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Subject: Richardson Bay Eelgrass Protection and Management Plan

Dear Chairman Wasserman and BCDC Commissioners,

Marin Conservation League (MCL) has reviewed the Richardson Bay Eelgrass Protection and Management Plan, an important document to implementing the Richardson Bay Special Area Plan (RBSAP), which MCL supports. Page 8 of the RBSAP states in Policy #1 *Eelgrass beds, important to herring spawning and to the protection of detritus, should also receive maximum protection.*"

The Richardson Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) recommended a boundary (Alternative A) of protection for only 90% of the existing eelgrass in order to make the boundary easier for boaters to understand. The Alternative B boundary protects 100% of the eelgrass. Therefore, the approved boundary did not allow the eelgrass to *receive maximum protection*. MCL believes the Eelgrass Protection and Management Plan must protect 100% of the existing eelgrass (Alternative B) in Richardson Bay in order to follow the RBSAP and allow for future possible restoration of damaged areas and for new migration of eelgrass populations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Miller".

Robert Miller, MCL President  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri Thomas".

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