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**From:** [Anne Eastman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:02:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Anne Eastman

**From:** [Jan Modjeski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:01:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Jan Modjeski

**From:** [Thomas Ervin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:57:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Thomas Ervin

**From:** [Clifford Weixel](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:57:07 AM

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I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Clifford Weixel

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**From:** [Daniel Dietrich](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:51:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am astonished at the continued, ongoing destruction of our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore. For decades a blind eye has been turned on the pollution, lease violations, habitat loss, biodiversity loss, invasive plants, septic tank violations, illegal bulldozing, the list goes on and on. The NPS is clearly not managing this public land for the benefit of the public. It is continually influenced by ranching operators and politicians who prioritize personal interests above the public good.

It is time for all government and state agencies to do the right thing and retire private ranching from our National Parks.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Dietrich

**From:** [Mary Cooke](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:49:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Mary Cooke



**From:** [SARAH SWINERTON](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:47:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
SARAH SWINERTON

**From:** [ELAINA OZEROFF](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:45:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
ELAINA OZEROFF

**From:** [Theresa Bucher](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:42:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure. Cattle have no business in a National Park. This is a practice we must stop to protect our public National Parks.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues. The park Service should try to live up to its name and serve the Parks not private business.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Bucher

**From:** [Tracey katsouros](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:37:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Tracey katsouros

**From:** [Janice Cumming](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:35:19 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Janice Cumming

**From:** [Claudia Johansen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:34:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Johansen

**From:** [Dorothea Stephan](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:34:06 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Dorothea Stephan

**From:** [Patrick Randow](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:30:14 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Randow



**From:** [John Staunton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:21:06 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
John Staunton

**From:** [Herb Evert](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:19:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Herb Evert

**From:** [Michelle Schramm](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:16:08 AM

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Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Schramm

**From:** [CAROL DEVARIEUX](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:12:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
CAROL DEVARIEUX

**From:** [B.G](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:11:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
B G

**From:** [Deborah Richerson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:07:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

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Sincerely,  
Deborah Richerson

**From:** [Jeff Gutierrez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:05:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Gutierrez

**From:** [Susan Brisby](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:04:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Susan Brisby



**From:** [Michsel Lerner](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:59:08 AM

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Sincerely,  
Michsel Lerner

**From:** [Monica Riedler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:58:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Monica Riedler

**From:** [Chris Ray](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:57:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Chris Ray

**From:** [Elisabeth Carroll](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:49:15 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Carroll

**From:** [Elisabeth Carroll](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Carroll

**From:** ["Linda Tabor-Beck"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:49:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Linda Tabor-Beck

**From:** [Kate Crowley](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:46:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Kate Crowley

**From:** [Chris Bowman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Chris Bowman



**From:** [Chris Bowman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Chris Bowman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Margaret Cobb

**From:** [Sheree Goecke](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:40:13 AM

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**From:** [Jeanine Strobel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jeanine Strobel

**From:** [Jeanine Strobel](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Jose Marques](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Sharon Longyear](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sharon Longyear

**From:** [Cindy Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:36:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a frequent visitor to Point Reyes for many years--it is one of the main reasons I visit California. I am therefore deeply concerned about recent reports that the streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have very high levels of disease-causing fecal bacteria: these water features attract visitors to enjoy the park but now threaten our health and safety.

I don't understand how this ongoing problem continues to be ignored or why a few ranchers who were supposed to leave long ago have not yet done so, and now contribute to pollution of a resource that should be enjoyed by all. No one comes to Point Reyes to see cattle.

Please immediately address the water quality issues that are being created by subsidized private industry in our National Seashore. The National Park System should be protecting wilderness and providing equitable access to the natural world, not supporting private profits that degrade the Pacific Coastline.

Thank you,  
Cindy L Hoffman

Sincerely,  
Cindy Hoffman

**From:** [Kenneth Bouley](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Kenneth Bouley

**From:** [ann malyon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:32:09 AM

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I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
ann malyon

**From:** [Linda Jennings](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:30:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Linda Jennings



**From:** [Karen Stamm](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: CCC Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:29:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Karen Stamm

**From:** [clara zahadek](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:17:09 PM

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This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
clara zahadek

**From:** [Steve S](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:16:09 AM

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When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Steve S

**From:** [Kaarina Moilanen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:32:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Kaarina Moilanen

**From:** [Rocky Reuter](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:29:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Reuter

**From:** [Rocky Reuter](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:27:11 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Reuter

**From:** [Claire Ackland](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:50:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Claire Ackland

**From:** [Camilo Echavarria](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:46:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

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Sincerely,  
Camilo Echavarria



**From:** [AJ Ireland](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:13:10 AM

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Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
AJ Ireland

**From:** [Tammy Morgan](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:33:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors. It also makes no sense to allow our coast to be destroyed for the benefit of a few people who want to ranch there.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Morgan

**From:** [Adriana Nunez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:57:07 AM

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The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Adriana Nunez

**From:** [carol broll](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:48:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
carol broll

**From:** [Mark Mansfield](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 6:06:10 AM

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During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

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**From:** [Christi Dillon](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:46:11 AM

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Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Christi Dillon

**From:** [Kate Kenner](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:30:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Kate Kenner

**From:** [leslie lund](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:52:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

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Sincerely,  
leslie lund



**From:** [Sara Graziosa](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:33:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Sara Graziosa

**From:** [Charity Schultz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:07:08 AM

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**From:** ["Caroline Sévilla"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:25:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Sévilla

**From:** ["Haydée Pisa"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:34:08 AM

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I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Haydée Pisa

**From:** [Judy Rees](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:38:09 AM

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Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service’s response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Judy Rees

**From:** [Anna Brewer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:21:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Anna Brewer

**From:** [Jodi Weiskott](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:43:08 AM

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**From:** [Rucha Harde](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:09:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Rucha Harde

**From:** [Stephanie Hausle](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:39:09 PM

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Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

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We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Hausle

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Bettina Taiana](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:41:10 PM

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We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Bettina Taiana

**From:** [Lauren Murdock](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:29:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
Lauren Murdock

**From:** [Rabbi Dr Adele Plotkin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:15:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Dr Adele Plotkin

**From:** [Mickey Ramirez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:37:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

We are running out of time to limit climate change and the loss of species resulting from sea level rise and hotter, drier conditions.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Mickey Ramirez



**From:** [Michelle Hur](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:35:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Hur

**From:** [Lisa Trendall](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:30:08 PM

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Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Trendall

**From:** [priscilla.martinez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:29:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

We need to take better care of what is left of our environment, for animals, people, and plant life.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
priscilla martinez

**From:** [Richard Wightman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:18:06 PM

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I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Richard Wightman

**From:** [g.m](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:57:10 PM

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Marin County is experiencing "extreme drought" conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

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**From:** [Ann Bailleul](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Ann Bailleul

**From:** [Deborah Brown](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:45:10 PM

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I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Brown



**From:** [Ellen Parker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Dennis Hoppin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:07:09 PM

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**From:** [Kay Labo](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:51:07 PM

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If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Kay Labo

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Carol Patton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:23:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Carol Patton

**From:** [Shadoe Drury](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:55:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

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Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Shadoe Drury



**From:** [Jim Watkins](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:48:15 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

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**From:** [Lisa Ferguson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:47:06 PM

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Sincerely,  
Lisa Ferguson

**From:** [Rachel Wolf](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:01:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

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Sincerely,  
Rachel Wolf

**From:** [Maryanne Gordon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:58:08 PM

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The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Maryanne Gordon

**From:** [CARYL SPECK](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:58:08 PM

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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

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CARYL SPECK

**From:** [CARYL SPECK](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Jeff Nadler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:27:11 PM

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NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Nadler



**From:** [Carla Din](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:27:06 PM

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Sincerely,  
Carla Din

**From:** [Janelle George](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:16:12 PM

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Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission **MUST** step up and push the National Park Service **NOW** to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public’s National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

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**From:** [Michelle Krueger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:16:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Krueger

**From:** [John Barger](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:02:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

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Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
John Barger

**From:** [Victor Carmichael](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:59:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

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Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Victor Carmichael

**From:** [Michael Frost](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:45:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Michael Frost

**From:** [andrea.glass](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:39:07 PM

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What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
andrea glass



**From:** [Dawn Florio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:21:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

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Sincerely,  
Dawn Florio

**From:** [Dale Sorensen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:15:11 PM

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This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Dale Sorensen

**From:** [Sagar Patel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:15:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Sagar Patel

**From:** [Alexandra Mummery](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:11:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a year. Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Mummery

**From:** [Jeff Howe](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:04:08 PM

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**From:** [Jane Broendel](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:01:06 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Jane Broendel

**From:** [Patricia Patteson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:54:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Patteson

**From:** [Frederica Rohlen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:52:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
Frederica Rohlen



**From:** [Frederica Rohlen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** ["Dr. Steven J. Prince"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:34:09 PM

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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Steven J. Prince

**From:** [Eleanor Navarro](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:30:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Navarro

**From:** [Sylvi Christiansen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:23:09 PM

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We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Sylvi Christiansen

**From:** [Robert Umbreit](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:22:15 PM

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As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

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Sincerely,  
Robert Umbreit

**From:** [Susan Aime](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Susan Aime

**From:** [Richard Barker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Richard Barker

**From:** [Carol Goerke](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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**From:** [Burkhard Broecker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Burkhard Broecker

**From:** [Michael White](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:11:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Michael White

**From:** [Rhonda Oxley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:06:10 PM

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**From:** [Cansu Koroglu](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:05:12 PM

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Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

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**From:** [Cheryl Henley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Cheryl Henley

**From:** [Erin Gulick](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:52:09 PM

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I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

"No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change," said Governor Newsom.

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Sincerely,  
Erin Gulick

**From:** [Sharon Monkhouse](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:52:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Sharon Monkhouse



**From:** [Nadine James](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:50:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Nadine James

**From:** [Brandie Deal](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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**From:** [Alan Michels](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:47:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

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Sincerely,  
Alan Michels

**From:** [Alan Michels](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [margo wyse](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
margo wyse

**From:** [Joelle Hildebrand](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:44:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Joelle Hildebrand

**From:** [Laraine Bowen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Laraine Bowen

**From:** [David Boyer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:41:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
David Boyer



**From:** [Jerry Banks](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:40:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Banks

**From:** [Stefanie Flax](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:32:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Stefanie Flax

**From:** [Caryn Graves](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:22:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Caryn Graves

**From:** [Margaret Halbeisen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:15:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Halbeisen

**From:** [sara sang](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:12:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

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**From:** [Donald Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Donald Taylor

**From:** [Claire Perricelli](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:02:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Claire Perricelli

**From:** ["Kelly Murphy-Kennerson"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Murphy-Kennerson



**From:** [Carol E Gentry](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:59:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Carol E Gentry

**From:** [Dawn Williamson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:56:10 PM

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Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Williamson

**From:** [Diana Bryant](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:50:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Diana Bryant

**From:** [Maggie Kauffman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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**From:** [Andrew Arneson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:41:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Arneson

**From:** [Doug Lenier](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:41:12 PM

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**From:** [Andrew Arneson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:41:11 PM

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**From:** [Brian Zidian Beans](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:32:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Brian Zidian Beans

**From:** [Nichole Abramovitz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:28:12 PM

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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Nichole Abramovitz

**From:** [Karin Ahlf](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:28:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Karin Ahlf

**From:** [J Lasahn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:27:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
J Lasahn

**From:** [Peggy Cavanaugh](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:19:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Cavanaugh

**From:** [Mary Dosch](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:17:19 PM

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I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Mary Dosch

**From:** [Eva Johansson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Eva Johansson

**From:** [Patricia Blevins](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:08:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Blevins



**From:** [Nora Coyle](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:55:14 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

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Sincerely,  
Nora Coyle

**From:** [Anita Tsutsunen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:54:06 AM

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I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Anita Tsutsunen

**From:** [Jill Mulato](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Jill Mulato

**From:** [Darlene Wolf](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Darlene Wolf

**From:** [Daniel Dietrich](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:51:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am astonished at the continued, ongoing destruction of our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore. For decades a blind eye has been turned on the pollution, lease violations, habitat loss, biodiversity loss, invasive plants, septic tank violations, illegal bulldozing, the list goes on and on. The NPS is clearly not managing this public land for the benefit of the public. It is continually influenced by ranching operators and politicians who prioritize personal interests above the public good.

It is time for all government and state agencies to do the right thing and retire private ranching from our National Parks.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Dietrich

**From:** [Shiela Cockshott](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Shiela Cockshott

**From:** [Marti Foley](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:50:08 AM

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I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Marti Foley

**From:** [Laraine Lebron](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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**From:** [SARAH SWINERTON](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
SARAH SWINERTON

**From:** [marina.sagardua](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:43:14 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
marina sagardua

**From:** [minna niemi](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:35:17 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

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We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
minna niemi

**From:** [Dorothea Stephan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:34:07 AM

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This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Dorothea Stephan

**From:** [Marie Mildner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:33:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

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This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Marie Mildner

**From:** [Warren TenHouten](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:31:17 AM

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Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Warren TenHouten

**From:** [maria.gritsch](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Sincerely,  
maria gritsch

**From:** [Christina Williams](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Natalie Peck](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Peck

**From:** [Patricia Frisk](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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John Staunton

**From:** [Michael White](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Michael White

**From:** [B.G](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:11:07 AM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Judy Fairless](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Judy Fairless

**From:** [Carol Hoke](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Carol Hoke



**From:** [Maureen Reardon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:06:06 AM

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As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

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Sincerely,  
Maureen Reardon

**From:** [Maribel Jerez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

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Sincerely,  
Maribel Jerez

**From:** [John Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:00:12 AM

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I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
John Hoffman

**From:** [Maggie Frazier](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

This issue is and has been ONGOING for years! There is only one answer & fix to this - remove the livestock & take down the fences. How it will be possible to clean up and restore this area - I dont know. I hope it can be.

