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TO: Dan Basta, Director

FROM: William J. Douros, Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Comments from MBNMS SAC on NMSA Reauthorization

Attached you will find the comments the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council forwarded to me regarding the pending reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Please give them full and due consideration as you compile an agency proposal for reauthorizing the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. This position was adopted by full consensus by the Advisory Council at its December 5, 2003 meeting.

Please contact me or Advisory Council chair Stephanie Harlan if you have any questions about their positions on reauthorization.



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December 15, 2003

William J. Douros, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Douros,

Per your request, following are the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommendations on the reauthorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, which were agreed upon by consensus at the Advisory Council's December 5, 2003 meeting.

The MBNMS Advisory Council supports:

- an increase in the authorized appropriations (Section 313) by at least 10% per fiscal year to accomplish the goals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program.
- a substantial increase in the number of permanent federal employees to effectively administer the National Marine Sanctuary Program.
- authorizing language to allow support for Advisory Councils including meals during meetings.

Please forward these recommendations on to the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Harlan
Chair
MBNMS Advisory Council

 **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**



The Advisory Council is composed of 19 federally appointed representatives from government agencies, local institutions, and user groups concerned with the health 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 the Sanctuary management.