From: jonna.mazet@gmail.com on behalf of Jonna Mazet
To: R9RoseCanyon
Subject: Re: Extended Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project
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Attachments: Rose Canyon Mazet 2016.pdf

Please find my letter in response to your request for comment attached.
Respectfully submitted,
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On Tue, Dec 15, 2015 at 2:01 PM, R9RoseCanyon <R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov> wrote:

> To All Interested Parties,
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> We are aware of the email issue for those trying to submit comments using the email address in the Notice below and are working to resolve the issue. In the meantime, we encourage submittal of comments using the mailing address in the Notice and are extending the comment period until **January 15, 2016**. Our website will be updated shortly to reflect this extension.
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> Thank you for your patience.
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> **Notice of Scoping for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project**
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> Public Notice Date: November 20, 2015
> Comment Period Closes: **January 15, 2016**
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> Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4307h), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR Part 1500-1508), and EPA's regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Part 6), EPA will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts related to the issuance of

a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Rose Canyon Sustainable Aquaculture Project. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed concentrated aquatic animal production facility. Factors that may be considered include conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, cultural resources, fish and wildlife, navigation, recreation, water quality, safety, and coastal impacts. The Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard, and the National Marine Fisheries Service have agreed to be cooperating agencies as described in 40 C.F.R. Section 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA regulations.

Rose Canyon Fisheries, Inc. (RCF), a partnership between Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and Cuna del Mar, has proposed construction of a concentrated aquatic animal production facility in federal waters, approximately 4.5 miles off the coast of San Diego, CA. The proposed project will be a commercial-scale fish farm and will be phased, initially producing 1,000 to 1,500 metric tons of fish per year, and increasing to 5,000 metric tons of fish per year by year eight. The initial fish species for production will be yellowtail jack with the option of changing fish species later to white seabass or striped bass. At the maximum capacity, the project will consist of 2 mooring structures, each with 24, 11,000 m^3 submersible sea cages.

This notice initiates the scoping process by inviting comments from Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and the public to help identify potential environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives for the EA to examine. The scoping process will inform the preparation of the EA, which will be made available for public comment.

Comments may be submitted during the comment period as follows:

Electronically: Email comments to

R9RoseCanyon@epa.gov

Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
ATTN: (WTR-2-3)
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

NPDES application and supplemental materials available at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter.