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Executive Direction

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Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director  
California Fish and Game Commission  
PO Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Mr. Mastrup:

At the request of the Resighini Rancheria, this correspondence is in support of the Tribe's position that the Resighini Rancheria should be identified as eligible for "tribal take" as defined in the California Marine Life Protection Act, Marine Protected Areas.

Resighini Rancheria is a Federally Recognized Tribe comprised of Yurok people, and is aboriginal to the area within the North Coast Study Area. Further, the Resighini Rancheria has been listed on the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, list of Indian Entities Recognized to Receive Services From the Bureau of Indian Affairs, published annually in the Federal Register, since its inception. The original list, Federal Register, Vol. 44, No. 26 – Tuesday, February 6, 1979, Indian Tribal Entities that Have a Government-to-Government Relationship with the United States, lists the Resighini Rancheria as Resighini Rancheria, Coast Indian Community of Yurok Indians, California.

The Northern California Agency is unaware of any Federal Law that grants any state agency the authority to exclude the Resighini Rancheria under the current circumstances.

If there is a question, please contact me, at (530) 246-5141, Ext. 31, or you may write to the above address.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virgil Akins  
Superintendent