

March 14, 2023

Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services 120 West Fir Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437

To Whom It May Concern,

Trout Unlimited (TU), in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is planning to complete a habitat restoration project in Dry Dock Gulch, tributary to Big River. The project will provide access to and restore 0.3 acres of tidally influenced alcove habitat in Dry Dock Gulch. Following State and Federal fish passage design criteria, this project will replace an undersized, perched stream crossing that is a complete barrier to juvenile and adult salmonids and lamprey. Replacement of this culvert will restore access to and enhance important off channel (alcove) habitat as well as 0.76 miles of "good quality" upstream spawning and rearing habitat. This project is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service) Restoration Center and California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Restoration Grants Program.

The project area crosses state and local jurisdictional boundaries, therefore, TU is requesting that the project be consolidated for permitting pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 30601.3 under a federal (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Determination (15 CFR 930.39).

The following items are attached for your review:

- LCP Application Form and Project Description
- Boundary Determination from the California Coastal Commission
- Dry Dock Project Planset
- Payment receipt

Please let me know if you need any additional information to process this request.

Thank you,

Elise Ferrarese