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Maggie Frazier

**From:** [M Goodale Ms](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

Ranchers say they run their operations "sustainably" while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that's produced in abundance elsewhere.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
M Goodale Ms

**From:** [Michsel Lerner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Chris Ray](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Chris Ray

**From:** [Les Waters](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Les Waters](#)  
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**From:** [Tim Porter](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:54:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Tim Porter

**From:** [Andrea Rohr](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:49:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Rohr

**From:** [Rebecca Bufford](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Sincerely,  
Rebecca Bufford

**From:** [Chris Bowman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:46:09 AM

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Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

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Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Chris Bowman

**From:** [Brenda Gamache](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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**From:** [Mark Vargo](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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**From:** ["Deanne O'Donnell"](#)  
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**From:** [Colleen Samuel](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Sincerely,  
Colleen Samuel

**From:** [Joan Wager](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Joan Wager

**From:** [Hazel Greenstiles](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Hazel Greenstiles

**From:** [Cindy Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I have been a frequent visitor to Point Reyes for many years--it is one of the main reasons I visit California. I am therefore deeply concerned about recent reports that the streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have very high levels of disease-causing fecal bacteria: these water features attract visitors to enjoy the park but now threaten our health and safety.

I don't understand how this ongoing problem continues to be ignored or why a few ranchers who were supposed to leave long ago have not yet done so, and now contribute to pollution of a resource that should be enjoyed by all. No one comes to Point Reyes to see cattle.

Please immediately address the water quality issues that are being created by subsidized private industry in our National Seashore. The National Park System should be protecting wilderness and providing equitable access to the natural world, not supporting private profits that degrade the Pacific Coastline.

Thank you,  
Cindy L Hoffman

Sincerely,  
Cindy Hoffman

**From:** [elizabeth mostov](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agend Item 10b  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:28:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
elizabeth mostov

**From:** [Richard Barker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 4:47:10 PM

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When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

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**From:** [Sandi Aden](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Dianne Douglas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** ["Liz Erpelding-Garratt"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Liz Erpelding-Garratt

**From:** [Therese DeBing](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

This, like numerous other issues (climate change, gun safety, immigration reform, prison reform, education reform, short-term lending regulation, healthcare reform, banking regulation, opioid regulation) remains a vexing problem primarily due to corporations' ability to curry favor with elected officials. The corrupting influence of money in our political system is undermining our democratic traditions and discouraging Americans from voting and/or running for office. This ominous development may well end our experiment in representative democracy unless we alter this decades-long trend. For the sake of the republic, we must amend the US Constitution to state that corporations are not people (and do not have constitutional rights) and money is not speech (and thus can be regulated by state and/or federal campaign finance laws). Short of accomplishing this, no other reform of significance will be achieved. The moneyed interests will turn any reform to their benefit, often at the expense of the nation as a whole.

Sincerely,  
James Klein

**From:** [Nicole Berkheimer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Nicole Berkheimer

**From:** [Moss Henry](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The California Coastal Commission must address the issue of water quality and biodiversity at Point Reyes National Seashore. I believe ranches have recently been permitted to remain on the Point. I don't think that was the right direction to go in. The ranches were supposed to be time-limited. But, since the decision has been made, I believe it's essential that water quality and biodiversity be high priorities. With that in mind, I would like to see clear and measurable benchmarks, with timelines, established for water quality. If the benchmarks are not met, the Commission, in conjunction with the Federal and State authorities should take appropriate action to facilitate compliance. If no satisfactory resolution is achieved, I would support eliminating private ranches from Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Moss Henry

**From:** [Carol Masuda](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Carol Masuda



**From:** [Harriet McCleary](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Harriet McCleary

**From:** [Scott Species](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Scott Species

**From:** [Lance Kammerud](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Lance Kammerud

**From:** [Kimberly Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Kimberly Schmidt

**From:** [Joy Keithline](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Joy Keithline

**From:** [Diane Verna](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

As a student in college, I worked as an intern at Point Reyes. I worked at the lighthouse, the visitor center, and in the field on noxious weeds. I have fond memories of my experience working there.

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Sincerely,  
Diane Verna

**From:** [Margaret Silver](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Margaret Silver

**From:** [Ron Silver](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Ron Silver



**From:** [Anne Henry](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Anne Henry

**From:** [Mike Cass](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Mike Cass

**From:** [Pablo Bobe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Pablo Bobe

**From:** [Eugene Gorrin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,  
Eugene Gorrin

**From:** [Marilyn Logan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Marilyn Logan

**From:** [Lynette McLamb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Lynette McLamb

**From:** [El Pe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
El Pe

**From:** [Ruben Terveen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Ruben Terveen



**From:** [Karen Jacques](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in Sacramento and visit Point Reyes National Seashore whenever I can. I have been concerned about the National Park Service's irresponsible management of Point Reyes for several years and was appalled by its plan to kill native tule elk in order to provide more space for cattle ranching.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Karen Jacques

**From:** [Deborah Richards](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Kelly Riley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Riley

**From:** [Cathy Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Thomas

**From:** [Julie Ford](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Julie Ford

**From:** [Anthony Donnici](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Anthony Donnici

**From:** [Uta Cortimilia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Uta Cortimilia

**From:** [Louis Vega](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Louis Vega



**From:** [Michelle Dudeck](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Michelle Dudeck

**From:** [Rolf Friis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Rolf Friis

**From:** [Thomas Dorsey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

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Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Thomas Dorsey

**From:** [Anthony Jammal](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Jammal

**From:** [Robin Pappas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Robin Pappas

**From:** [Janeene Porcher](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Janeene Porcher

**From:** [Kaayla Roth](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Kaayla Roth

**From:** [Susan Brandes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have visited northern California a number of times and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend on the park's natural resources for their survival.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Susan Brandes



**From:** [Michelle Macy](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Macy

**From:** [renee vesely](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
renee vesely

**From:** [Laura Wagner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Laura Wagner

**From:** [Tanja Rieger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Tanja Rieger

**From:** [Patricia Poock](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Poock

**From:** [Beth Herman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

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The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Beth Herman

**From:** [Ed Oberweiser](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Ed Oberweiser

**From:** [Deidre and Ronald Brown](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Deidre and Ronald Brown



**From:** ["Heather Walker-Dale"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Heather Walker-Dale

**From:** [Mary Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Mary Jeffrey

**From:** [Shannan Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Shannan Johnson

**From:** [Bridgette Guin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Bridgette Guin

**From:** [Lynn Dutton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Dutton

**From:** [Amber Sumrall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Amber Sumrall

**From:** [Tony Espinosa](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Tony Espinosa

**From:** [Kate Griffin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Kate Griffin



**From:** [M.S Dillon III](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

"First gradually, then all at once." That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
M S Dillon III

**From:** [Marjorie Xavier](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Xavier

**From:** [graciela ramirez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
graciela ramirez

**From:** [Jennifer Valentine](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Valentine

**From:** [Karen Dabrusin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Karen Dabrusin

**From:** [Sue Hall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sue Hall

**From:** [Steve Lustgarden](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

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Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Steve Lustgarden

**From:** ["S. Chapek"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
S. Chapek



**From:** [Margaret Vernon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

ernon.margaret0@gmail.com Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Vernon

**From:** [Deanna Mousaw](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Deanna Mousaw

**From:** [Angela Buckley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Angela Buckley

**From:** [Robert Jehn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:32:16 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Robert Jehn

**From:** [Aida Marina](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Aida Marina

**From:** [Vanessa Seay](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:30:12 PM

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Sincerely,  
Vanessa Seay

**From:** [Elaine Benjamin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:30:10 PM

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If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Benjamin

**From:** [Sharon Frank](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Sharon Frank



**From:** [Dina Frigo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Dina Frigo

**From:** [Alexander Vollmer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a San Rafael resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Alexander Vollmer

**From:** [Natalie Bonus](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Natalie Bonus

**From:** [Elaine Cook](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Cook

**From:** [Jane Larson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:24:11 PM

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Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jane Larson

**From:** [Laura Chinofsky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Laura Chinofsky

**From:** [Kelli Petersen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:22:16 PM

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Sincerely,  
Kelli Petersen

**From:** [Bernadette Belcastro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Belcastro



**From:** [Carolyn Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Anderson

**From:** [Matthew Schaut](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Matthew Schaut

**From:** [Pamela Shaw](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Pamela Shaw

**From:** [Jeff Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:20:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Hoffman

**From:** [Ann DeBolt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:19:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Ann DeBolt

**From:** [Debra Rehn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:18:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Debra Rehn

**From:** [Nancy Fleming](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Fleming

**From:** [Cassandra Cranmer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Cassandra Cranmer



**From:** [Deborah Stowe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Deborah Stowe

**From:** [Michele McFerran](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Michele McFerran

**From:** [Robert Ferrara](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Robert Ferrara

**From:** [Tracey Aquino](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

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Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Aquino

**From:** [Elise Mallove](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Elise Mallove

**From:** [Shakayla Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Shakayla Thomas

**From:** [Rebecca Skalsky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Skalsky

**From:** [Orysia Twerdochlib](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Orysia Twerdochlib



**From:** [Claudia Wornum](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Claudia Wornum

**From:** [Elizabeth Guthrie](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Guthrie

**From:** [Chad Fuqua](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Chad Fuqua

**From:** [Jackie Tryggeseth](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jackie Tryggeseth

**From:** [Ken Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Ken Martin

**From:** [Ken Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Ken Martin

**From:** [John Barger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
John Barger

**From:** [Jacqui Skill](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 3:06:05 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jacqui Skill



**From:** [Lilly Knuth](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Our planet needs to be saved from constant, known environmental impact, and the general public deserves the opportunity to visit this National Seashore and experience clean surface waters in the creeks and on the beaches, and public access to all of the park, rather than having over 300 miles of electric and barb-wire fences used for cattle ranching.

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Sincerely,  
Lilly Knuth

**From:** [LESLIE COHEN](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
LESLIE COHEN

**From:** [Ben Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Ben Martin

**From:** [Michael Hegemeyer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Michael Hegemeyer

**From:** [Helen Salyers](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Helen Salyers

**From:** [Arifa Isabel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Arifa Isabel

**From:** [Lynn Wilbur](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Lynn Wilbur

**From:** [Jean Chagnon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Lise Kastigar](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Lise Kastigar

**From:** [Kathleen Arnold](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Arnold

**From:** [Stephen Faes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Vittorio Ricci](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Vittorio Ricci

**From:** [Connie Dunn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

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With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Connie Dunn

**From:** [Rachael Glogovsky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Rachael Glogovsky

**From:** [Ibrahim Moreno](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

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Sincerely,  
Ibrahim Moreno

**From:** [John Hagen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
John Hagen



**From:** [PATRICIA BROWNE](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics. The cattle need to go elsewhere. This national park belongs to all the people not just a few cattle ranchers. The pollution and degradation to the shoreline, ocean and surrounding areas is very concerning.

Sincerely,  
PATRICIA BROWNE

**From:** [Kathryn Beyers](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Kathryn Beyers

**From:** [Matthew Ford](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Matthew Ford

**From:** [Margo Salone](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Margo Salone

**From:** [Charleen Strelke](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Charleen Strelke

**From:** [Stefan Taylor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Stefan Taylor

**From:** [nadine vergilia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

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The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
nadine vergilia

**From:** [Bob Johnston](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [David Gross](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
David Gross

**From:** [Tony Menechella](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 2:50:13 PM

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Tony Menechella

**From:** ["Candace Klein-Loetterle"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Candace Klein-Loetterle

**From:** [Carina Chadwick](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Robert Reed](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Robert Reed

**From:** [Dawn Barclift](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Dawn Barclift

**From:** [Tristan Sophia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Tristan Sophia

**From:** [Victor Carmichael](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Victor Carmichael



**From:** [Rosamund Downing](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

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Sincerely,  
Rosamund Downing

**From:** [Lacey Levitt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Lacey Levitt

**From:** [Karen Berger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Karen Berger

**From:** [Gail Veiby](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Gail Veiby

**From:** [Tara Bond](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

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Sincerely,  
Tara Bond

**From:** [Robert Gerosa](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Robert Gerosa

**From:** [Mona Bond](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Mona Bond

**From:** [Colleen Lobel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

Marin County is experiencing "extreme drought" conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Lobel



**From:** [John Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Lisa Tichenor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Lisa Tichenor

**From:** [Katlyn Stranger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Katlyn Stranger

**From:** [Patricia Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Gregory

**From:** [O Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Bev Lips](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [vana spear](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
vana spear

**From:** [kirk francis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
kirk francis



**From:** [Gillian Miller](#)  
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**From:** [Laura Guttridge](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Laura Guttridge

**From:** [Lise Kastigar](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Lise Kastigar

**From:** [robert cobb](#)  
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**From:** [Gillian Miller](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Dobi Dobroslawa](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Dobi Dobroslawa

**From:** [Nicholas Mouzourakis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Nicholas Mouzourakis

**From:** [Marilyn Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Nina Monasevitch

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Arden Green



**From:** [Deborah Dahlgren](#)  
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I have lived in northern California over 50 years, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore. The park is hardly recognizable to me at this point.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry !! At the same time, Tule Elk are dying of thirst because they are fenced in and cannot access the water they need to survive. This is extremely cruel to a native species that was returned with much fanfare to its native habitat after having been extirpated in the past.

