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Name: Yin, Monica M
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Correspondence: Please restore Marine Estero to a protected status so that future generations can enjoy wildlife in its element.

Thank you. Monica Yin

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Since all wild areas are under attack throughout our nation, it is in the best interest of protecting what we have left whenever possible.

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THE NATIONAL PARKS HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM UNDER-FUNDING FOR YEARS NOW AND THIS YEAR I EXPECT IT WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. BUT HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL GREATLY IMPROVE ONE OF THE PARKS AND NOT HURT THE BUDGET.

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS KEEP OUR WORD.

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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30021 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kim, Song
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 20:01:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness

and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30022 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Nadelman, Beverly
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 20:01:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Heath, Dolores
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Name: Nelson, Debra
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Name:	Perkins, E				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,14,2011 20:01:19				
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Correspondence ID:	30026	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Campbell, Allan				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
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Correspondence ID:	30027	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Brown, Dr. Michael				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,14,2011 20:01:25				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID: 30028 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brennan, Jamie Lee
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Wiecks, Reid
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 20:04:21
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Name: Steinitz, George
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Name: Garnant, Gregory
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Correspondence ID: 30032 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chance, Tracey
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Peto, Shari
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Name: Bowie, Ruth
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 20:06:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30035 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Peters, Lynn
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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THE PUBLIC HAS WAITED NEARLY 40 YEARS FOR THESE PROTECTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. !!!

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Name: Goldberg, Patricia
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Name:	Humowiecki, Jennifer				
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Name:	Malen, Judith				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
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Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
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Name: Landess, Lina
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: You have an opportunity before you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as intended for a long time. It is in the public interest to return the West Coast's only marine wilderness back to the public for the enjoyment of all. We waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented -- an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As a citizen who enjoys our nation's national parks and the wildlife they harbor and protect, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness. . . and out of the hands of private commercial interests, at long last!

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Name:	Townsend-Tyers, Dorothy				
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Name: Levine, Christy
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Correspondence ID: 30081 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gauger, Dorothea
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 20:22:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 30082 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Eaton, Holly
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Name: Christopher, Tami
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Name: Allen, Melissa
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After 40 years of the advantage having the wonderful clear waters of Drakes Estero, let us return to the public and the wild life the habit that was promised when Point Reyes was designated a national park wilderness. Drakes Bay Oyster Company was fortunate to enjoy that advantage so long. Now it is the public and wild life to enjoy. It is our (public) right. Please honor the promised right.

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Very often, short term monetary gain by a few can be twisted to seem so important by promise of new jobs, business gains, etc. Once the wilderness estuary is damaged further, it will take even more hundreds or even thousands of years for the area to recover...after mankind has finally all died because they destroyed our mother earth; all for commercial gain.

Thank you for putting protection of nature ahead of claims of commercial benefits.

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Name: Reis, Alvaro
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
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Keep developers hands off off of our Coast.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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"In this great future, you can't forget your past..." Bob Marley

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Thank you for helping to save these executives why saving the Western Gray Whale important.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to your swift action to ensure a complete ban on whaling in Iceland.

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Yours truly, Thank you for considering my comments. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration. Sincerely, Thank you for considering my comments. P.S. I Love Wildlife love Brandon M Bean. Thank you for receiving my comments.

Sincerely, Brandon M Bean 2019 Los Feliz dr Apt 8 Thousand Oaks CA 91362-3030 Brandonmbean@yahoo.com I love 8stops7 They Rock. <http://www.8stops7.com> Thank you for considering and conveying my message to your government.
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Name: Zinn, Robert
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Received: Nov,14,2011 20:41:47
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Name: Toy, Susan
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Received: Nov,14,2011 20:46:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: On our vacation/honeymoon in Ixtapa, Guerrero, Mexico, on 1Nov11, we were privileged to witness the laying of and then help harvest her freshly laid eggs. They are then put into a protective area to keep them from raccoons and other predators. They hatch in their own time and are released to the sea while educating onlookers. It was an honor to be a part of the preservation and we can't imagine not continuing to protect all of them. It amazes us that anyone would do anything to interrupt this process or devastate any of the sea turtle species.

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Name: Fox, Gary A
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Name:	Donovan, Stephan				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 20:56:15				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID:	30135	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Radjieski, Joan				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
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Name: Wright, Sharon
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 21:05:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely, Sharon Wright

Correspondence ID: 30139 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bean, Brandon M
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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"In this great future, you can't forget your past..." Bob Marley

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Thank you for helping to save these executives why saving the Western Gray Whale important.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to your swift action to ensure a complete ban on whaling in Iceland.

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Name: Gingles, Sarah
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Correspondence:
Protecting Drakes Estero wilderness next year would benefit humanity and the Earth. Not protecting it would be putting the desire to have less expensive oysters to eat as more important. Is this really more important? Can we survive perfectly happily and healthfully without more oysters being harvested? YES!

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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in

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Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: HODIE, JAKE
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear National Park Service,

As other countries have proven time and time again that they don't care about protecting the ocean's creatures, the USA can and must take the lead in saving them. The USA has the power and influence to persuade other nations to help protect ALL marine life from man-made harm by leading by example . We cannot afford to wait! PLEASE help save the Drakes Estero from further harm. Because once it's ruined, it's ruined for good!

I strongly support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes

Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely, JAKE HODIE Aspen, Colorado

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Name: Brotherton, Kate
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Name:	Hoyt, Colleen				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:08:05				
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Name:	Weber, Carol				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:13:09				
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Name:	wickliffe, william s				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:19:56				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	First off I have to tell you I love oysters. I am partial to Drakes Bay Oyster Farms because I have been going out there to purchase oysters for almost as long as I can remember. Regardless of my love of oysters I am writing this letter more in line with what is right thing to do. I have been following the whole DBOC controversy since mr. Lunny asked for the extention of the lease to farm the oysters. I have found that the science that opponents such as the National Park Service have used to be deplorable. The blatant misuse of science, the scientific misconduct, the fabrication, and falsification of material used to attempt to get their way is disgusting. Don Neubacher, Mary Bomar and Dr. Sarah Allen among others should have lost their jobs over this mess. What did the NPS do... I believe promotions were the order of the day. The data these people came up with did not support the claims when Senator Feinstein asked for it. I am very thankful that the good senator has kept up with this matter and has pushed forward. I have to thank Dr. Cory Goodman's efforts to debunk almost all of the NPS data. All he was asking for was the proof of the science. At almost every turn the science wasn't there. Even the White House Science Adviser John Holdren admitted the NPS science was looking pretty bad. There was way too much science left standing with the NPS officials refusing to admit to mistakes. They used sloppy science to get what they wanted. In closing I believe that there is only one right thing to do in this situation and that is to grant Mr Lunny an extention on his lease. Personally I believe that knowing his product he should be able to farm oysters as long as he wants. One more thing. It was also very wrong for the NPS to conduct the survey across the nation. This really is a local thing. Also remember that oyster farming in Drakes Bay has been going on for about 100 years. Seniority should stand for something.				

Thank You

William Wickliffe

Correspondence ID:	30191	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Clark, Janice R				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:22:16				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	During the Past year, I have read and learned a lot about how the ecology of the earth's seas have been systematically destroyed. To avert complete collapse, it is important to take drastic action immediately. There are a number of books to read about the seriousness of the situation. I recommend The Unnatural History of the Seas by Callum Roberts and The end of Fish by Mark Kurlansky. It is not hyperbole to say that the future of mankind depends on your decision along with many more decisions of the same caliber elsewhere. Please protect this bay.				

