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San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission
455 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: May 29, 2015 Circulation Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere Update for the San Mateo County Harbor District.

The Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association is a collective of commercial fishermen operating out of Pillar Point Harbor. Our fully inclusive organization represents commercial fishing producers of all gear types, all local target species and all sizes of fishing businesses working out of Pillar Point Harbor.

In the past, our membership has expressed concerns regarding the management at the San Mateo County Harbor District. Our concerns are well documented and have centered on the extreme lack of process, communication, stakeholder involvement and transparency that we experienced. Many of these issues were echoed in the 2013-2014 San Mateo Civil Grand Jury Report, and in the current LAFCo Municipal Service Review.

While we recognize that dissolution of the SMCHD is a current recommendation, we are hopeful that this will not happen and that the SMCHD and its staff can remain in place.

HMBSMA remains optimistic that the 2015 Harbor Commissioners will continue to address our concerns as well as those of the Grand Jury and learn from the recommendations in the LAFCo report. Following the much-needed changes in staff and commissioners in late 2014, we had hoped for a quicker turn around in 2015, but understand that a transition of this magnitude will take some time, and have been supportive of the current commission and staff during this time of transition.

We believe that the commission is still struggling in the absence of a permanent General Manager, and remain hopeful this will be resolved soon and that a strong General Manager will allow many of the changes set in motion to become a new way of doing business.

We are very encouraged by our dealings with both the commission and with staff in recent months. We are partnering with the SMCHD to host a local event to celebrate the local "Fish and Fleet" on September 27. This is something we would have never attempted to host in the past. We are excited for this event and for the possibility of future partnerships with the SMCHD as they move forward in this new direction.

We would like this letter to represent our support of the SMCHD remaining intact and being given the opportunity to move forward.

Sincerely,

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