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Mr. Daniel Basta  
Director  
National Marine Sanctuary Program

Dear Dan,

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council met June 3 and unanimously authorized me to write you this letter expressing our concerns with the delays in the release of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DMP/DEIS).

We are growing increasingly impatient with these delays.

The Management Plan Review will likely now be a five or possibly six-year process. It is becoming increasingly difficult for us to encourage our constituents to have confidence, let alone interest in the workings of government in support of marine protection.

The schedule for release of the DMP/DEIS has changed so often that Advisory Council members are finding it very hard to plan for outreach with their constituents to provide input.

The Advisory Council strongly expressed the concern that at this point the delays are severely damaging the public's trust in the National Marine Sanctuary Program, which we, as Advisory Council Members, represent and work hard to foster.

We strongly urge you to act swiftly to make whatever decisions necessary to move the process forward, release the documents, and begin the public review process.

Sincerely,



Deborah Streeter,  
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 resources 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 Sanctuary management.