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May 14, 2015

Cicely Muldoon
Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
1 Bear Valley Rd.
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Re: **CD-0001-15** National Park Service, Point Reyes National Seashore, Consistency Determination for restoration of Drakes Estero through removal of marine debris and equipment associated with the former Drake's Bay Oyster Company aquaculture operation.

Dear Superintendent Muldoon:

On May 14, 2015, by a unanimous vote, the California Coastal Commission conditionally concurred with the above-referenced consistency determination. The Commission found the project would be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the California Coastal Management Program (CCMP), provided that the National Park Service (NPS) agrees that the project will be modified in accordance with the following condition.

Condition:

- 1. Eelgrass.** PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF OFFSHORE OPERATIONS, NPS shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission (Executive Director) an Eelgrass Monitoring and Mitigation Plan that, consistent with the protocols established in the California Eelgrass Management Policy and Implementing Guidelines (CEMP), provides for a quantitative accounting of project impacts to eelgrass, monitors recovery and colonization of eelgrass, and establishes contingency measures to be implemented if all project impacts to eelgrass have not been mitigated by a ratio of at least 1.2:1 (restoration area:impact area) within one year and maintained for at least one additional year. No offshore project operations shall commence until the Executive Director has approved the Eelgrass Monitoring and Mitigation Plan.

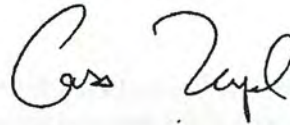
The Commission found this condition necessary to bring the project into compliance with the marine resources, wetlands, and water quality policies of the California Coastal Management Program. The grounds for the Commission's conditional concurrence are set forth in the Staff Report and Recommendation (and subsequent addendum) prepared for the May 14, 2015,

hearing, which you received earlier, and which can be found at the Commission's website at <http://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2015/5/th11a-5-2015.pdf>

The Commission notes that as provided in 15 CFR § 930.4(b), should NPS not agree with the Commission's condition of concurrence, then all parties shall treat this conditional concurrence as an objection.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (415) 904-5502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cass Teufel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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