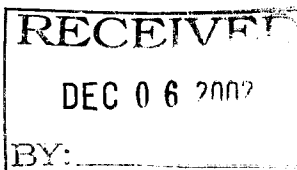




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December 4, 2002



Sean Morton
Management Plan Coordinator
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
299 Foam St.
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Extension of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to
Include San Luis Obispo Coastal Areas

Dear Sean:

On January 23, 2002, the City of San Luis Obispo sent you a letter supporting the extension of the boundary of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include San Luis Obispo coastal areas. Because almost a year has passed since we sent our letter of support and the decision to include our coastal areas is still pending, the San Luis Obispo City Council felt it would be appropriate at this time to reaffirm our support for sanctuary status off our coast. We would also request that you strongly consider forming a committee to research the appropriateness of either creating an independent sanctuary in the San Luis Obispo coastal area or expanding the existing sanctuary to cover our coastal areas at least to Point Sal.

We would also like to thank the participants of the Organizing Group who have worked very hard to coordinate the public input effort. In particular, Ron Massengill of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council, Robin Robinson of the World Wildlife Fund, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Shirley Bianchi, and the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo deserve special recognition.

Sincerely,

David F. Romero
Mayor

c: Congresswoman Capps
Congressman Sam Farr
Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
City Council
Ken Hampian
Pamela Heatherington, ECOSLO Director
Ron Massengill, Monterey Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council
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