Why are we not protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore? Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. We need to protect all critical wildlife habitat to save as many native species as possible.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Ranchers don't belong in a National Seashore. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore. I hope you are on the side of wildlife rather than for profit ranching. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,  
R. Zierikzee

**From:** [patricia cachopo](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
patricia cachopo

**From:** [Charity Moschopoulos](#)  
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The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Gary Goetz](#)  
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The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
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I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

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What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Saran K.

**From:** [Mike Shields](#)  
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Mike Shields

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For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

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**From:** [Darlene Baker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Jean Cameron](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Jean Cameron

**From:** [walter erhorn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Karen Spradlin

**From:** [Laurie Tabor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Tabor

**From:** [Meredith Needham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Meredith Needham

**From:** [cindy.curran](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

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I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
cindy curran

**From:** [Jody Gibson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Jody Gibson



**From:** ["Frédéric Pulcini"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

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**From:** [Alana Hendrickson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Alana Hendrickson

**From:** ["Maureen O'Neal"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

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Sincerely,  
Maureen O'Neal

**From:** [Christy Carico](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Christy Carico

**From:** [Dana Bleckinger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Dana Bleckinger

**From:** [Bos Claudine](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Erika Agnew](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Erika Agnew

**From:** [Brenda Gamache](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Liz Sypek](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Liz Sypek

**From:** [Natalie Alexander](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

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Sincerely,  
Natalie Alexander

**From:** [Lisa Reich](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Reich

**From:** [Susan Dubovsky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Susan Dubovsky

**From:** [Mark Chudzik](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Mark Chudzik

**From:** [Robert Blumenthal](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Robert Blumenthal

**From:** [Janet Neihart](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 2:05:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Janet Neihart

**From:** [Jim Head](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 2:04:16 PM

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I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

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With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Jim Head



**From:** [Jeniffer Graham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 2:03:16 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Jeniffer Graham

**From:** [Georgia Shankel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Georgia Shankel

**From:** [Lisa Mazzola](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Mazzola

**From:** ["C.K. Nuetzie Jasiorkowski"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
C.K. Nuetzie Jasiorkowski

**From:** [Alison Date](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Alison Date

**From:** [Pat Padilla](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:59:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

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Sincerely,  
Pat Padilla

**From:** [Laura Ray](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Laura Ray

**From:** [Steve Prince](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Steve Prince



**From:** [Catherine Susman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can’t be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Susman

**From:** [Michael Kunkel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

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Sincerely,  
Michael Kunkel

**From:** [susannah biggs](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
susannah biggs

**From:** [Slowomir and irene Przybysz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Slowomir and irene Przybysz

**From:** [Bruce and Maureen DeNunzio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Bruce and Maureen DeNunzio

**From:** [Ashok and Kiran Bajaj](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Ashok and Kiran Bajaj

**From:** [Valerie Sotere](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Valerie Sotere

**From:** [James Lansing](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
James Lansing



**From:** [Susan Hanlon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

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Sincerely,  
Susan Hanlon

**From:** [Nancy Thelot](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Thelot

**From:** [Cindy and Christine Guarnieri](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Cindy and Christine Guarnieri

**From:** [Cynthia Liss](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Liss

**From:** [Rosalind Kotlar](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

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Sincerely,  
Rosalind Kotlar

**From:** [Joanna Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Joanna Martin

**From:** [Sally Hinshaw](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Sally Hinshaw

**From:** [Anna Jasiukiewicz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Anna Jasiukiewicz



**From:** [John Macdonald](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
John Macdonald

**From:** [Gordon Beebe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a California resident, and frequent visitor to Point Reyes, I am writing to express sadness over the current conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The level of pollution from farm operations needs to be addressed for this sensitive natural area. Point Reyes is a real gem, and the Park Service can do a better job of protecting it. Thanks for considering!

Sincerely,  
Gordon Beebe

**From:** [George Beasley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
George Beasley

**From:** [Kimberly Short](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Short

**From:** [Kaatje Adams](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Kaatje Adams

**From:** [Antonio Scognamiglio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Antonio Scognamiglio

**From:** [Barbara Harper](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Harper

**From:** [Vicki Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Vicki Johnson



**From:** [Marty Crowley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Marty Crowley

**From:** [Joan Glasser](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Elizabeth Osborne](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Osborne

**From:** [Kathey Norton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Kathey Norton

**From:** [Antonio Scognamiglio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment! I am very concerned with what I have heard about Point Reyes, and I hope you all can take leadership and help solve these issues.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

Marin County is experiencing "extreme drought" conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

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Sincerely,  
Antonio Scognamiglio

**From:** [Ann Bein](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Ann Bein

**From:** [Robert Wisniewski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

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We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Robert Wisniewski

**From:** [Rhonda Bradley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Rhonda Bradley



**From:** [Erica Johanson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Erica Johanson

**From:** [Enid Cardinal](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Anna Drummond](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Anna Drummond

**From:** [Judy Fairless](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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What is going on at Point Reyes?

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

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Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Judy Fairless

**From:** [Elizabeth Watts](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Watts

**From:** [Claude Robert](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Claude Robert

**From:** [Katherine Parker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Katherine Parker

**From:** [Barbara Wright](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Wright



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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Jason Bowman

**From:** ["Harold T. Hodes"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I have visited Point Reyes.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Harold T. Hodes

**From:** [midori furutate](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
midori furutate

**From:** [Karen Toyohara](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Karen Toyohara

**From:** [Jennifer Bergovoy](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Bergovoy

**From:** [Jonathan Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Mitchell

**From:** [Rob Jursa](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Rob Jursa

**From:** [Elaine Sloan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Elaine Sloan



**From:** [Georgina Wright](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Georgina Wright

**From:** [Peter Wood](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

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**From:** [Petra Jones](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Cynthia Arneson

**From:** [jean buchanan andrews](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
jean buchanan andrews

**From:** [Meg Doyle](#)  
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**From:** [Daniel Farr](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a California resident for 60 years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a California resident who comes to the park, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Farr

**From:** [Anne Mazzone](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Anne Mazzone



**From:** [Nicolas Duonn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Nicolas Duonn

**From:** [Rena Rouse](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Jewell Batway](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

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Sincerely,  
Jewell Batway

**From:** [Jamie Shultz](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Jamie Shultz

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Kathie Kingett

**From:** [Christina Babst](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Christina Babst

**From:** [Diane Kraft](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Diane Kraft

**From:** [Tamm Zaryski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Tamm Zaryski



**From:** [Henry Rosenfeld](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Henry Rosenfeld

**From:** [Susan Watts](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Simone Butler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

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I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Simone Butler

**From:** [Mary Thorpe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Catherine Beauchamp](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Catherine Beauchamp

**From:** [Phillip Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Phillip Mitchell

**From:** [fay forman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Barry Medlin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Rob Roberto](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Rob Roberto

**From:** [Lisa Koehl](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Koehl

**From:** [Jillian Fiedor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jillian Fiedor

**From:** [Cara Nims](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Cara Nims

**From:** [Mary Dickson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Mary Dickson

**From:** [Kellen Dunn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Kellen Dunn

**From:** [Robert Honish](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Robert Honish

**From:** [Cheryl Watters](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Cheryl Watters



**From:** [dorinda kelley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
dorinda kelley

**From:** [Eric Morey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Eric Morey

**From:** [Mark Feldman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a VISITOR TO Point Reyes FOR OVER 30M YEARS.

I've SEEN LOTS OF CATTLE HERE THEY DON'T BELONG —WADING creeks and estuaries THAT ARE CHOKED WITH ALGAE FROM CATTLE MANURE..THIS IS UNNACCEPTABLE!

The National Park Service HAS ALLOWED 100'S OF RARE AND ICONIC TULE ELK TO DIE OF THIRST DURING THIS TERRIBLE DROUGHT. The Seashore CANNOT SUPPORT BOTH COWS AND ELK. ALSO, TOURISTS AND PARK GOERS DON'T COME TO LOOK AT COWS THAT ARE DESTROYING THE PARK.

This is a national seashore FOR THE American people and FOR WOLDLIFE AND HABITAT—NOT a playground OR business landscape FOR PRIVATE, INDUSTRIAL-LEVEL, DESTRUCTIVE FACTORY ANIMAL OPERATIONS. PLEASE HELP AND ACT SWIFTLY TO GET THE RANCHERS OUT OF Point Reyes National Seashore FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARK, VISITORS AND THE TULE ELK.

REMINDER: The National Park System IS INTENDED TO PROTECT wilderness and provide equitable access to the natural world, NOT TO SUPPORT PRIVATE PROFITS THAT DEGRADE THE THE PACIFIC COASTLINE.  
STOP TAKING \$\$\$ FROM THE CATTLE INDUSTRY AND DO YOUR JOB FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST NOT CORPORATE INTERESTS.

Sincerely,  
Mark Feldman

**From:** [DALE STEICHEN](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

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With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
DALE STEICHEN

**From:** [Michael Iltis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [John Fitzgerald](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
John Fitzgerald

**From:** [Tim Thanks](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Barry Cutler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Veronica Bourassa

**From:** [Crystal Rector](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Crystal Rector

**From:** [mari elvi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
mari elvi

**From:** [Scott Walker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

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**From:** [Bronwen Evans](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Bronwen Evans

**From:** [Aldana Santto](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Aldana Santto

**From:** [Rob Seltzer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Rob Seltzer

**From:** [richard hoye](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:29:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
richard hoye



**From:** [Douglas Rives](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:29:06 PM

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Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Douglas Rives

**From:** [Marisa Landsberg](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:28:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Marisa Landsberg

**From:** [Silvia Hall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:28:08 PM

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Sincerely,  
Silvia Hall

**From:** [Catherine Krug](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:27:25 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Krug

**From:** [Monika Heiniger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:27:23 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Monika Heiniger

**From:** [Laura Herndon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:27:23 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Laura Herndon

**From:** [Adrienne Metter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:27:21 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Metter

**From:** [Karen Kravcov Malcolm](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:27:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Karen Kravcov Malcolm



**From:** [Tim Porter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:27:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Tim Porter

**From:** [Susan Messerschmitt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:26:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Susan Messerschmitt

**From:** [Tracey katsouros](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Tracey katsouros

**From:** [Jeffrey Freilich](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

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Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Freilich

**From:** [eric nylan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:25:20 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Monterey Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
eric nylan

**From:** [Hilary Capstick](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:25:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Hilary Capstick

**From:** [Christa Neuber](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:25:07 PM

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With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it’s becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Christa Neuber

**From:** [Julie Botten](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:24:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

When I next visit America,  
I would really like to visit Point Reyes to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Julie Botten



**From:** [Annamaria Lavery](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:24:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

I used to love visiting Point Reyes. It's so upsetting to hear about the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety. Ranch houses without septic systems?! Unchecked pollution of the watershed and the waterways, including the ocean?! All this is wrong.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this precious area.

Sincerely,  
Annamaria Lavery

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**From:** [Edna Mullen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Edna Mullen

**From:** [Deborah Mastrandrea](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Mastrandrea

**From:** [Bridget Irons](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Bridget Irons

**From:** [Helene Christina Weiss](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:23:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Helene Christina Weiss

**From:** [Jane Chischilly](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

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Sincerely,  
Jane Chischilly

**From:** [Janine Moore](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:22:24 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

Our planet needs to be saved from constant, known environmental impact, and the general public deserves the opportunity to visit this National Seashore and experience clean surface waters in the creeks and on the beaches, and public access to all of the park, rather than having over 300 miles of electric and barb-wire fences used for cattle ranching.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Janine Moore

**From:** [George Beasley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment! I am very concerned with what I have heard about Point Reyes, and I hope you all can take leadership and help solve these issues.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
George Beasley



**From:** [Marya Zanders](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Marya Zanders

**From:** [Sean Harper](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:21:15 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Sean Harper

**From:** [Barbara Root](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Root

**From:** [Jodi Rodar](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:21:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Jodi Rodar

**From:** [Elaine Sorensen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Sorensen

**From:** [Joel Bishop](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:19:17 PM

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Joel Bishop

**From:** [P.Nunez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
P Nunez

**From:** [Cheryl Brooke](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Brooke



**From:** [Nicola Nicolai](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Nicola Nicolai

**From:** [Shannon Jacobs](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Jacobs

**From:** [Nicholas Chatfield](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Chatfield

**From:** [Anne Hamre](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Our planet needs to be saved from constant, known environmental impact, and the general public deserves the opportunity to visit this National Seashore and experience clean surface waters in the creeks and on the beaches, and public access to all of the park, rather than having over 300 miles of electric and barb-wire fences used for cattle ranching.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Anne Hamre

**From:** [Felicia Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart -- when I was a very young woman, I sat in a flowering meadow high above the ocean and saw the migrating humpback whales cruise by. I felt like I could see the curve of the earth at the horizon. It was devastatingly beautiful.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend on the park's natural resources for their survival.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan that will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Felicia Lewis

**From:** [Lawrence Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of my favorite places. I used to enjoy going to the Seashore to see birds and take pictures. As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands. The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Thompson

**From:** [Daniel Shapiro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Daniel Shapiro

**From:** [Jeff Thiemann](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Thiemann



**From:** [Judith Henckel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore, especially water quality. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. Critical wildlife habitat helps us as well.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and must be encouraged to do so.