Correspondence ID:	30192	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Fischman, Lawrence				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:25:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: Rapp, Tera
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 22:31:03
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Name: Eckert, Noah & Allison
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Name: Goodman, Laurie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 22:32:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Brumleve, Charles				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:47:31				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	The lease for the oyster company should be allowed to expire. It was originally understood that when the lease ran out the company would leave. This is exactly what should happen. This is a wilderness area and it needs to stay that way so please do not re-new the lease. Thank you.				

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Name:	Eickhoff, Barbara				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,14,2011 22:48:24				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30201 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Salido, R
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:05:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30202 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Parnell, Lora
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:06:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30203 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pardess, Yael
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Name: Pace Sartori, Pamela
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Name: Cooley, Peggy
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:26:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Name: Cubeta, Diana
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Received: Nov,14,2011 23:26:04
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Name: Griffith, Clayton
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:27:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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I'm 80+, and have seen much of our lovely country. Many of my family haven't. Give them a chance to enjoy what I have.

Correspondence ID: 30208 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Williams, Angie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:41:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30209 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Eickhoff, Barbara
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:44:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30210 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ernst, Dana
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,14,2011 23:56:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Cubeta, Diana
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:01:11
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Correspondence ID: 30213 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Freisleben, A.
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:01:21
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Name: Al-Enezi, Mimi
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Name: minock, michael
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Name: Holly, Jessica
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Received: Nov,15,2011 00:02:52
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Again, please reject the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit.

Thank you.

Jessica Holly

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Name: Costanza, Frank
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:07:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Madere, Loree
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:09:40
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Correspondence ID: 30219 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Anarchist Federation Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:14:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Yasiu Kruszynski.

Correspondence ID: 30220 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bland, Brian
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:15:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30221 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sgreccia, Stefano
Outside Organization: None Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:25:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely,

Sgreccia Stefano

Correspondence ID: 30222 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lasahn, Jacqueline
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:27:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30225 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: burgoyne, megan
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:31:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Name: Tanz, Michael
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:31:19
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Name: Wollum, Heidi
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:56:48
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Correspondence ID: 30228 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Grether, Bruce P.
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear National Park Service,

Nature is under assault from human civilization almost everywhere, so please consider this seriously, as if we do nothing it is destroying our own life-support system.

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely, Bruce P. Grether

Correspondence ID: 30229 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bly, Robin

Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 01:03:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30230 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Blair, Clara
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 01:37:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30231 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Melgoza, Joseph
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 01:49:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30232 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Koloze, Kathy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 01:50:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012. This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere. As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Name: Olenick, Priscilla
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 01:56:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30234 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: mason, tom
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 02:01:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30235 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Graham, DVM, Madeline

Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 02:22:58
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Name: Thompson, Stephen
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Received: Nov,15,2011 02:39:54
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Correspondence ID: 30237 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Weichman, Laurie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 02:53:42
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Correspondence:

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Name: Daly, Robert
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Name: Berry, Asha
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 02:55:48
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Correspondence ID: 30240 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rall, Ben
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:01:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30241 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Welteroth, Christina
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:02:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Grassle, Linda
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:10:02
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Name: Ingram, Edward
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:14:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30244 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Salvaryn, Jeff
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:23:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Wick, Lissa
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:31:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30246 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hennessy, Eileen
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:34:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: November 15, 2011

Re:Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit

National Park Service,

I am writing to voice my strong support for Alternative A -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

I believe that this unique and biologically diverse estuary should be restored to its natural wilderness state and the lease to the oyster farm which presently mars this beautiful area should be allowed to run out in 2012. A commercial aquaculture operation, along with the noise and pollution that goes with it, is detrimental to this National Park.

A wilderness designation would allow the public to enjoy this wild place and all it has to offer, whether it be peaceful solitude, kayaking and canoeing opportunities or wildlife watching. The wildlife, including mother seals and their babies, would also benefit from the peaceful solitude that would only come with the restoration of this estuary to its full wilderness conditions. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is also connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Whenever there is a chance to fully restore a special place like Drakes Estero to its former glory, the opportunity should not pass us by.

For these reasons, I feel that Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eileen Hennessy

Correspondence ID:	30247	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Banning, Penny				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 03:34:52				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID:	30248	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Harvey, Stephanie				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 03:38:57				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID: 30249 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fey, Elsbeth
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:46:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Fitzgerald, Robert
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:47:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30252 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hanford, Dayton
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:49:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30253 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Andrus, Melanie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 03:54:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30254 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cormier, Kelsey
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:02:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30255 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wortman, Jonah
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:05:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30256 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kendig, Carol
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:21:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Name: Rollins, Lynda
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:23:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Machan, Callie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:33:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Mourant, Wanda
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:48:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Drake, Cindi
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:50:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30261 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Torrey, Dameon
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30262 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Macdonald, Angus m
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 05:51:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.

Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge.

Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy.

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As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Correspondence ID: 30263 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mowat, Lesley
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 06:00:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Sincerely, Lesley Mowat

Correspondence ID: 30264 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Barnettler, William L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative. It would provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

It's time for the oyster farm to go just like the original agreement said.

Correspondence ID: 30265 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Tibbs, Gareth
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 06:02:33
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I have personally been to Point Reyes and know what a beautiful place it is, as well as being ecologically important. It is unique and deserves the strongest protection possible.

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Name: Clark-Cone, Marje
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 06:21:20
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Name: Mccarthy, Barb
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Name: Tyrey, Bret
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Name: Bintrim, Beth
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence:
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Name: Glaeser, Joseph
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Correspondence ID: 30273 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hayhurst, Marcie
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 06:34:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a frequent visitor, I am always astounded by the natural beauty of this area. I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore as the best possible use of this area.

Correspondence ID: 30274 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ching, Richelle
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 06:36:26
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Name: boucher, daniele
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Hensel, Paula

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Name: Williams, Marv
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Name: Williams, Roger
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended.

I regularly enjoy Point Reyes National Seashore, and it is always disappointing to our enjoyment and experience to see the nets, boats, and buildings that prevent Drake's Estero being a true wilderness estuary. We deserve to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy.

Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended.

There is an alternative for the location of the oyster farm that will not destroy commercial activity in the area, yet will protect

Point Reyes.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30287 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Castorina, Michelle
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:02:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30288 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kabcenell, Brian
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:05:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 30289 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Trott, Eugenie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:05:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID:	30290	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Currens, Leslie				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Dear National Park Service, I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.				

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

I have personally visited this area and have vivid memories of the amazing wildlife and scenery here. I hope you will do everything possible to protect it.

Sincerely, Leslie Currens

Correspondence ID:	30291	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Harold, Geoffrey				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 08:05:41				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID:	30292	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Turner, Ryn				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 08:07:29				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.				

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30293 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ricketts, Carolyn
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I URGE YOU TO PROTECT DRAKES ESTERO WILDERNESS NEXT YEAR, AS LONG INTENDED. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I URGE YOU TO UPHOLD THE LONGSTANDING PLAN TO CONVERT THIS VERY SPECIAL RESOURCE TO WILDERNESS.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30294 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Marciante, Sandra
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:17:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30295 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Scripp, Margaret
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:21:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30296 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rivait, Jessica
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:29:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30297 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Emde, Martita
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:31:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 30298 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Schuster, John & Eleanor
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:32:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of

protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30299 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Zaloski, Shari
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:35:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30300 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Weldon, Joan A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:40:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 30301 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Taylor, Linda
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:43:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30302 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Miskinis, Josh
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:46:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30303 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: BAXTER, KATE
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein,

I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I love oysters, too, but we have two other oyster farms in the immediate area.

