

February 15, 2007

Dale Jones, Director, NOAA Office for Law Enforcement  
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Dear Mr. Dale Jones:

The National Marine Sanctuary Program has executed a Memorandum of Agreement with Mavericks Surf Ventures to hold a large 2007 surfing competition at Maverick's Reef off of the Pillar Point Harbor in California.

This event draws a very large number of spectators to an environmentally sensitive area within and adjacent to the national marine sanctuary. The Mavericks Surf Ventures have cooperated with Sanctuary staff to design conditions protective of the environment, however, the circumstances of the event give rise to the likelihood that significant violations of the National Marine Sanctuary regulations could occur resulting in damage to the marine sanctuary. There were documented incidents of wildlife disturbances at the 2006 event.

The Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries Advisory Councils voted unanimously to respectfully request that NOAA Law Enforcement be present in adequate numbers on site to coordinate with the US Coast Guard and other law enforcement so that the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary staff can effectively protect sanctuary resources during this event. Since the 2007 contest may be held before March 31<sup>st</sup> and is called on 24 hours notice, this matter requires flexibility of your staff and your urgent response.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Deborah Streeter  
Chairperson  
Monterey Bay  
National Marine Sanctuary  
Advisory Council



Barbara Emley  
Chairperson  
Gulf of the Farallones  
National Marine Sanctuary  
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