Nursing ailing kelp forests back to life

Projects saving plant nearly wiped out by warm water, voracious sea urchins

By Tara Duggan

FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County — On the fishing dock in Noyo Harbor, two stacks of purple urchin spines lined the wooden railing. Two Chinese long-fin sea urchins, one purple and one orange, the largest species of their kind, sat in a white plastic bin. A thick, rich kelp forest lay at the dock’s edge. A hand-picked collection of purple urchins from Noyo Bay was on its way to the Nature Conservancy’s kelp nursery, where it will be grown to be replanted in the mendocino and sonoma counties.

“The oceans are in crisis. We are trying to bring this back,” said Tristin McHugh, kelp project director at the Nature Conservancy. “Now that we know it does work, how can we keep this going long-term?”

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“ICE is required to conduct a review every 90 days to deter- minate the individual's deportability,” Prasad said. “If the individual is deportable, this is an opportunity for them to apply for asylum and seek relief from deportation.”

The order of deportation can only be challenged through the petition for a review of the record and any petition for a review of the record is determined by the Immigration Judge after a hearing on the record. If the order of deportation is not challenged within 30 days of the order, it becomes final and the individual is considered deportable.

For now, Pham continues his life in a California detention center, where he is being held pending a deportation hearing. Pham is currently being held at the San Quentin Detention Center in San Quentin, California. Pham is a naturalized citizen and has been living in the United States for more than 20 years. He is a father of two children and has been married for 10 years. Pham is a long-time resident of the San Francisco Bay Area and has been a part of the community for many years. He has been an active member of his church and community organizations and has volunteered at local food banks and schools.

Pham’s deportation is being challenged by his family and friends, who are calling for his release and the end of the federal deportation system. They believe that Pham is not a threat to the community and should not be deported.

“I know Pham and I know he’s not a threat to anyone,” said Pham’s sister, who is a lawyer. “He’s a good person and he has never caused any problems. I don’t understand why he’s being deported.”

Pham’s attorney, Anoop Prasad, said that he will continue to fight for Pham’s release and the end of the federal deportation system. He said that Pham’s deportation is a violation of his human rights and that he should be allowed to stay in the United States with his family.

“I’m going to keep fighting for Pham’s release and the end of the federal deportation system,” Prasad said. “Pham is not a threat to the community and he should be allowed to stay in the United States with his family.”