UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

February 18, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR: William Douros
Director, ONMS West Coast Region

FROM: Maria Brown MB
Superintendent, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Paul Michel PM
Superintendent, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

SUBJECT: Monterey Bay and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils' joint resolution on the issue of ocean acidification within west coast national marine sanctuaries.

On February 12, 2009, the Monterey Bay and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils passed a joint resolution recommending a coordinated approach to ocean acidification issues with all five west coast sanctuaries through the West Coast Regional Office.

The Advisory Councils have requested this resolution be sent to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries West Coast Regional Director, William Douros.

cc: Dan Basta, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Carol Bernthal, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
Dan Howard, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
Chris Mobley, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Attachment

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GULF OF THE FARALLONES AND MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCILS REGARDING OCEAN ACIDIFICATION AND WEST COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SITES

Whereas, the Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils jointly recognize ocean acidification as a significant threat to the long-term conservation and health of sanctuary resources and qualities, warranting additional NOAA research, monitoring, education and outreach, and management action to reduce and mitigate its impacts.

Therefore be it resolved, the Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils recommend that the West Coast Regional Office take a leadership role in coordinating ocean acidification monitoring with the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, other research laboratories, and other interested parties.

Therefore be it further resolved, the Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils recommend a coordinated approach to ocean acidification issues amongst all five west coast sanctuaries.