern](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, December 24, 2015 6:54:47 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Sonia Duffie](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, December 25, 2015 11:56:36 AM

Dec 25, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [karen Perez](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, November 23, 2015 6:37:02 PM

Nov 23, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Irena Mikhael](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 27, 2015 4:29:38 AM

Dec 27, 2015

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Zhenia Savenko](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 27, 2015 5:31:14 PM

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [mika Harada](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Sunday, December 27, 2015 11:31:21 PM

Dec 28, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Kurt Amsler](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 28, 2015 6:32:20 AM

Dec 28, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [JANE HUNZIKER](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Monday, December 28, 2015 1:02:29 PM

Dec 28, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Cinzia Moore](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 6:20:06 PM

Dec 30, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Georgi Vachev](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2015 6:51:48 AM

Dec 31, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Ana Menjivar](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, January 01, 2016 2:55:37 PM

Jan 1, 2016

EPA EPA

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Sincerely,

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Kathy OBrien](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, January 01, 2016 3:29:01 PM

Jan 1, 2016

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Lusine Karabadzhakyan](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:07:38 AM

Nov 24, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Lorraine Baxter](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Friday, January 01, 2016 10:26:59 PM

Jan 2, 2016

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Neville Bruce](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 12:56:07 AM

Jan 2, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Marlene Phelan](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 9:27:22 AM

Jan 2, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Sela Sanft](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 12:27:12 PM

Jan 2, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Barbara Garris](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 12:58:01 PM

Jan 2, 2016

EPA EPA

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Sincerely,

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Tatyana Almazova](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 11:09:40 PM

Jan 3, 2016

EPA EPA

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Sincerely,

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [nancy KUSTYN](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 02, 2016 11:58:06 PM

Jan 3, 2016

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Sincerely,

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [pascale vlemincx](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 4:02:57 AM

Jan 5, 2016

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Acantha Roux](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 3:34:51 AM

Jan 6, 2016

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [ayako makishita](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 6:06:15 PM

Jan 6, 2016

EPA EPA

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To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 7:38:25 AM

Nov 24, 2015

EPA EPA

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Daniel Driver](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2016 9:08:33 PM

Jan 7, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Annamaria Rizzo](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 09, 2016 1:45:11 PM

Jan 9, 2016

EPA EPA

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To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 09, 2016 4:45:31 PM

Jan 9, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Debi Butler](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Saturday, January 09, 2016 6:12:13 PM

Jan 9, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Melody Aspinas](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 2:50:51 PM

Jan 13, 2016

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From: [In Defense of Animals](#) on behalf of [Donna Lozano](#)
To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Reject SeaWorld's Proposed Massive Fish Farm Off San Diego's Coast
Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 1:08:15 PM

Nov 25, 2015

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Subject: Rose Canyon comment Letter
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016 5:00:01 PM
Attachments: [removed.txt](#)
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[Final_Rose_Canyon_Ltr_EPA.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sablad,

Attached is the Department of Fish and Wildlife's comment letter on the Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Becky

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To: [Sablad, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: Rose Canyon Comment Letter
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2016 3:19:00 PM
Attachments: [removed.txt](#)
[CCC Comments - Rose Canyon Scoping Notice.pdf](#)

Hi Elizabeth –

Please find the attached comment letter in response to the Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
Cassidy

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To: [R9RoseCanyon](#)
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Subject: San Diego Sierra Club Comments on NEPA Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project
Date: Friday, January 15, 2016 9:20:20 AM
Attachments: [San Diego Sierra Club comments EPA scoping Rose Canyon 1-2016.pdf](#)

Please see attached letter re: San Diego Sierra Club Comments on NEPA Scoping for Rose Canyon Aquaculture Project

Please acknowledge receipt.
Thank You

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Subject: Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project
Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 5:25:41 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[EPAPublic comment Schwarz.pdf](#)

Please see attached. Best, Michael.

