



county of santa barbara

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

December 6, 2017

The Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission, after due investigation, has voted to support the Goleta Kelp Bed restoration efforts of the "Fish Reef Projects".

The proposed project is the most significant environmental restoration effort made in the California marine environment in our lifetime. The benefits of re-establishing a large and durable kelp bed in its historical footprint with permanent hard bottom structure cannot be overstated! These benefits extend beyond the kelp forest environment to physically moderating storm-caused beach erosion so prevalent at Goleta Beach since the loss of its protective kelp bed during the 1983 El Niño.

The opportunity to construct this highly beneficial reef project with little to no monetary or environmental cost to the public is an opportunity that should be fully supported and expedited. We urge all other agencies and stakeholder to the same.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip C. Beguhl".

Phil Beguhl,

Chairman
Santa Barbara County Fish & Wildlife Commission