Sincerely, Kate Baxter Resident Inverness, CA

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Correspondence ID: 30304 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Blackham, Uphoria
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:46:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30305 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Tracy, Crystal
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30306 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hubbard, Dan
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:49:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30307 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: chase, celeste
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 08:50:56
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Name: Fong, Stacey
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this beautiful area. I just visited last year for the second time to go view whales. And although it was too foggy to see anything, it was such a pure place to be. Hiking along a trail surrounded by the ocean was something special. We even saw a harem of elephant seals! I hope one day when I have kids I can bring them to a place as beautiful as this. Generations have protected this area...and it's not time to let up. Please don't let our natural beauty go to waste.

Thank you, Stacey

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Name: Wall, Martha L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 09:14:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I heartily support allowing the Drake's Bay Oyster Farm to continue cultivation of oysters for our consumption. Even though their permit is due to expire, things have changed a lot since the permit with its end date were issued. We now have a much larger population that needs feeding, we know more about the environment and what is good, bad, or neutral in environmental impact, and we have a different view today of what that impact is than 30 or 40 years ago. Things change, our views change, and that needs to be considered. I don't see any harm, and I do see a lot of benefit, in allowing the oyster farm, and any other oyster farms, to continue to do their work and provide yummy oysters for us to eat. Please consider all the benefits, which include the oyster farm's minimal impact on the environment, and the tremendous value of the oysters themselves as a food source. I support retaining the oyster farm as a family destination, a local employer, a sustainable food source and as a critical element in the survival of agriculture in West Marin. Sincerely submitted, Martha Wall Music Teacher and Oyster Lover

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Name: Masters, Kerry
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 09:18:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support alternative A to give full wilderness designation to protect the turtles.

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Name: Mueller, Nancy
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Name:	Gutierrez, Edmund				
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Received:	Nov,15,2011 09:42:57				
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Received:	Nov,15,2011 09:46:22				
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Correspondence ID: 30329 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Perry, Susan
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 09:58:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID:	30330	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Tom, Patricia				
Outside Organization:	Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 10:01:51				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.				

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Correspondence ID:	30331	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Kinahan, Sarah				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 10:02:10				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I am writing to urge the National Park Service to endorse Alternative A and allow Drakes Estero to convert to wilderness. The Point Reyes Seashore is a special place and the value of preserving the environment there cannot be overstated. I hope that by selecting Alternative A, the park will be preserved for my children and grandchildren to enjoy as I have.				

Correspondence ID:	30332	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Carlisle, Sharon				
Outside Organization:	Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I normally do not join email petitions, but for this I will make an exception.				

Please protect Drakes Estero wilderness.

I have long said that I wish ALL my tax dollars could be directed solely to The National Park Service, because its mission and standards represent values that are important to me.

Will the world be enhanced by altering Pt. Reyes in the ways that this directive intends? I think not.

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Name: Bellinger, Nathaniel
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:10:19
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Name: Barnett, Karen
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:10:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Short, John
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:23:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Shannahan, Randall
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:23:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: stauske, anette
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:25:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 30338 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Avance, Kenneth
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:25:35
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Name: Compton, James
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I would further add that the campaign against wilderness status and in favor of the oyster operation, by one of our senators and local San Francisco media, has been an exercise in bad faith. The owners knew the grandfather clause was due to expire when they bought it, and decided to bull ahead and get the law changed in their favor. That's a tactic that works far too often, and it's time to put a stop to it.

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Correspondence ID: 30340 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Blair, Richard
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:43:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

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Correspondence ID: 30341 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Martinez, Carlos
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:46:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Name: Lardiere-Grison, Darlene
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 10:56:40
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Name: Bolbol, Deniz
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:06:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Name: Howington, Jan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:07:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Sonnenberg, Joanne
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:07:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Montville, Greta
Outside Organization: STRP Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:13:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please care for the nature as our ancestors did. Refer to Chied Seattle's leter. <http://www.barefootsworld.net/seattle.html>

People have a lot of choices on how to feed, nature doesn't. Please do your due diligence and address the interest of those who cannot speak human language.

As a neighbor to Drake's bay, I strongly wish to see the wilderness preserved as much as possible, and I trust you will use your power for that purpose.

Thank you very much!

Kind regards Greta

Correspondence ID: 30347 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cholewa, Mitch
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:28:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Pearson, Vanessa
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:38:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Sincerely, Vanessa Pearson Mason City, IA

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Name: De La Garza, Nancy
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Received: Nov,15,2011 11:41:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30351 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Myers, Tony
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:46:11
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Name: Walker, Deb
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Name: Keane, Dylan
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Correspondence ID: 30354 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: basso, anthony l
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:51:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Drakes Estero is a unique landscape in California and is fortunately a national park. I am hopeful that further protection from disturbance can be given to the plants and animals who reside there. If you have not personally visited this special area, please do so before making your ruling.

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely, Anthony Basso

Correspondence ID: 30355 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gillett, Nancy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:54:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not renew or extend the lease on the commercial oyster farm at Point Reyes. Commercial aquaculture should not be allowed in a marine wilderness, which this beautiful area should definitely be. I have been there, having previously lived in California. Future generations should be able to enjoy this wonderful beauty in its natural state.

The current owner new full well the lease was set to run out. He has absolutely no basis for lobbying to keep the oyster farm running, other than greed. Why did he buy it, except with the plan to try and extend the lease? Please do not let his scheming put such a wonder in jeopardy.

Nancy Gillett

Correspondence ID: 30356 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Khalsa, Guru Simran Singh
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 11:58:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30357 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Walker, Deborah
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:00:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of

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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30358 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rossi, Ray
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:04:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Henry, Wendy
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:04:29
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Correspondence ID: 30360 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bolte-Silverman, Diane
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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We love visiting Point Reyes and can't imagine that you would even consider allowing Drakes Estero or any other area within the park to be destroyed by commercial use. We beg you to deny this and all other permits.

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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 12:17:07				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.				

Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy.

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Correspondence ID:	30362	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Keefer, Tiffany				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 12:18:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	Muldaur, Maria				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 12:24:45				

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Correspondence ID: 30364 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Yohn, Judy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:29:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30365 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Aslanpour, Neda
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:30:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Correspondence ID: 30366 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mantz, Andrea

Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:34:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Hemingway, Carol
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:37:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Mattila, Susan
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Name: Guessford, Lindsay
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Received: Nov,15,2011 12:44:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 30370 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Keane, Patrice
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 12:48:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30371 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Middleton, Rob And Sheila
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 13:00:32
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Name: Hartman, Heidi
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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Name: Thomas, Teresa
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Name: Dennison, Donna
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Name: Reed, Robert
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 13:25:43
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Name: Caimi, Erin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Smith, Patricia A
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Name: Perry, Frank
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Name: Anwyl, pandora
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 13:45:58
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Name: Kumpf, Sharon
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Received: Nov,15,2011 13:47:09
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Name: Catt, Shannon
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear National Park Service, I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely, Shannon Catt

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Name: Moore, Jo
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 14:30:31
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Name: Goh, Elise
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID:	30393	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Bellinger, Jeffery				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:02:38				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.				

Correspondence ID:	30394	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Lippert, Amy				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:07:12				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.				

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Correspondence ID:	30395	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Gustin, Amy				
Outside Organization:	Sierra Club	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:07:18				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.				