Kindest regards,
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December 8, 2015

Ms. Elizabeth Sablad, Environmental Scientist
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Re: NEPA Review for Rose Canyon Fisheries Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Ms. Sablad,

Please accept this letter of support for the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) application for permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to operate a commercial aquaculture farm in our nation's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the coast of San Diego.

The Earth's oceans are not able to meet the growing worldwide demand for seafood and aquaculture is critical to our nation's food supply. Over 50% of today's existing world supply of seafood is farmed. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the US Departments of Commerce and Agriculture recognize that Open Ocean aquaculture can significantly increase our nation's seafood production to meet the demand and increase consumption of healthy seafood products.

The U.S.A. has the largest agricultural economy in the world. This vital sector employs hundreds of thousands workers and feeds millions of Americans. It's high time we turn this proficiency toward our ocean resources, to complement our existing land-based food production capability. Properly designed fish farms are by far the most sustainable way to produce animal protein for human consumption. This is especially true of marine aquaculture, which requires minimal land-based infrastructure, no fresh water and minimal energy consumption. RCF aquaculture will take the best of what we know today and improve operations as new technologies and protocols are developed, thereby ensuring that it constantly strives to set the highest standards for sustainability.

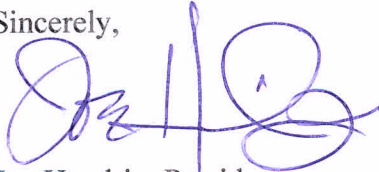
Our nation is known for fostering innovative technologies and industries that raise the standard of living for all U.S. residents. San Diego, where RCF will be operated, is a center for biotech, medical research and ocean technologies that have contributed significantly to the regional economy and to our quality of life. A study conducted by the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation predicts that RCF will support hundreds of good paying jobs, help our seafood industry sustain the working waterfront and provide millions in taxes annually.

SEAFISH MARICULTURE – 14506 RIVER FOREST DR. – HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079

RCF is a good example of an enterprise that serves our needs while respecting the environment we all enjoy. This aquaculture business will be a tremendous asset for the US Pacific coast and will demonstrate the productive capacity of marine aquaculture for US seafood consumers.

Please approve the RCF development plan to support the development of marine aquaculture in this country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Hendrix". The signature is stylized with large loops and a vertical line through the middle.

Joe Hendrix, President
SeaFish Mariculture
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December 3, 2015

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The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that food production will have to increase by 70 percent to feed the growing population while adapting to climate change and combating global hunger and poverty. Currently, more than half of the ice-free land has been modified for human use, the majority of which is used for agriculture. Agriculture production accounts for more than 70 percent of all fresh water resource use. Despite this, more than 800 million people are chronically undernourished. The ocean covers more than two-thirds of the Earth's surface, yet capture fisheries and a small marine aquaculture sector produce less than 2 percent of the global food supply. Seafood is a healthy protein source that has great potential to meet the burgeoning need for protein rich foods while minimally impacting the environment.

More than 90 percent of the seafood consumed in the U.S. is imported, resulting in an annual seafood trade deficit exceeding \$10 billion. In 2012 the U.S. contributed just over 0.5 percent to the global farmed seafood supply, while Asia produced 88 percent. Increasing wealth and rising populations in these countries will likely result in higher consumption of the seafood that they produce, leaving less available for export to major importing countries like the U.S.



The U.S. has the potential to develop a robust and diverse marine offshore aquaculture industry. In addition to our strong environmental standards, we have the largest EEZ in the world and, according to a recent report by the FAO, the most area suitable for marine aquaculture production in terms of desirable depth, current speed, and access to coastal infrastructure. The application of modern technology in cage design, mooring, feed formulation, and operations to marine aquaculture is relatively new, but successfully practiced in many parts of the world. Proper siting that accounts for current speed, depth, sensitive habitats, and competing uses coupled with best management practices can produce high quality seafood without unacceptable environmental impacts.

