

Sanctuary Advisory Council

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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Capt. David Bacon / Merit McCrea

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Conservation

Kristi Birney / Greg Helms

Public At-Large 1

Phyllis Grifman / Victor Cox

Public At-Large 2

Eric Kett / Richard Block

Chumash Community

Luhui Isha Ward / Mati Waiya

National Marine Fisheries Service

Elizabeth Petras / <vacant>

National Park Service

Russell Galipeau / David Ashe

U.S. Coast Guard

CDR Christina Davidson / <vacant>

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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California Resources Agency

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County of Santa Barbara

Dianne Black / Susan Curtis

County of Ventura

Gary Hirstensteiner / <vacant>

Channel Islands Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

Chris Mobley [non-voting]

Monterey Bay Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

Paul Michel / Karen Grimmer [non-voting]

Gulf of the Farallones Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

Maria Brown / Brian Johnson [non-voting]

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March 15, 2013

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RE: Reactivation of Site Evaluation List for National Marine Sanctuaries

Dear Acting Secretary Blank, Dr. Sullivan, and Director Basta:

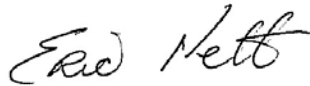
We are writing to support the reactivation of the sanctuary Site Evaluation List (SEL), a required part of the process to create national marine sanctuaries. The SEL provides a mechanism by which all interested parties can enter a conversation about whether they support a national marine sanctuary off their coast. Unlike an Executive Order or Act of Congress, the SEL will enable communities across the country, not just those near the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, to engage in this process and make their voices known.

We believe that each community should help decide whether a national marine sanctuary is right for their area. The SEL is a starting point that allows a future public process to fully consider all factors including, but not limited to: environmental impacts; existing uses; cultural resources; opportunities for scientific research; greenhouse gas emissions, climate change and ocean acidification; and the interests of Federal and State agencies, including national defense and resource protection.

The SEL also allows for all stakeholders (both consumptive and non-consumptive) to participate in a transparent process to consider all views and opinions. For example, the Recreational Fishing seat of

the Channel Islands SAC has expressed concerns about possible restrictions on recreational fishing within Sanctuaries. Initiation of the SEL creates a formal transparent public process allowing all voices and opinions to be shared. The reactivation of the SEL allows local communities to engage early in the process.

Sincerely,



Eric Kett, Chair
Sanctuary Advisory Council¹

cc: William J. Douros, Director, West Coast Region, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Chris Mobley, Superintendent, NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Enclosure: Voting record on the advisory council motion to adopt this letter.

¹ *The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of the sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

Voting Results: March 15, 2013 – Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Voting results on a motion approving a letter to the Department of Commerce, NOAA, and ONMS to express advisory council support for reactivation of the Sanctuary Evaluation List process. Ventura, California.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Council Seat - position</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Andrea Mills	Tourism - member	Yes
Debra Herring	Non-Consumptive Recreation - member	<i>ABSENT</i>
Capt. Richard McKenna	Business - member	Yes
Kristi Birney	Conservation - member	Yes
Bruce Steele	Commercial Fishing - member	Yes
Capt. David Bacon	Recreational Fishing - member	Yes
Maria Petueli	Education - member	Yes
Luhui Isha Ward Mati Waiya	Chumash Community	<i>ABSENT</i>
Dr. Robert Warner Dr. Mark Steele	Research	<i>ABSENT</i>
Phyllis Grifman	Public At Large #1 – member	Yes
Eric Kett	Public At Large #2 – member	Yes
Elizabeth Petras	NOAA Fisheries – member	<i>ABSENT</i>
Russell Galipeau	National Park Service – member	Yes
CDR Christina Davidson	US Coast Guard – member	Abstain
Donna Schroeder	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management – member	Abstain
Walter Schobel	Dept. of Defense - alternate	Yes
Kristine Barsky	California Department of Fish & Wildlife - alternate	Abstain
Rich Rozzelle	California Natural Resources Agency - member	Yes
Dr. Jonna Engel	California Coastal Commission - member	Yes
Dianne Black	Santa Barbara County - member	Yes
Gary Hirtensteiner	Ventura County - member	Abstain

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