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Correspondence ID:	30396	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Shepard, Rebecca				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:08:04				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.				

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Correspondence ID:	30397	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Cuviello, Pat				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:12:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID:	30398	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Choquette, Louis				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:13:16				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.				

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Name:	Dickinson, Hannah				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:14:43				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID: 30400 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lee, Gordon
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:15:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Kelly, Martin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:19:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30402 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kneidl, Joshua
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:19:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30403 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kingston, Molly
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My family enjoys spending time at Point Reyes every year. We support our National Parks every year by buying the annual pass and often purchase passes as gifts. We are deeply troubled that you are even considering extending the permit for commercial oyster harvest. I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30404 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Paiva, Dorothea
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:28:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Name: Beckett, Carter
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:28:20
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Correspondence ID: 30406 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bell, Sara
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:30:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Cziglenyi, Ildiko
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:31:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30408 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Manchester, Debra
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:33:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Love, Sarah
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:34:58
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Name: Brownrigg, Sarah
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:35:07
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Name: Gustin, Amy
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Name: Yacenda, Kristy
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 30414 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ward, Albert
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:44:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Name: Angulo, Maria
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Name: Fitzpatrick, Edward
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Name: Fiekowsky, Elisabeth
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Weiner, Psfsd
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Name: Carole Mathews, Carole
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 15:50:58
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Name: Hamilton, Van
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Name: finkbeiner, theresa
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Name: Fagan, Elizabeth
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Name:	Parsons, Marie				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:53:56				
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Name:	Ahnael, Josef				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 15:55:03				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				

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Name: Saykawlard, Tawan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:10:49
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Name: Barbezat, Mary
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:14:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Maranto, Mark
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Name: Williams, Wini
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Name: Gross, Michelle
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Name: Montero, Marianne
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:16:29
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Name: Kruschwitz, Robert
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:17:43
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Name: Hernandez, Eloy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:18:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Kay, Susan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:18:56
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Name: Godfrey, Donna
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:20:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Byrd, Beth				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 16:20:24				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	Berman, John				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 16:21:35				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name:	KING, Arden				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Nov,15,2011 16:22:04
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Name: Erickson, Leila
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:22:32
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Name: Goff, Frances
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Name: Grigg, Jamin
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Received:	Nov,15,2011 16:30:26				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name:	Fausch, Deborah				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 16:31:29				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: Gumpert, Michael
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Palmer, Stephanie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name:	Rowland, Lorene				
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Name:	Lucas, Ashley				
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Name: Baber, Diane
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: O'Rourke, Lou
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Jordahl, Erin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:44:34
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Name: Reiger, Christopher A
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:44:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

As a resident of the San Francisco Bay region, I strongly support Alternative A ("no action") of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit. I feel that, as the United States Congress instructed, the Drakes Estero commercial oyster-farming lease should expire and the site be designated part of the extant Phillip Burton Wilderness. Should another of the EIS alternatives be chosen, a disturbing precedent will be set, one that suggests lands that Congress designates to become wilderness don't necessarily have to become wilderness until industry is done working them.

Sincerely, Christopher Reiger Writer, artist, teacher, San Francisco resident

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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:45:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Conley, Chris
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:45:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Nov,15,2011 16:47:01
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Cenni, Robert
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Name:	Amos, Lurrie				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 16:52:06				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name:	Conrad, Lori				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 16:53:42				
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Name:	Tromberg, Karina				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Nov,15,2011 16:53:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Tromberg, Karina
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:54:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Weaver, Sara
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:57:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Sproule, Nathalie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:58:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30483 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Marcus, Jesse
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 16:59:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30484 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bond, Ursula
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:00:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American

public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30485 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hurley, Maureen
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:00:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Johnston, Shirley
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:02:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Vipond, Mathew
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:03:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Cupani, Shirley
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:03:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30489 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dambrosi, Anthony Martin
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:04:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name:	Chapman, Susan				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:05:32				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID:	30491	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Webber, Rita				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:07:24				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name:	Hood, Valeri D				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Nov,15,2011 17:07:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of the Oyster company being able to stay in business. Please count this as a vote against what the park service is pursuing. Valeri Hood

Correspondence ID: 30493 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Eastwood, Patty
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:09:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Clark-Reeves, Vicki
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:11:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Pemberton, Ryan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:13:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Turner, Dawn
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:14:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30497 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Boehm, Marjorie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:15:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Gasher, Aurelia
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: malyon, hilary
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:19:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30500 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely,

Kerry Burkhardt

Correspondence ID: 30501 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Small, Linda

Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Gebhardt, Peter
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:22:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Laux, David
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Received: Nov,15,2011 17:22:37
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Name: Mason, Dawn
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:23:06
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Name: Simons, Alexandria
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:25:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Franklin, Aubrey
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name:	Al-Tukhaim, Mary Jo				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:25:35				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	bugbee, michael				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:25:47				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name: Schwartz, Barbara
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:29:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Feigelman, Susan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:29:43
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Correspondence ID: 30511 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company

Correspondence ID: 30512 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rotcher, Michael
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,15,2011 17:32:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Walters, Camille
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Abram, Natalie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Patten, Elizabeth
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:34:01
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Name: Rentschler, Dennis
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:35:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Janoski, Frederick
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:36:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Reiner, Jennifer				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:36:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	Chandler Jr, Gregory				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:36:51				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: gustafson, patrice
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:36:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30521 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Odgers, James
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:37:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30522 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hu, Akielly
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:39:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID:	30523	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Frobburg, Benjamin				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:39:31				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID:	30524	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Shult, Donald				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 17:40:51				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID:	30525	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Gibbons, Brian				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Nov,15,2011 17:41:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30526 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Markley, Susan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:42:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30527 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Haley, Patty
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:43:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30528 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Nguyen, Jimmy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:43:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30529 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Carr, Barbara
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:44:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30530 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Vaughan, Laura
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:44:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30531 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Green, Jasmin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:44:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Finnell, April
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:44:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Biggs, Leon
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:44:42

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Correspondence ID:30534 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390**Name:**

Opperman, Suzanne

Outside Organization:

National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence ID:30535 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390**Name:**

Wallace, Ken

Outside Organization:

National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence ID:30536 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390**Name:**

barron, anna rita

Outside Organization:

National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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Nov,15,2011 17:45:03

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Name: Nam, S
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:47:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Lane, Tara
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 17:50:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Klinsport, Kay
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Dudkiewicz, Judith
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Name: Cody, Ben
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Name: Carman, Janis
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Name: Ernst, Dana
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Correspondence ID: 30548 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Matthews, Brittan
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:01:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I have a five month old baby girl and now more than ever we need to protect our coasts for this generation and many more to come please, thank you!:-)

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30549 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Varda, Jean
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:01:51
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Name: Bodine, Josh
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:03:21
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Name: Leija, Phillip
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Essmann, Patricia
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:14:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Martinelli, Lukas
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Name: Robeck, Elizabeth
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:14:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
It is personally important to my family and me that Point Reyes stay just as it is. It is such an important wildlife habitat and a place of needed serenity for all.

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I realize you must get loads of emails like this, and perhaps the inclination is to discount their sincerity. But we're all so busy trying to work, and keep our jobs, and on and on. Please take this note from me as a heartfelt plea. Our national parks are part of the soul of our nation, and the source of unending delight to me personally.

I know times are tough for funding, and I'm sorry. If it's any consolation, if I ever win the lottery, you guys are at the top of my list.

