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Stephanie Harlan, Chair
Sanctuary Advisory Council
299 Foam Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Chairperson Harlan:

As I think you know, there is already some concern that combining the three Sanctuaries into one plan review process will dilute, or confuse Monterey area recommendations.

I am writing to urge you and the Sanctuary Advisory Council to hold your own meeting, or set of meetings, to clearly determine Sanctuary Management Plan priorities for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. This should be done prior to any collaborative work done with the Sanctuary Advisory Councils for the Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries. Perhaps the original April 5th date would work. I note that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) has only hosted one "scoping meeting" in Half Moon Bay specific to the Plan View, and there has been no centrally located public hearing(s), so that the SAC as decision-makers can hear directly from the public.

Additionally, the Council members have not deliberated as a body as to their priorities. Hopefully you will agree that this is necessary for the public to have confidence in the Sanctuary's decision-making process.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dan Albert
Mayor

c: City Council
City Manager
Public Facilities Director
The Honorable Sam Farr
Dan Basta, Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program
Bill Douros, Superintendent, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
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