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Lauri Baker / Andrea Moe

Business

William Spicer / Capt. Manfred H.K. Aschemeyer

Non-Consumptive Recreation

W. Scott Dunn / Carolyn Greene

Commercial Fishing

Jim Marshall / Bruce Steele

Recreational Fishing

Capt. David Bacon / Merit McCrea

Education

Barbara LaCorte / Dan Powell

Research

Dr. Robert Warner / Dr. Bernardo Broitman

Conservation

Linda Krop / Greg Helms

Public At-Large 1

Phyllis Grifman / John Rennell

Public At-Large 2

Eric Kett / Matthew Lum

Chumash Community

Paulette Cabugos / Reggie Pagaling

National Marine Fisheries Service

Mark Helvey / Lyle Enriquez

National Park Service

Russell Galipeau / Gary Davis

U.S. Coast Guard

CWO Ronald Fien / M. Scott Young

Minerals Management Service

Dr. Fred Piltz / Dr. Ann Bull

U.S. Department of Defense

Stephen Schwartz / Walter Schobel

California Department of Fish and Game

Marija Vojkovich / John Ugoretz

California Resources Agency

Brian Baird / Leah Akins

California Coastal Commission

Steve Hudson / Barbara Carey

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Dianne Black / Michelle Gibbs

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CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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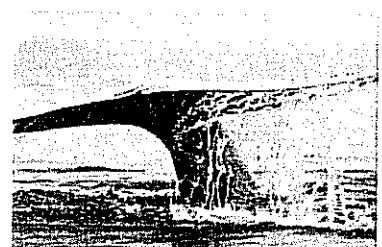
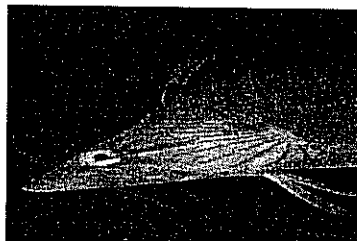
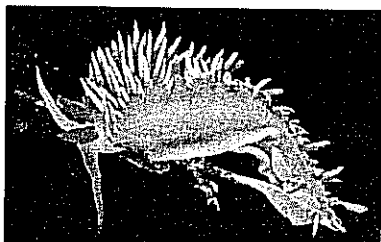
Mr. Richard B. Rogers, President
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas

Dear Commissioner Rogers:

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council) for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary is a 21-member body of community members and government agencies that advises the Sanctuary Superintendent and NOAA on management of the Sanctuary. Since 1999 the Council has been fully committed to the ongoing process that has led to designation of a network of marine reserves and conservation areas within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS). As you may know, a special Marine Reserves Working Group of the Council convened from 1999 to 2002 to help better understand marine reserves and design the network, and reached consensus on goals, objectives, and implementation recommendations.

In continuance of the goals and objectives reached by the Marine Reserves Working Group, the Council supports completion of the network of marine reserves and conservation areas within the CINMS. As you know, this requires the incorporation into the network of several "gap" areas adjacent to state and federal reserves and conservation areas. Should the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) decide to take action on this, we strongly recommend that the Commission request an expedited review by the Office of Administrative Law and request implementation upon filing with the Secretary of State. Incorporating the gap areas into the network as soon as possible will reduce public confusion about boundaries, assist law enforcement, and provide comprehensive resource protection from nearshore to offshore.



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The Council also encourages the Commission to express support for the partnership between the CINMS and the California Department of Fish and Game to implement and manage the network cooperatively. We understand that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between these agencies is in development. Please encourage completion of the MOU to help focus and implement coordinated management of the federal and state marine reserves and conservation areas.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and stand ready to continue to work with NOAA and the California Department of Fish and Game on implementation of the full network of marine reserves and conservation areas within CINMS.

Sincerely,



Dianne Black

Chair, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

cc: Mr. John Carlson, Jr., Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission
Ms. Cindy Gustafson, Vice President, California Fish and Game Commission
Mr. Jim Kellogg, Member, California Fish and Game Commission
Mr. R. Judd Hanna, Member, California Fish and Game Commission
Mr. Michael Sutton, Member, California Fish and Game Commission
Mr. Chris Mobley, Superintendent, NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Mr. William J. Douros, Regional Superintendent, West Coast Region, NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program

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Note: The Council is solely an advisory body. The opinions and findings of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ENCLOSURE

**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voting record of July 20,
2007 supporting approval of a letter to the California Fish and Game Commission**

Voting Seat	Voting Record
Tourism alternate	Yes
Non-Consumptive Recreation member	Yes
Business alternate	<absent for vote>
Conservation member	Yes
Commercial Fishing alternate	Yes
Recreational Fishing member	No
Education alternate	Yes
Research	<not present>
Public At-Large #1 member	Yes
Public At-Large #2	<not present>
Chumash Community member	Yes
National Marine Fisheries Service	<not present>
National Park Service member	Yes
US Coast Guard alternate	<absent for vote>
Minerals Management Service	<absent for vote>
Department of Defense alternate	Yes
California Department of Fish and Game alternate	Abstain
California Resources Agency	<not present>
California Coastal Commission member	Yes
County of Santa Barbara member	<not present>
Ventura County	<not present>

Totals: 10-yes, 1-abstain, 1-no