Alisa

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Name: Carroll, Casey
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:15:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Name: Nordsvens, Ryan

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Han, Richard
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:17:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Name: Izzo, Martha
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:18:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Name: Navidad, Susan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:19:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Hostetler, Joseph
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:22:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30568 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Siegel, Bob
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:25:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The owner of the business in question knew at the time he purchased the oyster operation that he was obligated to cease activity when he the agreement expired. He broke that agreement with impunity and malice.

There were--and still are--significant environmental reasons that led the National Park Service to decide to return Drakes Estero to its wilderness state. The oyster business should cease to exist.

Correspondence ID: 30569 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Perryman, Yoslin
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:27:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30570 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Seitz, Dustin
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:27:24
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Name: Brown, Sherry
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:27:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID:	30572	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	McGrath, Mary				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:29:19				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name:	Zlatunich, Matthew & JoAnn				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:29:28				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	We support the No Action alternative (Alternative A), and look forward to experiencing Drakes Estero as a Wilderness Area.				

Correspondence ID:	30574	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Hasard, Stephen				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:31:26				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID: 30575 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McGahey, Robert
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:32:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Paschall, Michael
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:34:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Fisher, Gayle				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:36:36				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	borgers, krista				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:39:29				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: Harmon, Hayley
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:41:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:41:30
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Name: Reeves, Ian
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:42:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Carolus, Kenneth				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	Slaski, Holly				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:42:47				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name: Sullivan, Sherre
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Correspondence ID: 30587 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Uhlenhake Walker, Carolyn
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:44:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Name: Ambrose, Kimberly
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Name: Visser, Mimi
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:45:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30593 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Otero, Alfredo
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Barnet, Thomas
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Name: Jhon, Michael
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:49:56
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Name:	Zimmerman, Amy				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:50:09				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:50:59				
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Name:	Barth, Don				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:51:13				

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Name: Delgiorgis, Demetrios
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Kelly, Karen M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the "No Action" alternative (alternative A).

In particular, I support wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select the environmentally preferred alternative, which protects the only marine wilderness on the west coast (Alternative A).

Drakes Estero is a unique and crucially important wildlife area. It is a vital and essential stop on the Pacific Flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals, a critical native fish nursery, and habitat for endangered species. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster permit expires in 2012.

Selecting Alternative A is the only way to fulfill the Point Reyes wilderness promise, and it is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and

the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for wildlife and wildland conservation and for the American public to enjoy. Neither wilderness areas nor national parks are for commercial exploitation. Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy. As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you not to undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Received: Nov,15,2011 18:51:53
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Name: Rado, John
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:52:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 30607 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: butler, catherine a
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:53:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I support the No Action alternative, or Alternative A, which would allow the oyster permit to expire in 2012, as Congress originally intended. A private oyster company should not be permitted to exploit Drakes Estero for another 10 years when Congress intended for it to have full wilderness protection within Point Reyes National Seashore in 2012.

Thank you, Catherine Butler San Francisco CA

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Name: Sorrells, James
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is a helpless feeling to stand by and watch our leaders aggressively attack the preservation of our environment and wildlife. We should have greater integrity and be driven to leave a legacy of hope for future generations. At the current rate we are

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Name:	Slaski, Holly				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:54:29				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Name:	Hallmark, Candace				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 18:54:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: Glover, Amanda
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Name: Gibson, Katherine
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Correspondence ID: 30614 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McMullin, Susan
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:56:01
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Correspondence ID: 30615 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kieleczawa, Kasia
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:56:53
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Correspondence ID: 30616 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: verly, francois
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 18:57:33
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Name: B., G.
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:02:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30618 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Love, Margaret
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:02:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT A RENEWABLE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY!

Correspondence ID: 30619 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: B., G.
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:03:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: ly, helene
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Name: malyon, hilary
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:04:10
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Name: Finholt, Tom
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:04:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Thayer, Diana				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 19:05:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	Kent, Dave R				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 19:05:07				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID:	30625	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Krihak, Jonathan				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 19:05:18				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: Ward, Albert
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Name: Holder, Alan
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Name: hunt, debbie
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Correspondence:
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Name:	Robbins, Jeanie				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 19:15:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Sadowsky, Nancy
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Name: Adams, Steve
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Have visited this remarkable seashore and the lighthouse, and was very struck by this amazing place. ! urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest - not to mention tourist draw to bring money into the local economy as I did when there - to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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I simply could not imagine my life without the existence of these National Parks. Last year my fiance and I had the incredible pleasure of visiting Point Reyes and fell in love with it. Please, do not destroy this beautiful space.

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Name: Johnson, Wesley
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Although I understand the need for business, as well as profit (especially in these tough financial times), I am always an advocate for them that cannot advocate for themselves: the animals and ecological systems which have been in place much longer than any of us have been alive. That being said, it is our duty as a nation to continue to protect such valuable resources, especially when they are already deemed worthy to be defended by federal law. Therefore, I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended.

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Name: Bartley, Eddie
Outside Organization: Nature Trip Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:17:26
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Correspondence:
Thank you for accepting comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit.

After reading this exhaustively conducted report in detail I am writing to urge the NPS to select Alternative A "no new special use permit and conversion to wilderness" as was and is the full intent of the charter and mission of the National Park Service. The other three alternatives, whether they have developed out of an over-earnestness for fairness to the commercial operation or out of external political pressure, are directly in conflict with the mandate of the National Park Service. The Draft EIR makes this abundantly clear to any who read it with an open mind.

As a wildlife enthusiast and a natural history educator I have visited the publicly accessible area under consideration many times

during my life and while I heartily enjoy the gustatorial qualities of mollusks this commercial operation is consistently having a negative impact on the quality of the visitor's experience and especially the habitat in what will be a much healthier system when the operations are removed. The report on Eel Grass beds alone is more than compelling and demands an end to the shellfish operations at the termination of their existing agreement.

The NPS has heard much expert testimony in that regard and so in the interest of brevity that I'm sure the reader will appreciate I'll just say this: If the DBOC operations remain there will be less native wildlife in numbers and diversity and more non-native and introduced invasive species. If the original plan agreed to by all stakeholders in December 2004 and in Alternative A are set forth then more native wildlife and less non-native wildlife will occur at this sensitive location.

Furthermore, if alternatives B,C, or D are chosen then the NPS will be seen by many if not most to have succumbed to unseemly political pressure on behalf of commercial interests and against the primary mission of the National Park Service. That would be the biggest tragedy of all.

Eddie Bartley

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Received: Nov,15,2011 19:17:29
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Name: Nitsch, Jessica M-E
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Name: Sharpe, Peggy
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:31:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Name:	McDonnell, Caitlin				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 19:32:39				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

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Name: Hastings, Kenneth E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:49:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Having just gone through this process locally I can sympathize with efforts that are environmentally friendly.

Thank you for considering my input.

K. E. Hastings

Correspondence ID: 30788 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: krulevitch, karen l
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 19:50:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: my understanding is that this deis is incomplete and flawed, at best. one point that particularly concerns me is that it states that there will be little economic impact to the area with the closing of the oyster farm. in fact, it sounds like half the population of west marin will be directly economically impacted by this closure, and in these hard economic times, that is a poor decision, to say the least.

also, since apparently so many locals restaurants and stores use product from this oyster farm, closing it and then flying shellfish in from out of town and out of country seems both ridiculous and unnecessary.

this appears to be a lovely going concern, with positive affect on the environment, such as the fact that oysters filter water. please do not shut it down, and please make sure the dseis that is used to make this huge decision is more factual and less biased than it appears to be at the moment.