The U.S. has the largest agricultural economy in the world. This vital sector employs hundreds of thousands workers and feeds millions of Americans. It's essential that we turn this proficiency toward our ocean resources, to complement our existing land-based food production capability for a sustainable and secure food future.

The Rose Canyon Fisheries project is an important step toward increasing the domestic seafood supply and supporting coastal communities. I fully support this project.

Sincerely,



Kim Thompson
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December 11, 2015

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The Earth's oceans are not able to meet the growing worldwide demand for seafood and aquaculture is critical to our nation's food supply. Over 50% of today's existing supply of seafood is farmed. Both the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and our own Departments of Commerce and Agriculture recognize that our nation's seafood production will need to drastically increase over the next 20 years and that aquaculture must play a major role in meeting that need.

Recent studies published by U.S. researchers as well as by international, non-governmental organizations report that aquaculture, conducted properly, is by far the most sustainable way to produce animal protein for human consumption. This is especially true of marine aquaculture, which requires minimal land-based infrastructure, no fresh water and minimal energy consumption. The RCF project will take the best of what we know today and then evolve as new technologies and protocols are developed, thereby ensuring that it constantly strives to set the highest standards for sustainability.

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The Rose Canyon Fisheries project is critical and it has our full support.

Sincerely,



Brad Andrews
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Trustee, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute

December 11, 2015

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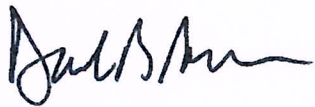
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Sincerely,



Dan Brown
Chief Park Operations Officer, SeaWorld Entertainment
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December 15, 2015

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Dan Decker
Park President, SeaWorld Texas
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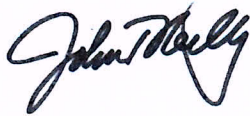
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December 10, 2015

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Re: NEPA Review for Rose Canyon Fisheries Sustainable Aquaculture Project

Ms. Sablad,

On behalf of **The Maritime Alliance**, thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) application for permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to operate a commercial aquaculture farm off the coast of San Diego in our nation's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

According to a 2012 study, the San Diego regional **Blue Economy** includes more than 1,400 companies, 46,000 jobs and more than \$14 billion in direct annual sales. **The Maritime Alliance** is the non-profit industry association and organizer of the regional ocean and water technology community – the **BlueTech** cluster – with 19,000 jobs and \$6.2 billion of the totals and, as such, is the largest such cluster in the U.S. We focus on economic development, ecosystem development, and national/international outreach. Our sister organization, **TMA Foundation** is an educational non-profit that focuses on workforce development, research, and community outreach. Together they promote sustainable, science-based ocean and water industries.

We are big supporters of aquaculture. On a macro level we know the world's growing demand for seafood is exerting ever greater pressure on fisheries. Currently, the United States imports more than 90% of the seafood we consume, of which over 50% is farmed in locations around the world where we have no regulatory oversight. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and our own Departments of Commerce and Agriculture recognize that our nation's seafood production will need to drastically increase over the next 20 years and that aquaculture must play a major role in meeting that need. So we have an opportunity to reduce the carbon footprint of seafood that we consume, create thousands of local jobs, relieve pressure on natural fisheries, produce a sustainable source of protein to meet growing demand and exert regulatory oversight over the practices and methods of aquaculture.

The U.S. has the largest agricultural economy in the world. This vital sector employs hundreds of thousands workers, feeds hundreds of millions of Americans, and exports extensively to help meet food needs internationally. It is time we turn this proficiency toward our ocean resources, to complement our existing land-based food production capability.

Studies published by U.S. and international researchers report that aquaculture, conducted properly, is the most sustainable way to produce animal protein for human consumption. It requires no fresh water, minimal land-based support infrastructure, and minimal energy. The RCF project will take the best of what we know today and continue to evolve as new technologies and protocols are developed, thereby helping establish the highest standards.

