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RE: SUPPORT letter for Commercial Fishing Association of Bodega Bay

Dear Agricultural Marketing Service Selection Committee:

I am pleased to support the Commercial Fishermen's Association of Bodega Bay (CFABB) application for a 2015 Local Food Promotion Program grant.

CFABB is seeking this funding from the USDA in order to promote their excellent quality and sustainable seafood to better serve and feed the Bodega Bay community and beyond.

For the dozens of small coastal communities like Bodega Bay, where sustainable, small-boat fishing is a cornerstone of the economy, projects like this provide an excellent opportunity for fishermen and the economies they support to create new jobs and partner with other local and regional food businesses.

If funded, this grant will enable CFABB to pursue community priorities, including:

1. Establishing a new local and regional food business enterprise focused on the highest quality and sustainable seafood.
2. Benefitting the community through intermediary supply chain activities that aggregate, distribute process and distribute local and/or regional products.
3. Partnering with existing, successful food distribution networks and accessing interested consumers.

I value the USDA's efforts to support America's agricultural and fisheries producers and appreciate the opportunity to request your full and fair consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,


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