

Resolution Regarding Salmon Declines

Whereas, salmon is considered a species of concern within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary because their populations have dramatically declined; and,

Whereas, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is charged with maintaining sustainable ecosystems within their boundaries; and,

Whereas, sustainable ocean ecosystems are inherently linked to healthy watersheds; and,

Whereas, many factors, including oceanographic conditions and low water flow in the central valley river system, have contributed to the unprecedented, documented declines in salmon populations; and

Whereas, salmon are a cornerstone of local economies and ecosystems throughout our region; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby conveys its concern over salmon declines to the appropriate agencies of jurisdiction; and,

Be it further resolved that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby encourages salmon restoration measures based on sound, peer-reviewed science be applied at the earliest possible opportunity by the agencies of jurisdiction; and,

Be it further resolved that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary hereby supports continued and effective enforcement of laws critical to healthy ecosystems regarding water allocations, screening requirements, gravel mining, riparian habitat and forest practices within the State of California necessary for the protection and restoration of salmonid populations; and,

Be it further resolved that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary use every opportunity to educate the public about the importance of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary to the waters and the living resources of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.