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January 10, 2002

The Honorable Leon Panetta
P.O. Box 42
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Dear Mr. Panetta,

On behalf of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, I extend an invitation to join our upcoming SAC meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25th, 2002 at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.

Our Advisory Council has been very interested in learning about your efforts with the Pew Oceans Commission. The national-scale issues you are considering in that panel undoubtedly have a strong regional nexus here in central California.

In addition, the meeting on February 25th will be an opportunity for the Advisory Council to provide advice to the MBNMS on the priority issues for its management plan review. The SAC has been fully engaged in the review process. Your previous involvement with the designation of the Sanctuary helped shape the original management plan. Thus, our SAC members would also value your sharing your thoughts and insights on that original process, and providing us any guidance as we move ahead in the current process. Our goal is to work collaboratively and responsibly with local communities and the National Marine Sanctuary Program to develop a successful and comprehensive plan that will carry us into the future. If February is not possible, April 5th, 2002 is an additional meeting date to consider. Please contact me by phone (831) 475-7184 to discuss your availability, including setting a time for your involvement. Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,



Stephanie Harlan
MBNMS Advisory Council Chair

The Sanctuary Advisory Council is composed of 19 federally appointed representatives from government agencies, local institutions, and user groups concerned with the resources of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Council advises the Sanctuary Superintendent on matters of policy and provides a link between the community and Sanctuary management.

