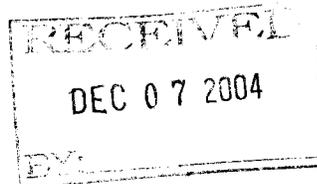


# MONTEREY COUNTY

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE POLICY

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December 6, 2004

Admiral Conrad Lautenbacher, USN (ret.)  
Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Admiral Lauterbacher,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Overall Economic Development Commission (OEDC) regarding the makeup and process used to appoint the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council (SAC) members.

The OEDC is comprised of twenty-seven members appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors with a seat for each city in the county as well as business and community leaders (see attached roster.) The overall goal of the Commission is to foster economic development and the retention and creation of jobs within the County.

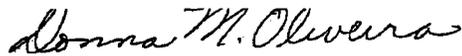
In June 2004, the OEDC recommended and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors concurred that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary should honor its original commitment to the fishing industry and not take an active role in fisheries management and that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) should conduct an independent review of the Sanctuary Advisory Council's roles and responsibilities. It is our understanding that AMBAG has completed their review and submitted their recommendations to you for consideration.

We are writing to you to ensure that our position on the makeup of the SAC is also taken into consideration as you complete your review. We strongly feel that the seats should represent the affected stakeholders and the appointed representative should have ongoing communication and accountability to their constituency. Further, we support and encourage an open and inclusive process be used to select the required representatives and feel that the selected representatives should disclose any conflicts of interest, to include relevant employment and membership on boards and commissions. This is especially important to ensure that the most qualified candidates are selected and that all stakeholders will be properly represented and heard. For the "Public-At-Large" seats, to assure that there is an identifiable constituency and accountability, the representatives should be appointed regionally, by the several elected County Boards of Supervisors.

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Thank you for your time and consideration and should you have questions or seek additional information please contact me at (831) 386-9958 or Mary Claypool, Secretary to the OEDC and Economic Development Coordinator for the County of Monterey at (831) 755-5856.

Sincerely,



Donna Oliveira, Chair  
Overall Economic Development Commission

Encl.

cc: Honorable Sam Farr  
Dan Basta, NMSP Director  
Holly Price, Acting Superintendent, MBNMS  
Louis Calcagno, Chair, Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
AMBAG