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Re: Statewide Program; Proposed Environmental Report; California Ocean Plan; NOP; Comments by the California Fisheries and Water Unlimited

The following are my scoping comments representing the California Fisheries and Water Unlimited regarding the Notice of Preparatory for the proposed California Ocean Plan:

1. Disclose, evaluate, and mitigate the following adverse effects caused to Oceano Dunes Area resulting from the management of the Ocean Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area by California State Parks and also other areas not managed by the California State Parks along the California Coastal areas:

   a) Direct and cumulative effects to surface flows water quality in Arroyo Grande Creek in the Oceano Dunes Area resulting from over one (1) million vehicles crossing and some recreating in the stream annually;

   b) Direct and cumulative effects to groundwater water quality below the surface of the Oceano Dunes Area resulting from the discharging of waste water from camper units et al into the surface land areas in the Ocean Dunes Area;

   c) Direct and cumulative effects to air quality resulting from offroad vehicle activities in the Oceano Dunes Area discharging sand particles drafting into the air column to the adjacent areas causing side effects to human health;

   d) Direct and cumulative effects to adult threatened steelhead migrating through Aroyo Grande Creek in the Oceano Dunes Area to spawning and rearing habitat areas in the upper stream with vehicles crossing and some recreating in Arroyo Grande Creek;

   e) Direct and cumulative effects to juvenile threatened steelhead migrating through Aroyo Grande Creek in the Oceano Dunes to the Arroyo Grande Creek Lagoon with vehicles crossing and some recreating in Arroyo Grande Creek;

   f) Direct and cumulative effects to Endangered Tidewater Goby species in the Arroyo Grande Creek Lagoon resulting from vehicles crossing and some recreating in Arroyo Grande Creek;

   g) Direct and cumulative effects to endangered La Graciosa Thistle plant species in the Oceano Dunes Area resulting from road construction activities and other surface disturbance activities;

   h) The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to adult and juvenile threatened steelhead species and their habitat in all coastal lagoon areas along the California Coast resulting from the reduction of fresh water and other environmental effects to all lagoons from upstream sources;

   i) The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to adult and juvenile endangered Coho salmon species and their habitat in all coastal lagoon areas along the California Coast resulting from the reduction of fresh water.
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j) The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to adult and juvenile endangered Tidewater Goby species and their habitat in all coastal lagoon areas along the California Coast resulting from the reduction of fresh water and other environmental effects to all lagoons from upstream sources;

k) Consult with the US NOAA Fisheries regarding all of the above matters; i.e. endangered and threatened species;

l) Consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding all of the above matters; i.e. endangered and threatened species.

m) Prepare the California Ocean Plan without any political side effects to protect the people's water quality and trust assets pursuant to state and federal statutes.

Place my name and the name of the organization I represent on the e-mail list for a copy of the draft EIR and other submittals for my review and comment.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed by Robert J. Baiocchi electronically

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cc: Interested Parties (bcc)