Correspondence ID: 30789 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McLean, Michael
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My wife and I visit the Pt. Reyes peninsula annually to enjoy the unique coastal environment there. We hike and watch for the migrating and resident birds on the Drake Estero. I urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30790 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hylton, Larry & Pam
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:03:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 30791 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fogg, Suzanne
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:10:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Correspondence ID: 30792 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Horning, David
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:14:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 30793 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Andrews, Tina
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:14:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Lee, R.D.
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:14:54
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Name: Bilek, Sandra
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:14:54
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Name: Hagenlocher, Christian
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 30797 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hink, Kevin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:15:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 30798 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McMahon, John J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 20:44:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.

Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy.

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As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Correspondence ID: 30799 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kunstenaar, Pat
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 21:01:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE IS BEST! LET THE PERMIT EXPIRE AS SCHEDULED?

PAT KUNSTENAAR

Correspondence ID: 30800 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Aldridge, Robert
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 21:31:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Correspondence ID: 30801 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Tanaka, George
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to continue to allow Drakes Bay Oyster Company to continue its current operations at Drakes Estero. As a resident of Marin county for over ten years, I have enjoyed the opportunity of purchasing fresh sustainably raised oysters from Drakes Bay year round. Shutting down Drakes Bay Oyster Company would substantially degrade the quality of life of being a Marin resident. I have not seen any negative impact of the oyster farming operation on the surrounding ecosystem. I think the Sierra Clubs concerns are exaggerated and politically motivated.

I would rather enjoy fresh oysters than see the entire estuary converted into wilderness.

Please ignore the rest of this pre-printed form letter.

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Correspondence ID: 30802 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Salazar, Joe
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,15,2011 21:46:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely,

Joe Salazar

Correspondence ID:	30803	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Danner, Judi				
Outside Organization:	Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 22:05:25				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.				

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Correspondence ID:	30804	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Snyder, Mike F				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 22:13:32				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	LEAVE THE OYSTER FARM ALONE! What is next removing the homes,marinas, and businesses on the bay? Tomalis Bay is not pristine wilderness. It is surrounded by farms and towns.				

Correspondence ID:	30805	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Longstreth , Carolyn				
Outside Organization:	EAC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,15,2011 22:33:21				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	To: National Park Service, Park Planning Division Re: Drake's Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit EIS Date: November 14, 2011				

I write as Board President of the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) and as a concerned citizen of West Marin. I urge the Park Service to adopt Alternative A, the no-action alternative, as the preferred course of action concerning the commercial oyster operation in Drake's Estero because of (1) the negative impact of continued mariculture on the environment and wilderness values in the Phillip Burton Wilderness Area , (2) Congressional intent that the mariculture operation be discontinued upon expiration of the Reservation of Use and Occupancy, and (3) the dangerous precedent resulting from an officially-sanctioned violation of Wilderness Act prohibitions against commercial uses and motor vehicles in a designated wilderness.

1. The Cumulative Impacts of Found in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Would Result in the Significant Erosion of the Natural Environment and Wilderness Values

I am pleased that the NPS is undertaking a thorough environmental review of the potential impacts of continued mariculture in Drake's Estero. As set forth in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, there are substantial reasons for concern about the impacts of mariculture on the Estero's ecosystem: the disturbance to many species of wildlife, including harbor seals, wintering waterfowl and shorebirds, the damage to eelgrass, a keystone species in estuarine habitats, the presence of rigid structures that provide habitat for a highly invasive tunicate or "fouling" organism, and the disruption of the natural soundscapes in the otherwise pristine Estero. All of these impacts would, if allowed to continue, contribute to loss of wilderness values in Drake's Estero. Although the business provides some jobs in the local community, this benefit is outweighed by the unique character and stunning wilderness qualities of Drake's Estero. These traits make the Estero a resource of truly national significance, one that should be allowed to return to its natural state for its own sake and for the benefit of all Americans.

2. The Legislative History of the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act Clearly Demonstrates the Intent of Congress to Eliminate Commercial Mariculture After Expiration of the Reservation of Use

In its 2009 report, the National Academy of Sciences concluded that "The decision to extend the [mariculture] lease hinges on the legal interpretation of the legislative mandate rather than on scientific analysis." A proper analysis of the legislative history demonstrates Congress's clear intent to allow the oystering to continue only as long as its Reservation of Use and Occupancy remained in effect and no longer.

Congressional intent to eventually eliminate mariculture was specifically stated in a committee report accompanying the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The report first explained the term "potential wilderness" as "a category of lands which are essentially of wilderness character, but retain sufficient non-conforming structures, activities, uses or private rights so as to preclude immediate wilderness classification." The report went on to declare the "intention that those lands and waters designated as potential wilderness additions will be essentially managed as wilderness, to the extent possible, with efforts to steadily continue to remove all obstacles to the eventual conversion of these lands and waters to wilderness status." [Emphasis added.] (House Report 94-1680). See also 2006 NPS Management Policies Sec. 6.2.1.

Gary Everhardt, then the Director of the National Park Service, advised a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs that potential wilderness areas include "nonconforming private uses which are temporary in nature and involve areas that we believe should be designated wilderness when the nonconforming use is terminated." [emphasis added.] Mr. Everhardt's written comment added that "When lands are presently unqualified but will within a determinable time qualify, a special provision is included in the legislative proposal giving the Secretary of the Interior the authority to designate the land as wilderness when he determines it qualifies. Once acquired, and after removal of any nonconforming uses, the area would be added to the wilderness with proper notice by the Secretary of the Interior." [Emphasis added.] (Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, February 5, 19 and March 2, 1976, Everhardt report and testimony, P. 18-19, 318)

Contrary to this explicit record of intent, retired legislators John Burton, Paul (Pete) McCloskey and William Bagley ("Burton et al.") asserted for the first time in August, 2011 that the legislative debate demonstrated a contrary purpose: a permanent or indefinite continuation of the oyster business. They seize upon the following comment of then-Senator Tunney: "Established private rights of landholders and lease holders will continue to be respected and protected. The existing agricultural and aquacultural uses can continue." Burton et al. also point to John Burton's comment that the oyster business "may be included as wilderness with 'prior non-conforming use' provisions." (Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, February 5, 19 and March 2, 1976, P. 269-73.)

Burton et al., have misinterpreted the quoted statements by taking them out of their temporal context: the debate took place in 1976, 36 years before the expiration of the 40-year reservation of use held by the oyster company. The issue upon which Senator Tunney and Representative Burton were focused was whether the Estero should be included in the new wilderness area at all and whether including it would require the immediate end to mariculture. These legislators were no more referring to the consequence of a wilderness designation in 2012 than those of us dealing with the issue today are focused on the status of mariculture in Drake's Estero 36 years from now, or 2048!

Furthermore, the "private right" referred by Senator Tunney was not a permanent one; it will expire in November, 2012. Nothing in Mr. Tunney's remark suggested a proposal to somehow expand the temporary right created by the Reservation of Use and Occupancy into a permanent one. Read in a common sense matter, then, the Senator was simply stating that the oyster farm could remain in the designated potential wilderness as long as its right to occupy the site was in effect. Mr. Burton's remark that the commercial oyster farm "may be included as wilderness" is to similar effect. (Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, February 5, 19 and March 2, 1976, Everhardt report and testimony, P. 273.) And indeed, this purpose has been carried out: the business has remained in place for the last 36 years.