Sincerely,  
Judith Henckel

**From:** [Joyce Coogan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

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Sincerely,  
Joyce Coogan

**From:** [Julija Merljak](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Julija Merljak

**From:** [CARL LUHRING](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
CARL LUHRING

**From:** [Jan Modjeski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Marin County is experiencing "extreme drought" conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Jan Modjeski

**From:** [Sharon Balzano](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

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The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Balzano

**From:** [Connie Kirkham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Connie Kirkham

**From:** [Joshua Konheim Heffron](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Joshua Konheim Heffron



**From:** [Diane Kent](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Diane Kent

**From:** [karen Moulder](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

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What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

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Sincerely,  
karen Moulder

**From:** [Connie Kirkham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Connie Kirkham

**From:** [Rita Cross](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast!

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements! Unacceptable and irresponsible!

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore!

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands!

With sincere appreciation!

Sincerely,  
Rita Cross

**From:** [Jenna Contuchio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Save Pt Reyes National Seashore

Sincerely,  
Jenna Contuchio

**From:** [Linda Fighera](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Linda Fighera

**From:** [Diane Eisenhower](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment! I am very concerned with what I have heard about Point Reyes, and I hope you all can take leadership and help solve these issues.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Diane Eisenhower

**From:** [diane geary](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
diane geary



**From:** [Marnie Gaede](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Marnie Gaede

**From:** [Robert Ortiz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Robert Ortiz

**From:** [Laraine Lebron](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Laraine Lebron

**From:** [Petra Klages](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Petra Klages

**From:** [Danielle Jesensky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Danielle Jesensky

**From:** [Lynn Graham](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Graham

**From:** [Carlos Ferreira](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

I am concerned that if ranching is not eliminated soon, it may be too late to prevent the loss of already threatened or endangered wildlife that depend the park's natural resources for their survival.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Carlos Ferreira

**From:** [Carol Patton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:07:15 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission **MUST** step up and push the National Park Service **NOW** to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Carol Patton



**From:** [Debora Tramposh](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Debora Tramposh

**From:** [Karen Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Karen Anderson

**From:** [Tracy Templin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Templin

**From:** ["Cindy P."](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:06:06 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Cindy P.

**From:** [Frances Carpenter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:06:05 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Frances Carpenter

**From:** [Janet Wallace](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:05:59 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Janet Wallace

**From:** [Sandra Morey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:05:59 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life. There is a plan to cull the indigenous Tule Elk because the cattle require the space and the water also needed to sustain these magnificent and native elk. We fought to have this National Park established and in so doing did not fight to maintain private profit making that degrades our Pacific Coastline.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Morey

**From:** [Walker Everette](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Walker Everette



**From:** [Perry Gx](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:04:53 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Perry Gx

**From:** [A Kirk](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
A Kirk

**From:** [Mike LeHew](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Mike LeHew

**From:** [Brigitte Tawa](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:04:32 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Brigitte Tawa

**From:** [Donna Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please conserve California’s coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Donna Hamilton

**From:** [Robin Peterson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:03:34 PM

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Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Robin Peterson

**From:** [John Staunton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:03:27 PM

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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
John Staunton

**From:** [Cindy Moczarney](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:03:23 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Moczarney



**From:** [Nancy Heck](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:03:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have visited the Bay Area many times. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Heck

**From:** [Patricia PERRON](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Patricia PERRON

**From:** [J M](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:02:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
J M

**From:** [Irena Franchi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:02:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Irena Franchi

**From:** [Lori Beth Kidd](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:02:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Lori Beth Kidd

**From:** [Patti Fink](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:00:24 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Patti Fink

**From:** [Charlene Kerchevall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:00:18 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Kerchevall

**From:** [Joyce Devlin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Please conserve California’s coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Joyce Devlin



**From:** [Dan Silver](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 1:00:13 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Dan Silver

**From:** [Suzanne Becket](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:59:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Becket

**From:** [Jean Chagnon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:58:15 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

**From:** [Jean Chagnon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

**From:** [Alan Harper](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Alan Harper

**From:** [Anita Wisch](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:57:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

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It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

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Sincerely,  
Anita Wisch

**From:** [Timothy Mullen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Timothy Mullen

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Anita Wisch](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anita Wisch

**From:** [Andarin Arvola](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

Cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore trample the ground causing erosion and siltation which fills in streams and degrades habitat for fish and aquatic life.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Andarin Arvola

**From:** [Alicia Edmunds](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's sad we've come to a point as a people that we are begging for clean water and air but the lack of these things is a life and death situation.

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Sincerely,  
Alicia Edmunds

**From:** [Meg Paton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Meg Paton

**From:** [Bridgett Heinly](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please conserve California’s coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Bridgett Heinly

**From:** [susan ponchot](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
susan ponchot

**From:** [Ralph Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it’s becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Protect the only National Seashore on the Pacific Ocean from unregulated water pollution is a California leadership example on environmental safeguards before private interests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ralph Sanchez

**From:** [Kenneth Lapointe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth Lapointe



**From:** [Fredrik Larsson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Fredrik Larsson

**From:** [Bruce Hlodnicki](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please protect our remaining water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Hlodnicki

**From:** [Michelle Palladine](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Michelle Palladine

**From:** [Jessica Cresseveur](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Cresseveur

**From:** [Gregory Freeman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Gregory Freeman

**From:** [Donna Delisi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Donna Delisi

**From:** [Barbara Blackwood](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Barbara Blackwood

**From:** [Donna Delisi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Donna Delisi



**From:** [Janet Heinle](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

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NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Janet Heinle

**From:** [Amy Bursky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Amy Bursky

**From:** [Anne Kaufmann](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Anne Kaufmann

**From:** [Arlene Zuckerman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Arlene Zuckerman

**From:** [Shiela Cockshott](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission **MUST** step up and push the National Park Service **NOW** to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Shiela Cockshott

**From:** [Katy Whitehouse](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Katy Whitehouse

**From:** [Lois White](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Lois White

**From:** [Reetta Raag](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

As a bay area resident who comes to the park to enjoy the wild and scenic nature, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

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Sincerely,  
Reetta Raag



**From:** [Simone Fonseca](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Simone Fonseca

**From:** [Debra Castellana](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Debra Castellana

**From:** [Molly Mendez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

Too many cattle have turned vast areas of the park into a virtual dead zone.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Molly Mendez

**From:** [Debora Sayre](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Debora Sayre

**From:** [Susan Sloan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Susan Sloan

**From:** [Blaise Brockman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Blaise Brockman

**From:** [Fay Payton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Fay Payton

**From:** [Greg Pennington](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Greg Pennington



**From:** [Tracy Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Nguyen

**From:** [Bradley Budnik](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Bradley Budnik

**From:** [Eve Saglietto](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Eve Saglietto

**From:** [Barb Sager](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

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Please conserve California’s coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Barb Sager

**From:** [Nina Wouk](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Nina Wouk

**From:** ["Lillian Fitton."](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

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Sincerely,  
Lillian Fitton.

**From:** [Marion Barry](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Icallersmom@ncbb.net greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Marion Barry

**From:** [Natascha Thaler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Natascha Thaler



**From:** [Lisa M Mintz Kavas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Lisa M Mintz Kavas

**From:** [Anita Scheunemann](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Anita Scheunemann

**From:** [Jamie Reifman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Reifman

**From:** [George Picchioni](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
George Picchioni

**From:** [Camille Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Santa Barbara resident and cherish Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

The National Park System is intended to protect wilderness and provide equitable access to the natural world, not subsidize private profits that degrade the Pacific Coastline. It's about equitable access to nature, the protection of wildlife, solutions to the biodiversity crisis, preserving water quality, and defending the only National Seashore on the Pacific Ocean

It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Camille Gilbert

**From:** [Vira Confectioner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Vira Confectioner

**From:** [Teresia LaFleur](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Teresia LaFleur

**From:** [Arshad Ameen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Arshad Ameen



**From:** [M Ruth Correia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
M Ruth Correia

**From:** [April Parkins](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment! I am very concerned with what I have heard about Point Reyes, and I hope you all can take leadership and help solve these issues.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
April Parkins

**From:** [Tracy Drake](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Drake

**From:** [JAN GOLICK](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:43:23 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

Our planet needs to be saved from constant, known environmental impact, and the general public deserves the opportunity to visit this National Seashore and experience clean surface waters in the creeks and on the beaches, and public access to all of the park, rather than having over 300 miles of electric and barb-wire fences used for cattle ranching.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
JAN GOLICK

**From:** [Pam Evans](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Pam Evans

**From:** [Jennifer Scull](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:42:17 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Scull

**From:** [Liz Field](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Liz Field

**From:** [Barbara Greenwood](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:42:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Greenwood



**From:** [Robert Brown](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:42:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Robert Brown

**From:** [Rocio Luparello](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Rocio Luparello

**From:** [Robert Gibb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Robert Gibb

**From:** [Lisa Cubeiro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

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Sincerely,  
Lisa Cubeiro

**From:** [Susan Lantow](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Susan Lantow

**From:** ["Marcia Flannery"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Marcia Flannery

**From:** [Ron Parsons](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

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Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Ron Parsons

**From:** [Steve Sheehy](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Steve Sheehy



**From:** [Neal Steiner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

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Sincerely,  
Neal Steiner

**From:** [M Rute Correia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

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Sincerely,  
M Rute Correia

**From:** [Renee Janton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Renee Janton

**From:** [Daniel OBrien](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Daniel OBrien

**From:** [Nick Flaig](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Nick Flaig

**From:** [Sherry Macias](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Macias

**From:** [Judith Hoaglund](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Judith Hoaglund

**From:** [Martha Waltman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

People come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Martha Waltman



**From:** [Joanie Steinhaus](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Joanie Steinhaus

**From:** ["R.A.L. West"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
R.A.L. West

**From:** [Michelle Weber](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Weber

**From:** [Mary Zack](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment! I am very concerned with what I have heard about Point Reyes, and I hope you all can take leadership and help solve these issues.

The news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother and grandmother, I worry that my children and grandchildren will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

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NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Mary Zack

**From:** [steve kent](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
steve kent

**From:** [Stewart Cresswell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Stewart Cresswell

**From:** [Antje Fray](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Antje Fray

**From:** [Ian Shelley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

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Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Ian Shelley



**From:** [Tracy Marotta](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Marotta

**From:** [Tracy Marotta](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Marotta

**From:** [Linda Bescrypt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Linda Bescrypt

**From:** [Meryl Pinque](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Meryl Pinque

**From:** [Arifa Goodman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Arifa Goodman

**From:** [Meredith Erickson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Meredith Erickson

**From:** [Carol Collins](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Carol Collins

**From:** [Jane Clark](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am not a Bay Area resident but I cherish the existence of all the National Parks I have visited in 78 years. I would hope that they all can continue to exist in fulfillment of their reasons for being.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Jane Clark



**From:** ["Hank Ramírez"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Hank Ramírez

**From:** [Tatiana Medina](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Tatiana Medina

**From:** [Mercy Sidbury](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Mercy Sidbury

**From:** [Bassam Imam](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:32:31 PM

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**From:** [Lisa Jacobson](#)  
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Lisa Jacobson

**From:** [Debi Griepsma](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Debi Griepsma

**From:** [ingrid woods](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:32:28 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

I am confused as to how its legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
ingrid woods

**From:** [Bruce Sowden](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Sowden



**From:** [Georgia Brewer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Georgia Brewer

**From:** [Winnie Wrightway](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

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Sincerely,  
Winnie Wrightway

**From:** [Derek Gendvil](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [DAVID HARRON](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
DAVID HARRON

**From:** [JOHN HARRIS](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:30:35 PM

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Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

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Sincerely,  
JOHN HARRIS

**From:** [Kathleen Moraski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don’t care about environmental health and safety.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Moraski

**From:** [Anthony Mehle](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Mehle

**From:** [Stephen Cutler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:30:31 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Cutler



**From:** [Jared Cornelia](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jared Cornelia

**From:** [Joan Walker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:30:20 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Joan Walker

**From:** [Karyn Morales](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:30:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Karyn Morales

**From:** [Patti Mckinley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:30:06 PM

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I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Patti Mckinley

**From:** [Beverly Hoff](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:29:35 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

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This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Hoff

**From:** [Heather Cross](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Heather Cross

**From:** [Jennifer Murray](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:28:56 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Murray

**From:** [Jennifer Murray](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Jennifer Murray



**From:** [Steve Schueth](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Steve Schueth

**From:** ["Jeanne Held-Warmkessel"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Held-Warmkessel

**From:** [Marce Walsh](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Marce Walsh

**From:** [Michael Halloran](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

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Sincerely,  
Michael Halloran

**From:** [Krin Asselta](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:26:59 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Krin Asselta

**From:** [Jody Goldstein](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Jody Goldstein

**From:** [Jim Petkiewicz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. California is attempting to protect 30% of our land and waters by 2030 to help protect our state's wildlife. We can't afford to continue to degrade critical wildlife habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Jim Petkiewicz

**From:** [Roman Talkowski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Robyn Newkirk](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Robyn Newkirk

**From:** [Rachel Fox](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Rachel Fox

**From:** [Janet Rauscher](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Janet Rauscher

**From:** [Tracy Ouellette](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Tracy Ouellette

**From:** [KATIE Morgan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

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Sincerely,  
KATIE Morgan

**From:** [Sally Jacques](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Sally Jacques

**From:** [Ingrid Swift](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Ingrid Swift

**From:** [Sherry Marsh](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:24:38 PM

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The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Marsh



**From:** ["Armando A. Garcia"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:24:26 PM

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Sincerely,  
Armando A. Garcia

