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Monterey, California 93940

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Maria Brown, Superintendent
Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS)

Dan Howard, Superintendent
Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS)

RE: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council Support for
GFNMS/CBNMS Expansion

At the February 7 MBNMS Advisory Council meeting in Santa Cruz, council members considered a resolution in support of the GFNMS/CBNMS expansion proposal. Due to a lack of a quorum at the time of the agenda item to entertain a motion and vote on the resolution, this topic has been tabled to the April 18 SAC meeting. However, because the current public comment period for scoping closes March 1, those Advisory Council members present for this agenda item advised me to convey their support for expansion as proposed in the Notice of Intent. Those present included: Simona Bartl (Education), Chris Harrold (Research), Cindy Walters (Business), Geoff Shester (Conservation), Michael Bekker (Tourism), Paul Reilly (CA Fish and Wildlife), Kirk Schmidt (Agriculture), Gary Pezzi (Recreation), P.J. Webb (At-Large), and Steve Lindley (NOAA Fisheries).

Therefore, please allow this letter to be included in the public comment record.

Yours,

Paul Michel, Superintendent
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS)

cc: MBNMS Advisory Council

