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Dear Parks Director Calderon,

This must be a difficult time to be the Director of San Mateo County Parks with all the weather caused issues. This request is not weather related. The San Mateo County Parks Department has offered partial funding to the Coastside Fishing Club/Coastside Fishing Foundation Netpen Program in the amount of \$10,000 in the past. I'm asking that be continued and wondering if there is any paperwork needed other than this request. This request also falls into the San Mateo County Parks Department Goals, specifically Goral 3.

Goal 3 Advise the BOS regarding fish, game and wildlife policies and programs, and make recommendations to the BOS regarding the expenditure of fish and game propagation funds. (By law direction)

See also code section 13103(d)

The rearing of netpen raised Chinook salmon is valuable to both the commercial and recreational fishermen in San Mateo County. It's an event that brings positive news coverage to such a worthwhile event. Fish from the hatcheries are pretreated to guard against the thiamine deficiency, encountered by some of the wild fish. Each fish has a coded wire tag inserted so that individual fish may be tracked back to this program. Currently, Coastside Fishing Club is receiving 3 shipments of roughly 250,000 fish for a total of 750,000 Chinook salmon to release. This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year Coastside Fishing Club and Coastside Fishing Foundation **EIN is 47-1430762** has acclimated local salmon.

Our 2015 request: 2/15/15 To: San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission The Coastside Fishing Foundation is seeking funding from the San Mateo County Fish & Game Propagation fund to help support our on going Salmon Smolt Net Pen Acclimation Project. Four years ago Coastside began an effort to enhance our ocean Salmon fishery by joining efforts with California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, to acclimate hatchery raised Chinook Salmon smolt in Pillar Point Harbor. We have completed 3 seasons, and acclimated approximately one million Chinook smolt. The basic idea of acclimation is to save the 3" to 4" fish the hardships of low water, high temperature trips down the Feather and Sacramento River systems with all it's predators, by truck, and then feed and acclimate them in the outer harbor for a week. Salmon will return to the general areas (Pillar Point), after a couple years in the ocean to feed and ready themselves for their spawning journey back up the fresh water systems from which they came. The entire process is very labor intensive, and we count on our many talented volunteers to help vaccinate, assemble the net pen, transfer back and forth from Johnson Pier to the outer harbor (4 round trips per season), feed monitor, disassemble, clean and store pen for the year. Our first year fish did not cost us, as CDFW picked up the tab. Since then we have had expenses around ten cents per fish. \$31,462.00 for 2015 fin-clipped, wire coded tagged smolt. Other expenses include vaccine, net pen up keep, and feed. We have been paying for this from club membership dues, annual fund raising dinner, and member donations. As these sources begin to dwindle, we are looking at every and all avenues available to us. Our project seems to be

just what section 13103(d) of the Fish & game code speaks to.

Net Pen Supervisors: Lead, Bruce MacKimmie (bmackimmie@sbcglobal.net), Rick Sturiza, (golffish@aol.com), Doug Laughlin (douglaughlin3@gmail.com) Project Goal: Improve the abundance of fall-run Chinook for recreational and commercial use in California waters. General Acclimation Plan: Hatchery-raised fall run Chinook, provided by the CDFW from enhancement production, will be received at Pillar Point Harbor in San Mateo County and held for five to seven days in a floating net pen, moored in the outer harbor. Following acclimation, the smolt will be released into the Pacific Ocean. Timing and scope of the project will depend on deliveries from the Department. Coastside is currently receiving three deliveries, two weeks apart, of 160,000 smolt at a time. Current large-scale trucking and acclimation of salmon takes place in San Pablo Bay, with 12 to 16 million salmon smolt released annually. The project seeks to supplement rather than supplant current acclimation activity. The project will provide currently absent redundancy in the necessary trucking and acclimation processes. Species of Fish to be Acclimated: Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Central Valley fall run

Please let me know if this request is sufficient to implement this years funding or what else may be needed.

Thank you.

Regards,

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