**From:** [Quentin Fischer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Quentin Fischer

**From:** [Aditi Sundarajan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Aditi Sundarajan

**From:** [Susan Bortolussi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Susan Bortolussi

**From:** [Lorraine Laprade](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Lorraine Laprade

**From:** [Julia Okada](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Julia Okada

**From:** [anaundda elijah](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Todd Steiner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:22:44 PM

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**From:** [Erika Miller](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Erika Miller

**From:** [Jason Chin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jason Chin

**From:** ["Judy Miller-Lyons"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

While Point Reyes may seem like a fairly sizable National Park, much of the park is only for the cattle industry. There are over 300 miles of barbed wire fences that keep the public and wildlife from enjoying a large portion of California's coast at Point Reyes.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Judy Miller-Lyons

**From:** [Cathy Barton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Barton

**From:** [Dori Cole](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Dori Cole

**From:** [Beverly Foster](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Beverly Foster

**From:** [Martin Reifinger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Martin Reifinger

**From:** [Deborah DeSimone](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Deborah DeSimone



**From:** [Mary Workman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Mary Workman

**From:** [Courtney Lemmon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Lyn du Mont](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Lyn du Mont

**From:** [Deborah Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Wilson

**From:** [Pat Bryan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Pat Bryan

**From:** [Paul Carvalho](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Paul Carvalho

**From:** [Nicholas Prychodko](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

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Sincerely,  
Nicholas Prychodko

**From:** [Pat Bryan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [David R Wilcox](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
David R Wilcox

**From:** ["Ana-Paula Martins-Fernandes"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Ana-Paula Martins-Fernandes

**From:** [ann malyon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Point Reyes is a National Park not a farm.

Sincerely,  
ann malyon

**From:** [Kimberly Horrell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Kimberly Horrell

**From:** [Charlene Henley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We appreciate you taking action to improve the appalling situation in Point Reyes.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Henley

**From:** [Cal Mendelsohn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Cal Mendelsohn

**From:** [Mark Hollinrake](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Mark Hollinrake

**From:** [Donalyn Gross](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Donalyn Gross



**From:** [Judith Peter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Marin County is experiencing "extreme drought" conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Judith Peter

**From:** [Judith Arayaes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Judith Arayaes

**From:** [Peter Ayres](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Peter Ayres

**From:** [Marylucia Arace](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Marylucia Arace

**From:** [cave man](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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cave man

**From:** [kyle young](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
kyle young

**From:** [Steve Iverson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Elisabeth Ritter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Ritter



**From:** [bob.gunn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Sincerely,  
bob gunn

**From:** [Melinda Armistead](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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My family are Bay Area residents and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

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Sincerely,  
Melinda Armistead

**From:** [Vicky Brandt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Vicky Brandt

**From:** [Ms Katherine DaSilva Jain](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Ms Katherine DaSilva Jain

**From:** [lonna richmond](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

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Sincerely,  
lonna richmond

**From:** [Gloria Shen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Shen

**From:** [Susan Berzac](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Susan Berzac

**From:** [Lanelle Lovelace](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Lanelle Lovelace



**From:** [Sylvia Vairo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Sylvia Vairo

**From:** [Garry Taroli](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Garry Taroli

**From:** [Tamara Cain](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Tamara Cain

**From:** [Jean Saja](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Recent news reports revealed that not only livestock manure is being discharged onto land and into surface waters at Point Reyes National Seashore – human feces have also been spilling into ponds and onto land from failing septic systems that the ranchers are required to maintain as part of their lease agreements.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jean Saja

**From:** [Richard Hieber](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Richard Hieber

**From:** [NANCY OR](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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NANCY OR

**From:** ["Caroline Sévilla"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

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Sincerely,  
Caroline Sévilla

**From:** [Linda Pemberton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Fred Granlund

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**From:** [Michelle Setaro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Michelle Setaro

**From:** [Helen Jones](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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What is going on at Point Reyes?

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This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
Helen Jones



**From:** [Kathi A Ridgway](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Kathi A Ridgway

**From:** [Jill Alibrandi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Ranchers say they run their operations "sustainably" while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that's produced in abundance elsewhere.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Jennifer Love](#)  
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**From:** [Robert Thornhill](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Robert Thornhill

**From:** [William Crist](#)  
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**From:** [Julie Bush](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

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Sincerely,  
Steve Wanninger

**From:** [Becky Monger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Becky Monger

**From:** [Ellen S Stockdale Wolfe](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [RACHEL WELLS](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
RACHEL WELLS



**From:** [Randi Byron](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

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Sincerely,  
Randi Byron

**From:** [Paula gullo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

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Sincerely,  
Paula gullo

**From:** [Heide Coppotelli](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Heide Coppotelli

**From:** [Elisabeth Bechmann](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Bechmann

**From:** [Bodhi Amala](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Bodhi Amala

**From:** [Grace Gutierrez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Grace Gutierrez

**From:** [Loisann Sciarrillo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Loisann Sciarrillo

**From:** [Roger Martin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I went backpacking many years ago in Pt Reyes. It was a great experience, except for the awful water at the campground. I haven't been there for years, since I have retired in the state of Washington. That doesn't mean I don't still love flying over Pt Reyes when I fly south. It brings back wonderful memories, and I still recall the wonderful wildlife I saw there. The place needs to be protected. Wildlife habitat needs to be preserved, even if businesses don't get to profit as much as a result. In a priority contest, nature should win over profits.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Roger Martin



**From:** [Pela Tomasello](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Pela Tomasello

**From:** [Diana Kliche](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Diana Kliche

**From:** [Jarrett Cloud](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Jarrett Cloud

**From:** [L Reeves](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

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We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
L Reeves

**From:** [Alan Wojtalik](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Ken Schefter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Jaszmene Smith](#)  
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**From:** [Laura De la Garza Blanca](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Laura De la Garza Blanca



**From:** [Britta Gehler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Britta Gehler

**From:** [Dana Grunwald](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dana Grunwald

**From:** [Mireille Urbain](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Mireille Urbain

**From:** [Hilarie Ericson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Hilarie Ericson

**From:** [Iris Sinai](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Iris Sinai

**From:** [CONNIE COLVIN](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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CONNIE COLVIN

**From:** [Gary Beckerman](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [David Burns](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

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David Burns

**From:** ["Emily Dickinson-Adams"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Emily Dickinson-Adams

**From:** [Michael Seckendorf](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Michael Seckendorf

**From:** [James Pentelow](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
James Pentelow

**From:** [Tami Palacky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Tami Palacky

**From:** [Evelyn Boeckman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

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Sincerely,  
Evelyn Boeckman

**From:** [M Lopez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
M Lopez

**From:** [Lacey Hicks](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Lacey Hicks



**From:** [Eric Edwards](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Eric Edwards

**From:** [Mary Thornton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Thornton

**From:** [Carol Savary](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Carol Savary

**From:** [Harriet Cohen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Harriet Cohen

**From:** [Nalei Kahakalau](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

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Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Nalei Kahakalau

**From:** ["Mari Mennel-Bell"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Mari Mennel-Bell

**From:** [Darian Mark](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

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Sincerely,  
Darian Mark

**From:** [Dana Palka](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

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Sincerely,  
Dana Palka



**From:** [Sue Wood](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

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It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Sue Wood

**From:** [Mary Walls](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Marsha Smith](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Marsha Smith

**From:** [Cecilia Rivas](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Cecilia Rivas

**From:** [Michelle Waters](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment! I am very concerned with what I have heard about Point Reyes, and I hope you all can take leadership and help solve these issues.

Between all the septic issues I have heard of, the dying of Elk, and the foul water quality, I am confused as to why no action has been taken.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Michelle Waters

**From:** [Toby Ann Reese](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Toby Ann Reese

**From:** [Thomas Boughan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Boughan

**From:** [Erik LaRue](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Erik LaRue



**From:** [Hans Hagedorn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Erica Munn

**From:** [Robert Wohlberg](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

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**From:** [Kimberly Allen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

Why are dairy and beef cattle allowed to defecate over so much of Point Reyes National Seashore? There is cattle manure in creeks and streams, and covering trails. It's bad for adults, kids, pets, every visitor! Why doesn't the park management stop it? Why do these ranchers abuse the land and water in our national park?

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Allen

**From:** [Oliver Guichard](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Oliver Guichard

**From:** [Paola Catapano](#)  
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Paola Catapano

**From:** [Michelle Blackley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Michelle Blackley

**From:** [Gary Herwig](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Gary Herwig



**From:** [Chantal Eldridge](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Chantal Eldridge

**From:** [Annie Phillips](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:04:16 PM

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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
J. Barry Gurdin

**From:** [Rochelle Abrams](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** ["Jörg Gaiser"](#)  
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Jörg Gaiser

**From:** [Jo Harvey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Russ Ziegler](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Sharon McCormick](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Sharon McCormick

**From:** [Dacia Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Dacia Murphy

**From:** [Tracey Bonner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

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We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Bonner

**From:** [Erica Heimberg](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Erica Heimberg

**From:** [Doreen Tignanelli](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Doreen Tignanelli

**From:** [Richard Spotts](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [casee maxfield](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
casee maxfield

**From:** [Sandra Zaninovich](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Zaninovich



**From:** [Denise Martini](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area visitor and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Denise Martini

**From:** [Carol Fletcher](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:02:21 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Carol Fletcher

**From:** [marie young](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 12:02:19 PM

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Sincerely,  
marie young

**From:** [Michelle MacKenzie](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Michelle MacKenzie

**From:** [roger hollander](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Ranchers say they run their operations "sustainably" while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that's produced in abundance elsewhere.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
roger hollander

**From:** [clara zahadek](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:17:08 PM

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This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

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Sincerely,  
clara zahadek

**From:** [Cassandra Fazio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Staci Tefertiller](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 11:22:09 AM

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Sincerely,  
Staci Tefertiller



**From:** [Staci Tefertiller](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Kaarina Moilanen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Kaarina Moilanen

**From:** [Rebecca Ruiz](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:31:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

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Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Ruiz

**From:** [Rocky Reuter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 10:29:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Reuter

**From:** [Roger Hollander](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:54:06 AM

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Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Roger Hollander

**From:** ["Eileen Mahood-Jose"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Camilo Echavarria](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:46:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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Sincerely,  
Camilo Echavarria



**From:** [Chad Lent](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:36:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Chad Lent

**From:** [Anne Cantal](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 9:27:10 AM

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NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Anne Cantal

**From:** [Anne Cantal](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Tina Baker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 8:00:09 AM

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We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Tina Baker

**From:** [Allisyn Snyder](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 7:01:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
Allisyn Snyder

**From:** [Margo Salone](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 6:10:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

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Sincerely,  
Margo Salone

**From:** [Doris Steinkopf](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:41:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

Ranchers have let their septic systems fail on several ranches in our National Seashore. There is cattle waste all over the place in fields, streams, creeks, and ponds.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Doris Steinkopf

**From:** [Kate Kenner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:30:07 AM

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We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Kate Kenner



**From:** [Colleen Dammert](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:16:07 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Dammert

**From:** [Sonja Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 5:08:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

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Sincerely,  
Sonja Nielsen

**From:** [leslie lund](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:52:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to believe that the California Coastal Commission is doing all possible to assist in the resolution of the issues at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
leslie lund

**From:** [The Rev Dr Edward Kern](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 4:22:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am an ardent visitor to Point Reyes.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
The Rev Dr Edward Kern

**From:** ["Caroline Sévilla"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 3:25:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Sévilla

**From:** [Monica Licwinko](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:59:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Monica Licwinko

**From:** [Raleigh Koritz](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 2:52:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Raleigh Koritz

**From:** ["Michèle Lebourg"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Michèle Lebourg



**From:** [Robert Piller](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:55:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The National Park Service does not have the budget or staff needed to supervise the corner-cutting, for-profit, ranchers who don't care about environmental health and safety.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Robert Piller

**From:** [Lesley Bosworth](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 1:54:12 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

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Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Lesley Bosworth

**From:** [josh pelleg](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Friday, September 2, 2022 12:58:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
josh pelleg

**From:** [Neli Teofilova](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:42:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
Neli Teofilova

**From:** [Neli Teofilova](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**From:** [Rucha Harde](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:09:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Rucha Harde

**From:** [Georgia Griego](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:46:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

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I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

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Sincerely,  
Georgia Griego

**From:** [Georgia Griego](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Georgia Griego



**From:** [D.D](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:31:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Jessica Larsen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:51:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Larsen

**From:** [Theresa Fuller](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:54:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Fuller

**From:** [Jelica Roland](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:50:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jelica Roland

**From:** [Michelle Hur](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:35:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Hur

**From:** [Sandi Cornez](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:11:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Sandi Cornez

**From:** [James Jachimiak](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 8:01:08 PM

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The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
James Jachimiak

**From:** [Robert McArtor](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:53:05 PM

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A national park should not contain this wide breadth of environmental problems. Nor should over a third of a national park be placed aside for private industry.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

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Do your most important job. Protect our coast.

Sincerely,  
Robert McArtor



**From:** [Ann Bailleul](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:50:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Ann Bailleul

**From:** [Carolyn Massey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 7:08:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Massey

**From:** [Andrelene Babbitt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Andrelene Babbitt](#)  
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**From:** [Richard Magyar](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

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**From:** [Diana Bohn](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I am a Bay Area resident and cherish the proximity of Point Reyes National Seashore to a highly urbanized area, which affords enjoyment of nature for millions of visitors per year.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Diana Bohn

**From:** [mary more](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 6:16:10 PM

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It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
mary more



**From:** [K Danowski](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:46:10 PM

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Susan Allen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 5:34:07 PM

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Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Susan Allen

**From:** [Grant Fujii](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:59:08 PM

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As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

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**From:** [Maryanne Gordon](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:58:07 PM

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Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

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**From:** [Jill McAnally](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Jeff Thayer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Nikki Nafziger

**From:** [Nikki Nafziger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** ["R. Miles Mendenhall"](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:32:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Please take this opportunity to clean up the only national park on the west coast!