Despite the short term focus of much of the legislative debate, the long-term consequence of the designation was also addressed. Again, the Congressional report accompanying the Point Reyes Wilderness Act directed the NPS "steadily to remove" non-conforming uses that prevented a full wilderness designation. Report 94-1680 of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, 94th Congress. Indeed it was none other than John Burton himself who explained in a written statement to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation of the House Interior Committee that the purpose of the "potential wilderness" designation was to allow an area to "be classified as wilderness upon the removal of certainly presently existing temporary conditions, without the need to come back to Congress again." [Emphasis added.] (Statement of the Honorable John L. Burton, Democrat, 5th District, California Before the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation of the House Interior Committee, September 9, 1976, P. 2.) Burton went on to maintain in his oral testimony, that both Drake's and Limantour Esteros and Abbott's Lagoon should be included in potential wilderness partly because they were "very fragile areas that emanate a lot of sealife and waterfowl and very rare species of clams that they should have that type of protection so that we don't find them destroyed by incursions of speedboats and motor-type boats." Burton Testimony Before the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation of the House Interior Committee, September 9, 1976, P. 5. This reference implies Burton's wish to see the Wilderness Act's on motorboats take effect in Drake's Estero.

It is thus plain that Burton et al.'s present argument in favor of an indefinite continuation of mariculture is at odds with Mr. Burton's contemporaneous testimony. Neither Mr. Bagley nor Mr. McCloskey participated in the legislative debate on the Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

Taking together the well-understood meaning of "potential wilderness," the Congressional report advising the NPS "steadily to remove" nonconforming uses, and the recognition by all sides that commercial oystering is in fact non-conforming, it is plain that Congress placed Drake's Estero in potential wilderness with the expectation that mariculture would be discontinued upon the expiration of the RUO in 2012 so that the full wilderness designation could take effect. This expectation should now be honored.

3. A Decision to Override Longstanding Wilderness Policy Would Set a Dangerous Precedent Concerning the Character of Wilderness Areas and Other Public Lands

As recognized in the DEIS, the decision regarding Drake's Estero involves an important public interest-- that is, the policies underlying the Wilderness Act. Significantly, PL 111-88, Section 124 --the 2009 Appropriations rider that granted Secretary Salazar the discretion to allow a 10-year continuation of mariculture in Drake's Estero-- did not remove the Estero from the designated Phillip Burton Wilderness. Drake's Estero thus remains within a potential wilderness area and is still governed by the Wilderness Act and all the NPS policies implementing it. The issuance of a new SUP would necessarily entail a violation of the mandates of the Wilderness Act. It would contravene the Act's specific prohibitions against commercial uses and motorized vehicles in wilderness and delay a full wilderness status for Drake's Estero-- merely for the purpose of benefitting a well-connected, for-profit enterprise. Such a decision would unsettle the longstanding national understanding about the public character of protected resources in national parks and wilderness areas, setting an extremely dangerous precedent with nationwide ramifications. Numerous commercial interests , eager to ramp up efforts to exploit natural resources in other wilderness areas, including potential wilderness, and in national parks generally, would promptly begin agitating for Congressional waivers and/or favorable administrative action.

After 36 years as a non-conformity within a designated wilderness, it is time for commercial use of the Estero to end so that the wilderness can take full effect.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I urge the decision-makers within the National Park Service and the Department of Interior to counteract such commercial and political pressures as are being brought to bear and to uphold the public interest by maintaining the conservation achievements of the late 20th Century, including the designation of Drake's Estero as part of the Phillip Burton Wilderness.

Carolyn Longstreth, Inverness, CA

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Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Roberts, Victor
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Name: Pickett, Don
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Vosburgh, Victoria

Outside Organization:

NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence Type:

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Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Judson, Virginia
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Newhall, Lynn
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Received: Nov,16,2011 00:00:00
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Name: Compton, Advocate/Activist/Humanist, Carla
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Name: Smith, Mary Ellen
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Name:	Marcus, Martin				
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Name:	Hanks, Douglas				
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Name:	Heiken, Jon				
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Name: Di Gennaro, Sara
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Name:	Lopez, Patricia				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
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Name:	Sobieski, Mona				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,16,2011 03:46:25				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.				

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Name:	ODell, Allison				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
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I used to visit Point Reyes frequently, as a resident of Marin County. Please take action to protect Drakes Estero as soon as possible from further commercial activity. The wildlife depend on this habitat. People want to enjoy it's beauty.

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Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
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Name:	kelley, dorinda				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 03:48:04				
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Name:	Cole, Courtney				
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Name:	Selberg-Woodcock, Mary				
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Name:	Wood, Robert				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 03:49:16				
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Name: Navarro, Fabiola
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Name: Wallace, victoria
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name:	McAlister, Pam				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name: pearson, colleen
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 06:03:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 30889 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Landfield, Mike
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 06:07:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Correspondence ID: 30890 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Herbek, Douglas
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service

and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select Alternative A, the environmentally preferred alternative, which protects the only marine wilderness on the west coast.

Drakes Estero is a unique and crucially important wildlife area. It is a vital and essential stop on the Pacific Flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals, a critical native fish nursery, and habitat for endangered species. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster permit expires in 2012.

Selecting Alternative A is the only way to fulfill the Point Reyes wilderness promise, and it is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for wildlife and wildland conservation and for the American public to enjoy. Neither wilderness areas nor national parks are for commercial exploitation. Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy. As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you not to undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Correspondence ID: 30891 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wehrli, Mary Brent
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 06:19:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30892 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Willauer, Cynthia
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 06:33:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30893 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hatcher, Kerri
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 06:34:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Costa, Donna
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Ohlson, Cheryl
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Don't turn back the clock on this one. As I said, 40 years is a long time to wait. We need this protection now, while the wilderness is still viable. We need to protect all our wild places...

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Name: Esteve, Gregory
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Name: Wilks, Jesse
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Name: Reed, Edie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 30899 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wamsley, Maria A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 07:05:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that Drake's Estero should return to its original state as wilderness and that the commercial oyster farm should not be allowed to continue to operate. The operation of this oyster farm has potential environmental impact and is not appropriate for a national park. Therefore, I support the No Action Alternative (Alternative A).

Correspondence ID: 30900 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ishida, Keiko Ishida
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 07:34:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Martin, Karen
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 07:34:44
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Name: DiVicino, Roseann
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 30909 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Saavedra, Wilson
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 07:35:04
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Correspondence ID: 30910 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: tognini, steve r
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 07:55:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support the success of the oyster farm.

Correspondence ID: 30911 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Weisel, Wendy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:04:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 30912 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: HAMILTON, Sarah
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Fishnick, Preston
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 30914 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Timmer, Suzanne
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Valentine, Sherri
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:04:42
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Correspondence ID: 30916 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Heath, Suzanne
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:05:16
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Correspondence ID: 30917 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chalmers, Charles D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:22:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support extending the lease. I deeply distrust the Park Services position. In today's climate particularly I think encouragement of economic activity is desirable. I believe the oyster farm is run with appropriate attention and concern for the environmental issues. I believe a large part of the opposition is knee-jerk environmental endorsement by people who do not study the issues.

Correspondence ID: 30918 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: ZAPATA, RAMON
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:34:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Bryan, Harriet
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:35:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Rose, Jay
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Phelps, Margaret				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
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Name:	Dyre, David M				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 08:35:37				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012. This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere. As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.				

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Name:	Tavares, Christina				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 08:47:33				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.				

