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Dear Capitola City Council:

We have been part time residents of Capitola since 2005. We are very interested in seeing the Capitola Wharf maintained and supported by the City. The Wharf and Bait shop serve as vital components of the community, offering both recreational and economic benefits.

The Wharf provides residents and visitors with direct access to various fishing activities. Anglers can catch a variety of species from the Wharf or while fishing from boats rented from the Bait Shop. Capritola Boat & Bait, enhances this experience by offering bait, tackle, and equipment rentals, making fishing accessible to both novices and seasoned anglers. Over the years, we have taken advantage of the Wharf to teach many young family members the art and fun of fishing. The employees of the Bait Shop have always treated them with kindness and provided their expertise.

The Wharf and Bait Shop attract tourists, contributing to the local economy. Living near the Wharf, we see a constant flow of people walking out to the Wharf especially on weekends and throughout the summer.

Visitors often engage in fishing, boat rentals, and patronize nearby businesses, including restaurants and shops. This influx supports local employment and generates revenue for Capitola.

Beyond fishing, the pier serves as a communal space for events, gatherings, and leisure activities, fostering a sense of community and enhancing the quality of life for all.

Maintaining the Wharf and Bait Shop is essential for preserving Capitola's cultural heritage and ensuring the continuation of these recreational and economic benefits.

Sincerely,

Mike and Teresa Locke

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