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
R. Miles Mendenhall

**From:** [Ed and Bee Simpson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:24:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments about the many problems with the out at Point Reyes National Seashore. I have visited there for decades, and am appalled at the bad conditions and management there.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United States stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Ed and Bee Simpson

**From:** [kathryn Reichard](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
kathryn Reichard

**From:** [Jeff Nadler](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Michelle Krueger](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:16:11 PM

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There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Krueger



**From:** [scott messenger](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 4:04:13 PM

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Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

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**From:** [Margaret Hannan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Sue Jones](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:47:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Sue Jones

**From:** [Jose de Arteaga](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:45:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

If Point Reyes is special enough to be a national park and UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot, why is it permitted to have the most polluted waters on the California Coast?

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Jose de Arteaga

**From:** [Rachel Onstott](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:35:16 PM

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What is going on at Point Reyes?

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

We are running out of time to limit climate change and the loss of species resulting from sea level rise and hotter, drier conditions.

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Sincerely,  
Rachel Onstott

**From:** [Marilyn Hanson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 3:30:11 PM

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The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Hanson

**From:** [Anthony Wong](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Anthony Wong



**From:** [Patricia Patteson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:54:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Patteson

**From:** [John Crowley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:51:09 PM

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Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore several times a month.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
John Crowley

**From:** [Angela Leventis](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I was at Point Reyes for the first time in years, and it was clear that something has to change.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Angela Leventis

**From:** [Annie Bien](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Annie Bien

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**From:** [Donna Beal](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. This is public land NOT for private businesses!

Please protect not only the water but the wildlife and plants as this should not be used for ranching and cattle grazing. Our public lands should be protected for all to enjoy and for the wildlife that calls the area home.

Sincerely,  
Donna Beal

**From:** [Parrie Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Parrie Henderson

**From:** [Susan Aime](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:20:14 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

As a Marin resident who comes to the park to picnic and kayak, I have become very concerned about water pollution from cattle manure and human sewage spills. It is appalling to learn that some ranch houses have never had septic systems, the NPS knew and did nothing much about it.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Susan Aime



**From:** [Sandi Aden](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Sandi Aden

**From:** [Sheila Dixon](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sheila Dixon

**From:** [Sheila Dixon](#)  
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**From:** [Agnetha Broecker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The park service has had years to address these issues, but instead of acting, it seems to be delaying - allowing ranchers to continue to ruin our beautiful seashore.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Agnetha Broecker

**From:** [Burkhard Broecker](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Burkhard Broecker

**From:** [John Burridge chem engineer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 2:11:10 PM

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We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
John Burridge chem engineer

**From:** [Jaromir Guzinski](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:49:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please rescind your approval of ranching and help the conservation groups end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Jaromir Guzinski

**From:** [margo wyse](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Service is driven by politically motivated ag interests; Coastal Commission members and staff may have also come under some of this political pressure. But it is your responsibility to protect California's coasts.

Sincerely,  
margo wyse



**From:** [David Boyer](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:41:08 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
David Boyer

**From:** [Laraine Bowen](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

The National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating under the delusion that because they are under the Federal government, they don't need to care about California regulations. Their indifference is unconscionable. Please conserve California's coastline for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Laraine Bowen

**From:** [Jerry Banks](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:40:09 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Banks

**From:** [Alfred Mancini](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:32:12 PM

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Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Alfred Mancini

**From:** [Stefanie Flax](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:32:12 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Stefanie Flax

**From:** [Andy Carman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:23:08 PM

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Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Andy Carman

**From:** [Kathy Nix](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:19:11 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

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This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Nix

**From:** [Kathy Nix](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [sara sang](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:12:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
sara sang

**From:** [Marcia Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:02:10 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Henderson

**From:** [Claire Perricelli](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
Claire Perricelli

**From:** [ilene gudelsky](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

For the sake of Californians, not cattle businesses, please protect the state's coastline!

Sincerely,  
ilene gudelsky

**From:** [Diana Duffy](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:59:07 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Diana Duffy

**From:** [Diana Bryant](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 12:50:09 PM

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What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Diana Bryant

**From:** [Jon Anderholm](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park’s streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

Ranchers say they run their operations “sustainably” while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that’s produced in abundance elsewhere.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Jon Anderholm

**From:** [Julie Robertson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Julie Robertson



**From:** [Maggie Kauffman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the Pacific Coast and is designated an International Biological Preserve for its abundant biodiversity and proximity to other protected lands and waters.

I recently read that beaches at Point Reyes received failing grades for water quality, and that these issues have been going on for decades. A National Park in California should not have unsafe water quality.

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Kauffman

**From:** [Carmen Plummer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

What is going on at Point Reyes?

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

This saga has gone on long enough, the park continues to do nothing! This is a national park which should mean something.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Plummer

**From:** [Mary Moderacki](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Actions speak louder than words. Your reputation has been in jeopardy for a long time now. How much are you being paid to allow privately owned cows raised for slaughter to be in Point Reyes National Seashore?

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought because it has fenced the elk away from the water. These deaths are directly linked to you! Shame on you all.

Tourists don't come to Point Reyes National Seashore to look at cows.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Mary Moderacki

**From:** [Pati Jio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The creeks and the springs are drying up, but the Park Service's response is to drill more wells to supply water to the thousands of cattle.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Pati Jio

**From:** [Brian Zidian Beans](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Brian Zidian Beans

**From:** [Janet Blake](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for reading my comment, Coastal Commissioners. I am a lifelong visitor to Point Reyes.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Janet Blake

**From:** [Peggy Cavanaugh](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Peggy Cavanaugh

**From:** [Mary Dosch](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I come to Point Reyes National Seashore to take in beautiful vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Drakes Bay.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Mary Dosch



**From:** [Pat Rose](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

I've been to other historic National Parks such as Williamsburg, VA, where I was welcomed into historic homes for demonstrations of how butter was made and horses cared for. It's horrible to visit the "historic" ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore where I was greeted with "keep out" signs, hostile ranchers on ATVs, and miles of barbed wire. Leasing our National Park provides no educational activities and no benefit to the public, it only feeds the pockets of the greedy beef and dairy operators.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Pat Rose

**From:** [Kalliopi Grafakou](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

It is crucial that the State of California have control over the ecosystems and wildlife within the Seashore. I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Point Reyes.

Our family has enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes for decades, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park's streams and beaches is deeply concerning. As a mother, I worry that my children will be exposed to water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems. Until these WQ is adequately addressed, we will find alternative places to safely picnic and play.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Kalliopi Grafakou

**From:** [Jan Modjeski](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We are in the midst of a climate crisis, and most are being too slow to address it. For example, many are not actively working to decrease water use, nor actively working toward the protection of water quality of the water we have.

The Channel Islands recently got rid of cattle. We ask the Coastal Service to work with the National Park Service and do the same.

Sincerely,  
Jan Modjeski

**From:** [Nora Coyle](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:55:13 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Nora Coyle

**From:** [David Bonnell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission MUST step up and push the National Park Service NOW to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
David Bonnell

**From:** [Anita Tsutsunen](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I visit Point Reyes National Seashore frequently to view and photograph the amazing biodiversity. It is the only place in the world where one can see iconic species like Tule Elk and elephant seals in the same place!

I am confused as to how it's legal that some of the worst water quality in the state occurs within a National Park!

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

We all need a safe and clean outdoor place to go to, especially with so much going on in our world. Please reassess your position on private ranching in our National Seashore, and help us create a safer and cleaner Park.

Sincerely,  
Anita Tsutsunen

**From:** [Darlene Wolf](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Darlene Wolf

**From:** [Beth Olson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

If ranches weren't funded by our taxes, they couldn't exist and wouldn't be allowed in the park. Why are we paying for them to pollute our waters?

Make this National Park an actual National Park and change your stance on ranching on the seashore.

Sincerely,  
Beth Olson



**From:** [Beth Olson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Sincerely,  
Beth Olson

**From:** [marina.sagardua](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I respectfully request the California Coastal Commissioners to do everything possible to protect our public lands in Point Reyes National Seashore.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

The Park Service, park management, and multiple regulatory agencies been tap dancing around this for decades and the damage and harm out there is worse and worse! Please do whatever you can to get rid of ranchers and their cattle, and return our national seashore to nature, not cow crap all over the place!

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
marina sagardua

**From:** [minna niemi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Water quality data clearly shows that streams, lagoons, and estuaries at Point Reyes National Seashore have alarmingly high levels of potentially disease-causing fecal bacteria. So the water features that attract visitors to enjoy the park are the same things that endanger our health. This should be criminal.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
minna niemi

**From:** [Charlene Kerchevall](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

I want to thank the Coastal Commissioners for providing an opportunity for the public to share their position on the ongoing issues associated with private cattle ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

I ask that the Commission continues to insist on a timely plan will bring water quality into compliance with healthy standards—for the safety of park visitors, resident workers and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Kerchevall

**From:** [Christina Williams](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

The Seashore is a national treasure, but it appears that the state of California will need to step in to save it. I ask the Commission to do everything possible to remove cattle and restore our coast.

Sincerely,  
Christina Williams

**From:** [Diane Gentile](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Diane Gentile

**From:** [Franziska Gerhardt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Franziska Gerhardt

**From:** [Joan Aebi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Joan Aebi



**From:** [Robert Marvos](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore is the “Island in Time” created during the Kennedy Administration that gives so many visitors a beautiful and peaceful way to connect with the natural world.

I have enjoyed visiting the Pt Reyes several times over the years, but the news about unsafe levels of E.coli in the park’s streams and beaches is very disturbing. Water that is polluted by cattle manure or even human sewage from leaking septic systems is a serious threat to all visitors as well as working there and is completely unacceptable.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Robert Marvos

**From:** [Deborah Richerson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Richerson

**From:** [Maureen Reardon](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

As a longtime resident of California, I am writing to express my sadness and concern at the current state of Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Reardon

**From:** [Maribel Jerez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is one of the most beautiful places in California, and it concerns me that to read about the level of pollution that occurs in places which were intended to be for the public

Beef and dairy operators at Point Reyes National Seashore have dammed surface streams to create watering ponds for livestock, thereby depriving downstream fish and native wildlife of the habitat needed to sustain them, especially during drought years.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Maribel Jerez

**From:** [John Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United States stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related to the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
John Hoffman

**From:** [Karen Warren](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:56:10 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission and Comission Staff,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Karen Warren

**From:** [Joe Quirk](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Joe Quirk

**From:** [MARIE BOTEILHO](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:49:15 AM

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The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
MARIE BOTEILHO



**From:** [MARIE BOTEILHO](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Jo Pepper](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:47:08 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

It's vital that the State of California has oversight authority over the coastal areas and ecosystems within the Seashore.

I've seen cattle where they don't belong—wading in creeks and estuaries that are choked with algae from cattle manure.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Jo Pepper

**From:** [Brenda Gamache](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Brenda Gamache

**From:** [Margaret Cobb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The intention of a national park is to protect and connect with wilderness. NPS seems to be acting more so as representatives of private industry than public good. Time and time again the Park Service continues to put off dealing with these troubling environmental issues.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Cobb

**From:** [Joan Wager](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Heidi Siebens](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Heidi Siebens

**From:** [Joseph Breazeale](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Joseph Breazeale

**From:** [Juanita Patrick](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Juanita Patrick



**From:** [Shirley Tomasello](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Shirley Tomasello

**From:** [Sharon Longyear](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
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Sharon Longyear

**From:** [Patricia Jewell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Patricia Jewell

**From:** [Nicolette Ludolphi](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Nicolette Ludolphi

**From:** [Kenneth Bouley](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Kenneth Bouley

**From:** [ann.malyon](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Linda Jennings](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Linda Jennings

**From:** [Karen Stamm](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have been a Bay Area resident for many years. I appreciate your taking time to read my deep concerns about the issues at Point Reyes National Seashore.

As a regular visitor to the park, I frequently see cattle trampling through creeks and streams, and even standing and pooping in Drakes Estero. In places where cattle are seen, I step over cow feces on trails and shorelines. It's no wonder the water quality is terrible.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

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Sincerely,  
Karen Stamm



**From:** [Julie Brickell](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission and Commission Staff,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The cattle ranches cover over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore! They were supposed to be gone decades ago! Why are they still allowed to stay there? There are barbed wire and electric fences everywhere that block public access to tens of thousands of acres, and signs saying don't trespass, keep out.

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Julie Brickell

**From:** [Jennie Pakradooni](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a resident of West Marin and a frequent visitor to our beloved Point Reyes National Seashore which is minutes from where I live, I am writing today with deep concern for the degradation of water quality due to private extraction of resources from our public lands due to the subsidized dairy and cattle industries.

I spend much of my free time kayaking and hiking in Point Reyes, and I have noticed a decrease in water quality and clarity, in our streams - including endangered coho salmon runs - copious amounts of cow dung on trails and agriculture runoff draining onto beaches and directly into lagoons which contain endangered plant species.

It is already horrible and wrong that our public lands are being used for private profit. The fact that water pollution due to agricultural runoff is now noticeable indicates that it is at far too high a level and likely has been for some time.