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Name: Tucker E., Marge
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:48:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE LISTEN !!!!!!! I was raised in Marin County and have taken my grandchildren and now my great grandchildren Drakes bay etc....Nature is beautiful.... PLEASE PROTECT OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SO THAT THE YOUTH MAY ENJOY NATURE BEFORE MAN DESTROYS IT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you for your time, Marge Tucker

Correspondence ID: 30925 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 08:56:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit. This Company has been a member of the West Marin Community for many years. The Luny Family took over a run down business and turned it into a Environmentally aware business protecting the wild life and wilderness area. SAVE DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY!!!

Correspondence ID: 30926 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Enggass, Peter
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 09:04:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Brehm, Lisa
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Recht, Barbara
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I feel it is important to protect this area.

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Name:	Gianola, Maurizio				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 09:28:35				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drake Bay Oyster Company.				

Correspondence ID:	30932	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Haislip, Lori				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,16,2011 09:35:32				
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Name:	Uurtamo, Rebecca				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association	Unaffiliated Individual			
Received:	Nov,16,2011 09:35:36				
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Name: Marrone, Vito
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Received: Nov,16,2011 09:36:08
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Name: Petro, Lorraine
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Received: Nov,16,2011 09:36:25
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Name: Burgwin, Barbara
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Name: Golez, Gabriel
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Correspondence ID: 30941 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Glenn, Cathy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:01:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow Drake's Bay Oyster Farm to stay in operation with a renewable permit. It is a great operation and they are very environmentally friendly. Plus they grow the best oysters in the entire Bay Area. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 30942 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hoganson, Cliff
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:05:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Danis, Lara
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Name: Wolfe, Tanya D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:06:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please renew Drakes Bay Oyster Company's permit! It is a wonderful place with great people and the best oysters ever!! We visit them at least 4 times a year!

Correspondence ID: 30949 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ornstein, Kathryn
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:06:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

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Name: Brizz, Joseph J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:10:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the oyster farm at Drake's Bay open. I want the oyster farm to stay with a renewable permit.

Correspondence ID: 30952 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Allen, Nick
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:17:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support he oyster farm at Drakes Bay!

Correspondence ID: 30953 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: LASNE, J.J.
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:17:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As an oyster consumer and environmentally conscious taxpayer, California citizen and resident, pls do allow oyster farms to exist and thrive amongst the GGNRA. Oysters and other shellfish are famous for filtering waters and being low impact on their environment. They also are delicious and bring much needed revenue to rural parts of California which would not see much development otherwise.

Correspondence ID: 30954 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Picciani, Laureen
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:25:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30955 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:26:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the Drake's Bay Oyster Farm renewable permit!

Correspondence ID: 30956 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Loescher, Karl
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:29:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Drakes Bay Oyster Company is a case study in how sustainable food production and habitat protection can (and increasingly must) coexist. Please ensure that this important resource remains a part of the Point Reyes community!

Correspondence ID: 30957 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Martin, Jeffrey V
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,16,2011 10:30:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My family and I have been going to Drakes Bay for years, and the Oyster Company has provided great service. It is my hope that their continued presence can be ensured while maintaining any conservation needs in the area.

Correspondence ID: 30958 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Martin, Michael G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:33:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I grew up in the bay area and have always eaten these delicious oysters. It would be terrible to lose the farm.

Correspondence ID: 30959 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Erickson, Janis
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:35:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Bustos-Mason, Andrea
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Name: Brickel, Carol
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Correspondence ID: 30963 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Switzer, Les E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ask the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.

Drakes Estero is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

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As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Correspondence ID: 30964 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Holzman, Barbara
Outside Organization: San Francisco State University Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:40:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In reviewing the DEIS I believe that the No Action alternative (Alternative A), which is also the Environmentally Preferred Alternative, is the best alternative in line with the mission of the National Parks Service. Allowing the oyster permit to expire in 2012 and restoring the area would provide better habitat for the native plants and animals in the region and should be the alternative chosen. This alternative is the only one compatible with federal wilderness law and National Park Service policies on natural resource conservation, restoration and invasive species management. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 30965 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Fox, Kalloch
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:43:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow drakes bay oyster farm to continue operating and grant them a renewable permit. They provide a sustainable food source with little negative impact to the environment. Steward ship as this should be nurtured rather than discouraged in our parks.

Correspondence ID: 30966 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: wilson, debbi b
Outside Organization: Contra Costa Country Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:50:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep Drake's Bay open!

Correspondence ID: 30967 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Back, Jessica
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 10:58:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Name: Martin, Marilyn
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Brovelli, Amber
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Name: Jacoby, Louise
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Name: Heaton, Marsha
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Name: Sanborn, Bria

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Name: Weed, Ardeth L.
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Name: Rhinier, Angie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: DeCarion, Hally
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:10:08
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Name: Meltzer, Leslie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Suid, Roberta
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:19:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We want to save Drakes Bay Oyster Farm. We don't like what the people at the park are doing. we think they are lying. We hope rep Issa will expose them.

Correspondence ID: 30978 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bussing, Lenore
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:21:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name:	Peterson, Sheri				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:23:56				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID:	30980	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Owen , Janel A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:25:34				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Please keep Drakes Bay Oysters OPEN!! This has been a place for my family to enjoy together. We love coming out and learning all about the history and information from the Lunny Family. Why take away form the younger generation, keep them learning!				

Correspondence ID:	30981	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Lujan, Cynthia				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:26:45				
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Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 30984 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bowe, Paul
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:33:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID:	30985	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Kovats-Chapman, Regina A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:34:13				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Bay Oyster Company, owned and operated by the Lunny Family is a family owned operation that is an asset to the Point Reyes area. The Lunneys have been conducting business in the area for generations. They are a respected family known for their integrity. The loss of Drakes Bay Oyster Company would affect the Inverness/ Point Reyes community as well, as other regions. I urge you to let this hard working Family to stay in business.				

Correspondence ID:	30986	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Weinstein, Melanie				
Outside Organization:	Center for Biological Diversity Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:41:05				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.				

Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy.

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Correspondence ID:	30987	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	May, Christopher				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:44:04				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID: 30988 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Oaks, Miguel
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:47:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 30989 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: ALDERETE, CARL D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:50:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: What a waste of tax payers money. Oysters are the filter of the ocean and good for the environment. Keep the oyster farm !

Correspondence ID: 30990 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lynch, Michael
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 11:52:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 30991 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McGraw, Kevin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name:	Ciccarelli, Jessica				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 11:53:15				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.				

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Correspondence ID:	30993	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Brower, Daniel T				
Outside Organization:	Private Citizen Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Dear National Park Service,				

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

A tiny fraction of marine habitat is fully protected leaving the vast majority of area available for commercial activities. Areas inside fully protected areas such as this one are not suitable for such activities. This lease was grandfathered in when the National Seashore was created and the lease ends in 2012. The intention was to fully protect this area for wildlife and future generations to enjoy. Please honor that commitment by retiring this lease.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID:	30994	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Sahnnow, Charlotte				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Nov,16,2011 11:58:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: heald, sarah
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,16,2011 12:00:15
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Name: Hessler, John
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Name:	deguzman, darius				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 12:02:49				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Oyster Farm should continue to operate. They have been farming responsibly while providing jobs. Our group from several Bay Area cities regularly go there. The main draw is the fresh tasty oysters and pristine surroundings. There is no over-commercialization through the years Drakes operated. Their operation is one fine example how business and nature complement each other. Please allow them to continue their business forever!!				

Correspondence ID:	30998	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Myers, Gene				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 12:13:03				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Name:	teplow, marilyn				
Outside Organization:	NRDC Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,16,2011 12:20:51				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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