The Southern California Bight – the curved coastline of Southern California from Point Conception to San Diego – is one of the best locations in the world for aquaculture and has the potential to create tens of thousands of good paying jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity. **The Maritime Alliance** is working with partners to create a **BlueTech** Incubator and three national Centers of Excellence in Maritime Robotics, Water Technology and BioMarine. The BioMarine CoE will include aquaculture as an area of focus, which help support the growth of sustainable, science-based aquaculture related jobs in the region.

San Diego has historically been a mecca for commercial fishing, which continues today on a smaller scale. We recently worked with the County of San Diego, the Port of San Diego, and California Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins on Assembly Bill 229, which passed unanimously and was signed by the Governor to establish state code for the creation of Fishermen's Markets. These markets allow commercial fishermen to sell whole or eviscerated fish directly to consumers. The public response has been incredible. The Saturday-only market, which includes aquaculture sourced seafood, welcomes hundreds of people to the waterfront every week to chat with the fishermen, learn where their fish come from and how they were caught. This is vital to supporting a local sustainable supply of seafood.

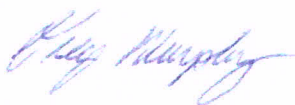
We are fortunate that RCF is blazing this trail for fin-fish aquaculture in Federal waters because they understand the science and are committed to raising fish in an environmentally, economically, and responsible manner.

We respectfully request that you support the RCF project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Jones
President



Greg Murphy
Executive Director

December 16, 2015

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The San Diego Unified Port District (District) stands in support of the Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) application for permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to operate a commercial aquaculture farm off the coast of San Diego in our nation's Exclusive Economic Zone.

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In San Diego, economic activities on the Port District's tidelands contribute \$748 billion to the region and support 57,194 total jobs. Maritime and industrial businesses generate \$2.07 billion, in direct economic impact and support 21,148 total jobs. As an economic engine and environmental steward, the District supports the idea of turning the proficiency of the regions experts toward the ocean's resources, to complement the state's existing land-based food production capability. The proposed Rose Canyon Fisheries aquaculture project is poised to do just that.

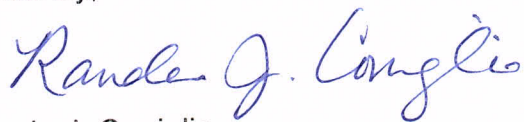


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Randa J. Coniglio
President/CEO

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December 10, 2015

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following comments regarding the scoping of the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project to be conducted by Rose Canyon Fisheries (RCF) are submitted on behalf of the West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA). Members of WCSPA include large and small processors of salmon, groundfish, crab, and shrimp with facilities located in Washington, Oregon, and California; associated seafood-related businesses; and various commercial fishing vessels.

RCF plans to develop an offshore aquaculture project which is projected to raise up to 5,000 mt of yellowtail jack per year at peak production, with possible substitution of white sea bass and / or striped bass. All of these species are endemic to southern California waters (striped bass is an introduced species which has become well established), are not listed under the Endangered Species Act, and are not designated as “overfished” or subject to overfishing under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. We therefore believe that the project will not prove detrimental to existing fisheries and in fact may enhance the continuation and development of new fish processing infrastructure. Further, the proposed location for the project does not interfere with known navigation channels or fishing grounds and is not located in any habitat areas of particular concern. In short, all of the impacts will be positive.

As a general note, there is a growing need for the development of aquaculture projects in the U.S. Nearly 80% of our seafood is now imported. Wild capture fisheries are generally stable and in the U.S. are approaching maximum sustainable yield. If we hope to feed the world – including ourselves – in the coming decades, we need to develop the most up to date aquaculture technology and infrastructure. RCF’s project can be a showcase and an economic incubator to give the U.S. what it needs to be a real player in the world aquaculture industry. We therefore recommend that this project go forward.

Sincerely,



Rod Moore
Senior Policy Advisor