

**Natural Sciences, LLC**

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Mr. Sonke Mastrup  
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RE: Lease Application for California Kelp Beds 102, 103, 107, and 108

Dear Mr. Mastrup,

I regret to inform you that we have made the decision to formally withdraw our original Lease Application for California Kelp Beds 102, 103, 107 and 108 and will not be submitting a revised application and harvesting plan at this time. The primary reason for withdrawing our application is due to challenging market conditions. If these conditions improve, we may be in a position to pursue this project at a later date.

As a considerable amount of time was spent working between all parties involved, we would like to thank the Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the United States Navy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for all of their help during this process.

Sincerely,



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