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**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
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October 8, 2010

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Congressman
United States Congress
231 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Request for Extension of Time and Congressional Hearings on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) Regarding the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC)

Dear Congressman Thompson: *Mike*

Thank you for your previous efforts to secure an extension of time on the Draft EIS/OEIS and your successful facilitation of an appearance by Naval representatives to present information and receive public comment at a meeting here in Mendocino County.

We regret that the Final EIS/OEIS is generally non-responsive to numerous requests to adopt meaningful mitigations to protect fish, fisheries, marine mammals and other public trust values. Accordingly, this Board has sent the attached letter to the Navy requesting that the Final EIS/OEIS be withdrawn, revised and then re-circulated for public comment.

Given that it has been 18 months since the close of comment on the Draft EIS/OEIS, this issue has largely faded from the public eye. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to encourage the Navy to extend the public comment period in order to encourage wider public awareness and participation.

Given the non-responsiveness of the Final EIS/OEIS to numerous science based mitigations, we believe it is appropriate that our elected representatives formally review this issue. Therefore, we respectfully request that you seek to initiate Congressional hearings on this matter. Further, for the convenience of those persons and communities most directly impacted, we request that these hearings be held on the west coast.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,

Carre Brown, Chair
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Senator
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Boxer:

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Senator
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510Etc.

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