

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
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For Individuals: N/A

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Bruce A. Steele

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

California Sea Urchin Commission

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Name/Organization_____ California Sea Urchin Commission

Title/Date of Hearing_____ H.R. 4043, Military Readiness and Southern Sea Otter Conservation Act,
April 19, 2012_____

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I have dived for sea urchins in California for 40 years, participated in Congressional meetings in the 1980s leading to passage of PL 99-625, participated on the Interagency Project Review Team for sea otter translocation

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I am a member of the California Sea Urchin Commission, former alternate on the CSUC Board of Directors

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

As noted above, I have been a sea urchin diver in California for 40 years and am still an active participant in the sea urchin fishery.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

PL 99-625 was a carefully crafted, bipartisan law intended to protect a balance: conserve the sea otter population and also protect valuable shellfisheries that will disappear with unrestricted sea otter expansion.

This effort to craft a 'zonal management' program, a proposal originally suggested by the Marine Mammal Commission, is a visionary forerunner of today's marine spatial planning policy espoused by this administration.

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"The significance of this translocation for future resource management decisions in California needs to be emphasized. As recommended by the Marine Mammal Commission in 1980 ... the ultimate management objective for the California sea otter is to establish a "zonal management" scheme... In the interest of protecting the California sea otter and... balancing the utilization of the resources of the California coast, I urge adoption of this legislation."
Senator Alan Cranston □ *Congressional Record, Senate*

In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

I served as alternate from Santa Barbara on the CSUC Board of Directors

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

None

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

None

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

None

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

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