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**Attn:**

**West Coast Ocean Alliance**

John Hansen, Executive Director

Margaret Corvi, Tribal Coordinator

[Date]

**RE: West Coast Ocean Alliance Engagement Commitment and Endorsement**

Dear WCOA Leadership and Staff,

Our Tribe has a direct relationship with the ocean. The ocean is a source of life and subsistence for our Tribe. Because of the significance of the ocean and marine resources to our cultural identity, we have dedicated leadership and staff time to the protection of our rights and resources related to the ocean and marine resources. **We are committed to ongoing participation on the West Coast Ocean Alliance Tribal Caucus and the greater West Coast Ocean Alliance as members and contributors.**

Our Tribe supports the Alliance objectives of compatible and sustainable ocean uses, effective and transparent decision-making, and comprehensive ocean and coastal data. Critically, the Tribe is supportive of WCOA’s work to increase understanding of and respect for Tribal rights, traditional knowledge, resources, and practices. We value the objectives of the Alliance and wish to support these strategies moving forward. **This letter confirms that we are committed to ongoing participation in the Alliance and Tribal Caucus as time and funding allows.**

We understand that all matters of substance will require a separate endorsement, as participation in Alliance and Caucus meetings does not represent the positions or policies of the Tribe.

We are confirming the following points of contact for the Tribe.

[INSERT POINTS OF CONTACT]

We request that WCOA provides annual updates via letter to Tribal leadership.

Respectfully,

[TRIBAL LEADER]