



## FRIENDS OF THE GUALALA RIVER

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Bob Merrill, District Manager

June 19, 2007

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California Coastal Commission

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Via e-mail

**SUBJECT: Gualala, Mendocino County, Independence Day fireworks event, compliance alert**

Dear Mr. Merrill:

Thank you and your staff (Tiffany Tauber) for preparing your June 13, 2007 letter to the Gualala Festivals Committee, which provided an authoritative and sound analysis of Commission jurisdiction over the proposed Gualala Festivals Committee fireworks displays launched from the Gualala Bluff Trail across the Gualala River lagoon and Gualala Point beach area.

Unfortunately, the Gualala Festivals Committee today publicly declared via website, website link, and e-mail announcements (see attachment) that it intends to proceed with the Gualala fireworks activities, despite your clear written determination that a permit would be required by the Commission, and permit review schedules preclude permit issuance before July 6.

We believe that these e-mail and website announcements are a clear published declaration of intent to violate State law within your agency's jurisdiction. Ordinary after-the-fact enforcement action in this case would cause an unacceptable and irreversible harm to public trust resources (particularly marine bird life, nesting and reproductive failure of federally and state-protected species).

Therefore, Friends of the Gualala River and its allied private citizens and conservation organizations urgently requests that you take all legally feasible and necessary pre-emptive actions to prevent the announced violation from occurring.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Baye

Vice President, Friends of the Gualala River

Cc: Tiffany S. Tauber, California Coastal Commission, Fort Bragg  
Rob Cozens, Mendonoma Marine Conservancy  
Rich Kuehn, Sea Ranch  
Francis Drouillard  
John Fox, The Sea Ranch Association  
Interested parties

ATTACHMENT: Gualala Festivals Committee website and e-mail  
(<http://www.gualalafestivals.org/PDF/FIREWORKS.pdf>)  
(<http://www.redwoodcoastchamber.com/specialevents.html>)  
schedule of events published June 19, 2007.

## Independence Week Holiday Event Schedule!

**July 1:** [Fireworks Over the Bay](#) at dusk - Bodega Bay, launched from Westside Park. (driving time is approx. 1 1/2 hours south of Gualala)

**July 4:** [Mendocino Village Annual 4th of July Parade](#) 12:00 Noon (Mendocino, driving time is approx. 1 1/2 hours north of Gualala)

**July 6-8:** [Gualala Patriot Days](#) re-enactor events in Gualala (The Gualala Hotel and other locations TBA). Produced by the Gualala Patriot Days Committee. Events and activities to include Paul Revere's Ride, camp demonstrations, arrests and trials, storytelling and gaming, A full schedule of activities will be available on the website soon.

### **July 6:**

- Cypress Village Open House 12 Noon - 4:00 pm (Lloyd Meadows & his Zydeco All Stars, food and activities TBA)
- Bones Roadhouse "North Coast Pirate's Faire" (Gualala Community Center - Time TBA) Food, beverages and Pirate gear will be available for sale. Music and activities for the entire family. Free parking. Info: 707.884.1188.
- [Fireworks Display in Gualala](#) at dusk (approx 9:15 PM) - launched in downtown Gualala. This display is visible from many locations within Gualala's downtown area. There may be traffic congestion including a great deal of foot traffic. It is recommended that fireworks viewers arrive early and patronize local businesses, vendors and activities that are happening before and after the fireworks.

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-----Original Message-----

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**On Behalf Of** Marshall Sayegh

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2007 1:06 PM

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**Subject:** [Patriot] Independence Week Holiday Event Schedule for the Coast

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