

California's North Coast Fishing Communities Historical Perspective and Recent Trends

APPENDIX D: PROJECT TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Caroline Pomeroy holds a MA in Marine Policy from the University of Miami and a PhD in the Human Dimensions of Fisheries from Texas A&M University. As a Research Scientist with the University of California Santa Cruz Institute of Marine Sciences (1995–2005) and a Marine Advisor with the California Sea Grant Extension Program (SGEP; 2005–present), she conducts social science research, education and outreach, to document and improve understanding of the human systems associated with California's fisheries and fishing communities, and facilitate its application. Her work has included research on the socioeconomic organization of California's squid and wetfish fisheries, the Moss Landing and Santa Cruz Harbor commercial fishing communities, the socioeconomic impacts of marine reserves on fisheries, and the effects of regulatory change on ports and port infrastructure. In addition, she serves on local, state and regional advisory committees including the Voices of the Bay Advisory Board and the California Dungeness Crab Task Force.

Melissa Stevens, a Project Specialist with the California Sea Grant Extension Program and a Research Associate with NMFS, holds a MS in marine science from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories. Her diverse background includes marine and freshwater biological research, as well as project development, facilitation, and implementation. Over the last several years, her interests in marine science evolved from the marine ecosystem to the human dimension of fisheries. Through her work in various jobs, she began to develop working relationships with members of the local fishing community. From 2005 through 2006, she was Program Manager for the Voices of the Bay, a collaborative fisheries education project that brought fishermen, scientists and teachers together to educate Monterey Bay area grade school students about local fisheries and fishing communities. More recently, she has conducted research on the human dimensions of California fisheries through the use of oral histories and as a project specialist with the Fishing Communities Project.

Cynthia Thomson has an MA in Economics from the University of California, San Diego. She has worked for NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center for almost 30 years, the last 14 years as Economics Team Leader in Santa Cruz. The major focus of her work is market and nonmarket survey methods and research relevant to fishery management, ecosystem management, and salmon habitat restoration and recovery planning. She is a longtime member (and former chair) of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and co-chair of an inter-agency Economics Subteam that is evaluating potential economic effects of Klamath Dam removal. She is also an active member of the Pacific Recreational Fisheries Information Network (RecFIN) Technical Committee and the Marine Recreational Information Program Operations Team, and has served on various other scientific advisory committees (e.g., coastal pelagic species, market squid, white seabass).