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I have lived on Chambers Road since 1982, so 44 years, and value my rural neighborhood for its birds and wildlife, its fragrance and silence. And now there are more fish in its streams. This is a direct result of two local non profit organizations that have worked tirelessly to restore the native Coho Fish population that had not been seen here since 1960.
Many, many residents have worked in rainy winter conditions or served on oversight Boards of these restoration organizations to keep the work going, myself included. Then last Fall, in 2025, Coho Salmon were observed swimming up East Mill Creek. It was reason to celebrate so many years dedicated to restoring this fish to a coastal California river. It is wonderful that once again Coho juvenile fishes are swimming in a local stream.
As it happens Cisco Benemann's ranch is squarely in the middle of the East Mill Creek drainage system. The original business permit for growing and processing marijuana issued to Mr. Benemann included a 2.65-million gallon rainwater catchment pond which has not yet been built out. I feel catching rainwater is preferable for the environment overall versus modifying his business permit to pump water out of the ground. This seems especially vital as the long range forecast of dry conditions are predicted for the coming winter months of 2026. Water in the ground will help keep the East Mill Creek moist. Help the fish continue to recover here.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views to management of our natural environment here in Petrolia. ~Marcia Ehrlich