We are very fortunate to live in an area where biodiversity still exists, but it is on the decline due to the volume of cows present on our public lands. Grazing cattle on these lands is incredibly invasive. It threatens and destroys endangered species habitat as they trample and consume endemic plants and their waste runoff pollutes coastal waters - there is nothing ok about this.

Wildlife deserve a clean, healthy habitat and so do human beings. I most strongly urge the Coastal Commissioners and the National Park System to do all you can to protect and clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Jennie Pakradooni

**From:** [Winifred Burkett](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Winifred Burkett

**From:** [Anna Rossini](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Anna Rossini

**From:** [Maria Russo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

Point Reyes is the only national seashore on the West Coast. There are so many problems in Point Reyes National Seashore that the California Coastal Commission can influence for remedy, including the horrible water quality from ranching in many park locations; rancher abuse of soil, water, and air; ranchers fencing off thousands of acres from visitors; ranchers threatening or acting aggressively toward park visitors, including families with children; ranchers breaking federal and state environmental laws, and ignoring basic water and soil quality regulations and policies that injure or kill wildlife or damage habitat.

The Coastal Commissioners have an opportunity to protect the watersheds in Point Reyes National Seashore, much of which drains into the Pacific Ocean. It is time for water protection to be prioritized in Point Reyes, for the sake of our environment and generations to come.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Maria Russo

**From:** [Toni Adisano](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

The thousands of acres in Point Reyes National leased for cattle ranching have been denuded of native vegetation, and the water quality in the numerous waterways has been significantly impacted for decades. It is a concern that very few steps are being taken to address these plus numerous other issues related to private ranching on these lands.

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Sincerely,  
Toni Adisano

**From:** ["Diane-Michele Petrillo"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

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Sincerely,  
Diane-Michele Petrillo

**From:** [Barry Winston](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Barry Winston



**From:** [Jessica Heiden](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Anna Rossini](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

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Anna Rossini

**From:** [Gerry Milliken](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

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When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

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Gerry Milliken

**From:** [Dan Perdios](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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We should be protecting and restoring wildlife habitat at Point Reyes National Seashore. Scientists say we are in the sixth mass extinction event. critical wildlife habitat.

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Dan Perdios

**From:** [maria lopes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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There is a severe drought in this state. At Point Reyes, cows are using up all the water that should be going to animals and natural habitats, including tule elk.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

This is our land. Please hold the National Park Service accountable.

Sincerely,  
maria lopes

**From:** [Lucy Guerra](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I watched the CCC hearings on Point Reyes in April and was inspired by your knowledge and concern about the conditions at the Seashore.

Aquatic life in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Point Reyes National Seashore are harmed by pollution from ranches. These include the federally endangered Central Coast Coho salmon as well as whales which migrate through the area.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Thank you for your serious sincere attention and action on this matter! No more private ranching, no more cows in Point Reyes National Seashore!

Sincerely,  
Lucy Guerra

**From:** [Debi Combs](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Commissions, your help is urgently needed to clean up Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Debi Combs

**From:** [Lynn Copping](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Copping



**From:** [Barbara Danko](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The park service has had years to correct these problems, but seems to delay or defer rather than taking action.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Danko

**From:** [Geraldine Card](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

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Sincerely,  
Geraldine Card

**From:** [Julie Rose](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am writing to voice my support for the CCC's efforts to protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Point Reyes National Seashore has some of the most polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore it is unclear why ranching tenants can continue their ranching operations while scientific documentation notes the impact to water and air quality on these public lands.

The National Park Service knew there was water contamination starting in 2001. Their solution? Just stop sampling in 2013! We look to the Coastal Commission to expeditiously protect and clean up our coastal waters.

Please protect the water for all the hikers, bike riders, campers, kayakers, and families who learn to love and protect nature by visiting Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Julie Rose

**From:** [Julie Rose](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As one who is proud and awestruck by the unique California coastline and biodiversity, especially in Point Reyes, I would like to thank you for your efforts to protect the only National seashore on the West coast.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Julie Rose

**From:** [giuseppe.cortinovis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
giuseppe cortinovis

**From:** [MariaGrazia Sanguin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
MariaGrazia Sanguin

**From:** [ULLA PADE](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Laetitia Amadei



**From:** [Holly gilzow](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Holly gilzow

**From:** [Angela Gantos](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Angela Gantos

**From:** [Susan Ryan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Susan Ryan

**From:** [Jessica Harvey](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Jessica Harvey

**From:** [Susan Ryan](#)  
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**From:** [Amy Hopkins](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Amy Hopkins

**From:** [Ken Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Ken Wilson

**From:** [Jessica Weaver](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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**From:** [Gustavo Gomes](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Gustavo Gomes

**From:** [TJ Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
TJ Thompson

**From:** [Elaine Woodruff](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

I don't see how it is acceptable that a National Seashore has some of the state's poorest water quality!

Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Honestly, Point Reyes National Seashore would be better served if it were a State Park - at least then it would be managed properly and in accordance with California regulations.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Woodruff

**From:** [Michael Ballin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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What happens to the wildlife when the water runs out?

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Sincerely,  
Michael Ballin

**From:** [francis mastri](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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**From:** [Susan Boyd](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission **MUST** step up and push the National Park Service **NOW** to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Susan Boyd

**From:** [Mason Winton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your time in reading my remark. I reside in the Bay Area and visit Point Reyes National Seashore on a regular basis.

Manure discharged from cows and other livestock at Point Reyes National Seashore not only contaminates our beaches with potentially disease causing fecal bacteria they add nitrogen and phosphorus which cause surface waters to be so choked with emergent vegetation you can hardly see the water.

As the pandemic has shown us, we need to increase public recreation and access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up keeping people out of our parklands.

Please represent the interest of the people and rescind your approval of ranching in the National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Mason Winton

**From:** [L Loftin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [William Goell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The purpose of the National Park is to protect wilderness and provide equitable access for all folks. Please do everything you can to send a message and remind the Park Service of their duty.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
William Goell

**From:** [Marilyn Lee](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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We are fortunate to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in a metropolitan area, and only 60 minutes from San Francisco..

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It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Help the conservation groups to end the pollution and protect this biodiversity hotspot.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Lee

**From:** [Robert Gibb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Robert Gibb

**From:** [Ronald Huetter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The ranchers have had decades to do the right thing for the environment, and insist to manipulate and obfuscate every chance they can. Raw sewage leaking on lands and in fresh and ocean waters; cattle excrement covering half the park; methane fouling the air; cows as eyesores in what is to be a natural wilderness; and actual dead zones of soil and waters—all by disingenuous ranchers and compliant park management and staff.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Please help address and end the constant impact of ranching on our public lands on the Pacific Coast. It is time for our environment to come first, especially on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Huetter

**From:** [Ronald Huetter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

I rarely go to Point Reyes anymore because it's upsetting to see the damage from cattle overgrazing and trampling so much of the park.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Huetter

**From:** [Debora Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
**Date:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 9:55:09 AM

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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

"First gradually, then all at once." That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Debora Campbell

**From:** [Laura Long](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Laura Long

**From:** [Jay Rice](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I want to trust the California Coastal Commission is doing all in its power to help fix the problems out on Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

Point Reyes National Seashore is at grave risk to be destroyed by the horrible decades-long practices and consequences of cattle ranching among the current and present dangers of climate warming, biodiversity loss, and extended drought. The California Coastal Commission **MUST** step up and push the National Park Service **NOW** to rid ranchers and cattle from the American public's National Seashore here, the only national park unit on the West Coast.

Because they are an agency of the federal government, the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore has been operating on the mistaken assumption that they are exempt from California laws. Their disregard is intolerable. Please act now and save our land.

Sincerely,  
Jay Rice



**From:** [Rick and Sharon Norlund](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

The land and water in Point Reyes deserve to be protected, not only for the public but also for the native wildlife. We all need a healthy environment so let's prioritize and protect these public lands on the Pacific Coast.

Ranches are not self-supporting and would not be in the park were they not subsidized by our tax dollars.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Rick and Sharon Norlund

**From:** [Cindy Davis](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Cindy Davis

**From:** [Jan Moore](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jan Moore

**From:** [CARYL SPECK](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
CARYL SPECK

**From:** [Gerhardt Gerckens](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I only just learned that the CCC can influence NPS policies at Point Reyes -- that is good news.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

Cattle ranching at Point Reyes is clearly not sustainable. Ranchers buy supplemental water and grass for cows, while wildlife are expected to die, according to the park service. The climate crisis will only worsen conditions.

This is a national seashore for the American people and for wildlife and habitat—not a playground or business landscape for private, industrial-level, factory animal operations. Please help get the ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Sincerely,  
Gerhardt Gerckens

**From:** [Joanne Tenney](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

It is a tragedy to see the park deteriorate, especially over the last decade. Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of bare dirt and manure.

For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Tenney

**From:** [Morgan Huette](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

During this drought, the National Park Service has let hundreds of our famous and rare Tule elk perish from dehydration. Elk and cows cannot coexist on the Seashore.

My request is that the Coastal Commission holds the park service accountable to its mission, to prioritize the health of the park over the financial interests of cattle ranches.

Sincerely,  
Morgan Huette

**From:** [Linda Rames](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Coastal Commission was created to protect our coast and needs to use the power it has to affect change at the National Park Service.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Linda Rames



**From:** [ivan varella](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

As a long-time California resident, I am writing to express sadness and outrage over the conditions at Point Reyes National Seashore.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
ivan varella

**From:** [Kristin Hegwood](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Kristin Hegwood

**From:** [Lynette McLamb](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Lynette McLamb

**From:** [Ken Stack](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am an enthusiast of public lands, and it is a gift for all to have Point Reyes National Seashore located in the Bay Area on the Northern California coast.

The National Park Service has not performed water quality monitoring in the known polluted waterways in Point Reyes for years – this is unacceptable. If the Park Service is not going to protect our public lands from environmental degradation, it is asked of the Commission to please require the ending of ranching in the National Seashore in order to help restore our public lands along the California coast.

The Coastal Commission was established to safeguard our coastline, and it must make use of its authority to influence the National Park Service. Endangered wildlife needs a voice and it is our time to speak up for them.

Stand up for your oaths as true California Coastal stewards. Be plain and forthright: The ranchers, and their park management enablers, have had long enough to demonstrate good stewardship. Please help facilitate the removal of ranchers and cattle from Point Reyes within the next three years.

Sincerely,  
Ken Stack

**From:** [Karen kindel Canton ohio](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

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Drought will only get worse in California. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. Streams will dry up and wildlife will die of thirst.

Cattle were recently removed from the Channel Islands. We want the National Park Service and the Coastal Service to collaborate and take similar action.

Sincerely,  
Karen kindel Canton ohio

**From:** [Jeffrey Hastie](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

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For the sake of our public land, our limited water source, our wildlife, and our future generations, it is time to end the constant pollution to our National Seashore. Let's restore this incredible coastal landscape, by ending private ranching, and allow conservation efforts to be initiated.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Hastie

**From:** [Diane Kastel](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We hope you care about "Point Reyes National Seashore" as much as we, and, so many millions of people do?

Our family is telling the "California Coastal Commission" that, chronic, water pollution caused by, private, ranching operations in the, only, "National Seashore", on the West Coast, is shameful, and, unacceptable!

"Turtle Island Restoration Network", just, released the, most, rigorous independent water quality report ever conducted in "Point Reyes National Seashore" -- revealing water, pollution that is dangerous to humans, wildlife, and, the, local, habitats that sustain us all!

The "Park Service" has had years to correct these, degradation, problems, but, you insist on delaying or, deferring rather than taking action!

Point Reyes National Seashore" has some of the, most, polluted waterways in California, and the cause of the pollution is due to cattle ranching on leased parcels. Therefore, it is disturbing to know that, ranching, tenants are allowed to continue their, ranching, operations while, scientific, documentation notes the impact to water, and, air, quality on these, public, lands!

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely! The ranchers, on "Point Reyes National Seashore", have, literally, commandeered this, National Park from the American people, and, the wildlife, wild, lands, and, wild, waters that exist there!

We are telling the "California Coastal Commission" to protect our "National Park" and wildlife, from dangerous, toxic, water pollution!

Our family members are telling the "California Coastal Commission" that water pollution dangerous to, public, health, and, the environment is unacceptable, and, deplorable, in the "Point Reyes National Seashore"!

Cattle operations, made worse by drought, have turned the landscape into a sea of, bare, dirt, and, manure, turning the lands, and, waters, into disgusting, and, dangerous, waste, areas!

Eight, popular, destinations in the Park, contained, bacteria, concentrations exceeding, state, standards!

Some bacteria, concentrations were more than 170 times the, health-based, standards for, fecal, coliform!

Unacceptable, health, risks identified for wading, swimming, kayaking, and, other, forms of water, recreation in, popular, Park locations, including, shellfish, harvesting in Drakes Estero!

Would you let your, own, children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or, do, any, other activity on, in, or near the, cattle-dung, waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and, fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health, and, safety? You MUST make this Park a

Park and, help us protect the coast!

Sincerely,  
Diane Kastel



**From:** [Valentina Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Valentina Sanchez

**From:** [Wendi Myers](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Clean and abundant water is necessary to support the wildlife on land in Point Reyes National Seashore, the freshwater aquatic life in these Point Reyes watersheds, the marine life along the Pacific Coast, and the avian life passing through the Pacific Flyway. Sadly, insufficient water is available for native wildlife as leased cattle operations are prioritized for water use, and the water that is available is polluted from these operations.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Please use your influence so the Park Service will follow its own mission.

Sincerely,  
Wendi Myers

**From:** [Anne Streeter](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please protect human health for beachgoers at Point Reyes. Hold the ranches accountable. Eliminate the water pollution.

