

Higgins is creative

Editor:

For decades, I have watched Pat Higgins work to stop the decline of fish, forests, and watersheds on the North Coast.

He has been tireless in his contributions to the scientific data base, has volunteered for countless meetings, conferences, and committees, and has testified before a full array of governing bodies.

Too often, his warning calls for bold new approaches were not welcomed by the establishment, and his predictions of damage to our natural resources have unfortunately come to pass. But through it all, he has remained unwavering in his goals, and upbeat in seeking positive directions for his tremendous energy and hard work.

Fortunately, with his election to the Harbor Commission, we are benefiting from his ingenuity and grasp of both natural systems and fiscal practicalities and can now hope to revitalize Humboldt Bay with a broad spectrum of low-impact industries.

I'd like to have Pat's vision, knowledge, and experience on the Board of Supervisors. As a fellow McKinleyville resident, I'd especially welcome his strong voice in support of the McKinleyville Community Plan, his new ideas for helping us become more economically self-sufficient, and his passion for our spectacular natural landscape.

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