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Mr. David Kaiser
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Dear Mr. Kaiser:

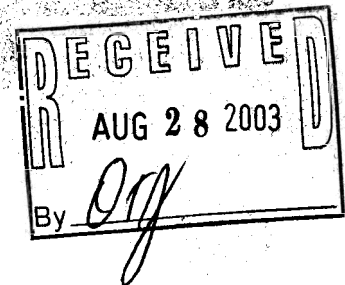
These comments are submitted in response to the Proposed Rulemaking amending the Coastal Zone Management Consistency Regulations (15 C.F.R. Part 930, published in the Federal Register, Volume 68, No. 112 on June 11, 2003). We join with the many signed organizations, all of which strongly object to the proposed revisions.

We are the SLO Coast Alliance, a consortium of more than 30 environmental groups who embrace coastal protection and preservation of the Central California Coast as our primary concern. Also, we consider not only the coast itself, but the watersheds that feed it and the animals that live in the sea. Our supporters number in excess of 22,000. These are voters.

We join with the many other agencies and organizations reflected in Dawn Hamilton's excellent letter, and strongly urge NOAA not to adopt this unnecessary and significantly detrimental rule.

Sincerely,

Doug Buckmaster
Secretary-Treasurer
SLO Coast Alliance



MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Santa Lucia Chapter, Sierra Club • Friends of the RanchLand • San Luis Bay Chapter, Surfriders Foundation • Cambria Forum • Life on Planet Earth
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Planning and Conservation League • Coastwalk • SLO County Chumash Council • Environmental Action Committee of West Marin
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