Sincerely,  
Anne Streeter

**From:** [Vasileios Grigoriou](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Vasileios Grigoriou

**From:** [Evelyn Betancourt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Evelyn Betancourt

**From:** [Jane Drews](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Thank you for giving me the chance to express my worries and problems over the ongoing environmental effect on the Point Reyes National Seashore. I kindly ask the Commissioners to work with conservation organizations to save the land, water, and wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Jane Drews

**From:** ["Gerri Finkelstein-Lurya"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you, Coastal Commissioners, for reading my concerns that Point Reyes National Seashore is under threat by its current management practices.

Why are we jeopardizing precious native species to support cattle that can live anywhere?

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Gerri Finkelstein-Lurya

**From:** [Jeff Regan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I hope you care about Point Reyes National Seashore as much as I and so many millions of people do.

This state is in an extreme drought. Cows at Point Reyes are consuming all the water that should be going to natural habitat and wildlife, like the tule elk.

If you care about the ocean, the climate, coastal biodiversity, and the health, safety, and well-being of people, wildlife, and clean air, oceans, and lands, PLEASE do something as the preeminent California coastal regulator – restore and protect our Point Reyes Seashore.

Please partner with concerned citizens, and help protect our National Seashore. It is time for our public land to be prioritized over commercial cattle ranching.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Regan



**From:** [Henry Rosenfeld](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Henry Rosenfeld

**From:** [Peter Warner](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

“No challenge poses a greater threat to our way of life, prosperity, and future as a state than climate change,” said Governor Newsom.

Politics should not be used as the basis for decisions that may influence the future of the Seashore. We need real action now in order to secure a future for Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Peter Warner

**From:** [Susan Watts](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

It makes no sense for a few ranchers to have more influence over a national park than millions of visitors.

Any plan that is ultimately produced to address the water and climate impacts of ranching, as the Commission has required, must include measurable benchmarks and deadlines for achieving them, enforcement mechanisms, and consequences—including closing down private ranching in the park— for failure to perform.

Sincerely,  
Susan Watts

**From:** [Andrelene Babbitt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

Over a third of Point Reyes National Seashore is taken up by livestock farms! Years ago, they were supposed to be gone! Why are they still permitted to occupy that space? Tens of thousands of acres are barred off from public access by barbed wire, electric fences, and signs that read "stay out" and "don't trespass."

The National Park Service lacks the resources (money and personnel) necessary to control the profit-driven, opportunistic ranchers who don't spare a thought about environmental health and safety.

Clearly the Point Reyes National Seashore is significantly under-resourced and relies on its staff to enforce environmental regulations rather than professionals with the specific experience required. Please withdraw your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Andrelene Babbitt

**From:** [Harry van Horn](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need our Commissioners to protect and defend our coastal resources for all the people of California for generations to come.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

The National Park Service has not kept its agreements and can't be relied upon to do so.

Sincerely,  
Harry van Horn

**From:** ["Natalie Klötzer"](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the west coast and needs the California Coastal Commission to protect it from degradation by industrial ag interests.

Cattle tracks gouging the hillsides, ultra-green polluted ponds and streams, bone-dry fields laden cattle manure, and hundreds of miles of barbed wire fences—an ugly and unwelcoming site to visitors who come to the park for inspiration. An even greater concern is what this damage means for native plants and animals.

If we only have ten years to do something about climate change, why are we doing nothing about the critical conditions at Point Reyes?

Please conserve California's coast line for Californians, not cattle corporations!

Sincerely,  
Natalie Klötzer

**From:** [Tracey Mangus](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for the opportunity to share concerns and issues related the constant environmental impact to Point Reyes National Seashore. I respectfully request the Commissioners to align with conservation groups to protect our land, water, wildlife on these public lands.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Mangus

**From:** [Frauke Brandt](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your involvement in helping protect the Seashore! We need your leadership to help finally make this park a park.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

We are in a climate and extinction crisis. We the public, and all agencies should be focused on taking the right steps to address these human-caused issues. Per scientific publications, we are almost out of time, so the time is now.

NPS lacks both the will and capacity to protect the Seashore from a politically powerful special interest.

Sincerely,  
Frauke Brandt



**From:** [Betty Kowall](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

We need the California Coastal Commission to protect the only National Seashore on the west coast.

I used to enjoy going to the Seashore with friends to hike, kayak, watch birds and take pictures.

When will the California Coastal Commission force the National Park Service and park management to obey environmental laws and regulations to protect visitor, wildlife, and habitat health and safety?

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!

Sincerely,  
Betty Kowall

**From:** [Jayne Cerny](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Ranches were not meant to continue forever in the PRNS when the park was established. The ranchers negotiated with politicians, especially Trump, to extend their leases. They are environmentally and ecologically destructive. Cattle are not a part of other national parks.

Thank you for reading my comment about Point Reyes. Years ago my partner proposed to me at the Seashore, so park holds a very special place in my heart.

Why do ranchers have so much power over our national park? Their cattle create vast dead zones out on the Point. The ranchers and their cattle shouldn't even be there anymore! They constantly manipulate park management and regulatory agencies for private profit and hurt wildlife and visitors with their shady dealings with park management.

We need to increase public access to our coastline for public benefit and inspiration. We cannot continue to approve plans that end up excluding people and endangering their health.

Hold the National Park Service – and especially the park management and staff – accountable to enforce environmental laws and regulations Get the cattle out of our National Seashore now!

Sincerely,  
Jayne Cerny

**From:** [Miriam Leiseroff](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

This has been going on for six decades! The ranchers were never supposed to stay this long, and they just turn the lands and waters into disgusting and dangerous waste areas, and nothing ever changes. The park management doesn't do anything to enforce federal or state environmental laws. Especially about ocean protection! Please do something!

We should all feel comfortable going into the water that drains out of Point Reyes, rather than worrying about the health risk to humans, and environmental damage to our fresh water, and marine aquatic life. Please prioritize our public lands for the sake of the public and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Miriam Leiseroff

**From:** [willie hinze](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I am a Bay Area resident. I have visited Point Reyes with friends and family my entire life.

Why is so much of the Point Reyes National Seashore permitted to be covered in cow manure from dairy and beef cattle? Cattle excrement can be found on footpaths, in creeks, and in streams. Every visitor—adults, children, pets—should avoid it! Why doesn't the park administration put a stop to it? Why do these ranchers misuse our national park's land and water?

It's time for the California Coastal Commission to step in and stop this absurdity! For the sake of people, wildlife, and habitat, stop this long-time tragedy! Point Reyes could be a model for sound and sane climate policy practices, biodiversity restoration, and leading edge drought science.

“First gradually, then all at once.” That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
willie hinze

**From:** [Mr Buskirk](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I have lived in northern California a long time, and am really upset about what's going on out at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

If you visit Point Reyes National Seashore, you will witness vast degradation by ranchers of lands and waters bequeathed in trust to the American people in perpetuity as a natural wonder. Please do ALL in your power to get the National Park Service (and Seashore management) to enforce existing environmental law, and plan for the removal of all ranching from the park within the next five years, period!  
This is an EMERGENCY!

Sincerely,  
Mr Buskirk

**From:** [Tatjana Walker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Tatjana Walker

**From:** [Robert Hollerbach](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Protecting our public lands from environmental impacts should be a goal of all local, state and national agencies, especially during a climate crisis, therefore I am writing to urge the Commissioners to protect Point Reyes from constant impacts causing by cattle ranching.

Migratory birds from all over the Western United states stop in the Seashore in search of a safe place to rest and refuel along the Pacific Flyway. Endangered marine mammals along the Pacific Coast call Point Reyes home. We now know that Point Reyes provides poor habitat for these protected wildlife. At Point Reyes, water is polluted by cattle manure and land is barren due to too many cows.

At this critical point in the planning process, I am grateful that the CCC has taken a firm stand--refusing to allow more NPS deferrals postponements, and rejecting an inadequate water quality plan that lacks priorities, standards or enforcement.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Robert Hollerbach

**From:** [Theresa Harlan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

My family was the last Coast Miwok family to live at Point Reyes Peninsula. Ranching degrades the water & lands at our now national seashore. We have a chance to change end this.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Harlan



**From:** [Karen Dabrusin](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider my comment. Point Reyes National Seashore holds a special place in my heart.

It is unacceptable that my tax dollars subsidize private industry in a national park that causes some of the worst water quality in California.

Water is a precious and limited commodity. We need to do everything we can to protect our water supply from being overused and polluted, especially on public lands on the Pacific coast. It is time to take the right step, and protect Point Reyes National Seashore.

Coastal Commissioners, sincerely. The ranchers on Point Reyes National Seashore have literally commandeered this national park from the American people and the wildlife, wild lands, and wild waters that exist there. Would you let your own children wade, walk, hike, traipse, splash, swim, or do any other activity on, in, or near the cattle-dung waters, beaches, creeks, estuaries, tide pools, and fields there? Wouldn't you worry about their health and safety? Please make this park a park and help us protect the coast.

Sincerely,  
Karen Dabrusin

**From:** [Jacques Laus](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Jacques Laus

**From:** [JOSEPH PROST](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Please hold the park service accountable, and withdraw your concurrence of the NPS's plan to deliver 20-year leases to ranchers.

Sincerely,  
JOSEPH PROST

**From:** [Karin Liedtke](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The Commissioners have an important role protecting our coast.

I have hiked a lot in Point Reyes National Seashore, and I have stopped going to many places because there's so much cow crap everywhere, in streams and on trails and draining onto a lot of beaches there. It's disgusting and really unhealthy. Why is this allowed to continue for years and years and years?

This has gone on long enough! The Coastal Commission needs to protect our coast and clean up our coastal waters.

"First gradually, then all at once." That is the history of the environmental crisis at Point Reyes. Please address this urgent need.

Sincerely,  
Karin Liedtke

**From:** [Laura Regan](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

With continued ranching and the drought at Point Reyes National Seashore, I worry very much about the continued loss of biodiversity there. Please do not let the ranchers or the park service continue their mismanagement of this special place.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Laura Regan

**From:** [Miriam and Mike Kurland](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Sincerely,  
Miriam and Mike Kurland

**From:** [Gina Sanfilippo](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for your work to protect our coast, especially at Point Reyes National Seashore.

The bike paths at Point Reyes are the worst in Marin – dusty, barren and full of cow poop that gets into your tires, shoes, clothes and skin.

Marin County is experiencing “extreme drought” conditions, yet thousands of cattle are polluting what little water is available to sustain over 100 endangered plant and animal species.

Please take urgent action befitting the critical environmental crisis at Point Reyes.

Sincerely,  
Gina Sanfilippo

**From:** [Kim Akeman](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Thank you for considering my comments about the damage to Point Reyes National Seashore from cattle operations. I know that I am not alone in saying the impacts are so apparent and disheartening that I no longer visit the park.

Why is it allowed for Point Reyes to have the most contaminated waters on the California Coast if it is unique enough to be a national park and an UN-designated Biodiversity Hot Spot?

Addressing unsafe water in a park ought to be an urgent public health priority, but the park service acts as if they can deal when it's convenient.

The Coastal Commission is our best hope for cleaning up the water at Point Reyes. Please ensure that the park service develops and implements a strict water quality plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Kim Akeman



**From:** [Riley McIntire](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: Sepetember 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Subsidizing private industry at the expense of California's coastline ecology is wrong and needs to be stopped. I urge the California Coastal Commission to step up and take immediate action to remedy the past and ongoing failure of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,  
Riley McIntire

**From:** [Jim Brunton](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I live in Northern California, and I love Point Reyes National Seashore.

Citizens look to national parks – “our best idea” – for leadership in the climate crisis, but Point Reyes is an example of the worst practices in conserving water and protecting biodiversity.

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Please help us get the ranchers out of our National Seashore! Point Reyes is the only National Seashore on the West Coast of the U.S., and it's becoming a cesspool, even though ranchers were supposed to leave decades ago.

Sincerely,  
Jim Brunton

**From:** [Richard Hieber](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Richard Hieber

**From:** [Mercedes Benet](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Thank you for using your authority to address the terrible conditions at Point Reyes.

I used to love kayaking at Point Reyes but when I heard about how the water quality goes unmonitored, I just couldn't go there anymore.

The National Park Service has allowed hundreds of our rare and iconic Tule elk to die of thirst during this drought. The Seashore cannot support both cows and elk. And tourists don't come to look at cows.

Decisions affecting the future of the Seashore should be based in science, not politics.

Sincerely,  
Mercedes Benet

**From:** [Adam Shapiro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

Please take this opportunity to care for our national treasure, the Point Reyes National Seashore.

It is long past time to end commercial ranching/farming in the public's national seashore. Please stand up for what matters most: land, water, air, and life before profit!

Thank you, Adam

Sincerely,  
Adam Shapiro

**From:** [Dana Smego](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Dana Smego

**From:** [Bernadette Andoloro](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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Dear California Coastal Commission ,

I feel privileged to have the Point Reyes National Seashore virtually in my backyard.

The trash, heaps of cattle manure, beaches closed to the public because of dangerous levels of bacteria from cows—shouldn't be happening in a national park.

Ranchers say they run their operations "sustainably" while they pollute the water, degrade coastal habitats and endanger rare wildlife in order to produce milk and meat that's produced in abundance elsewhere.

Please reconsider your approval of ranching in the national park.

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Andoloro

**From:** [Linda Walker](#)  
**To:** [Coastal Point Reyes Management Plan](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10b: September 8th CCC Meeting: Point Reyes  
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