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*Resolution 11/10/11-1*

**Resolution in Support of Boundary Expansion for the  
Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries**

Whereas, legislative proposals are now under consideration that would expand the boundaries of the existing Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries; and

Whereas, scientific evidence clearly indicates that the major oceanic upwelling system along the Mendocino Coastline brings to the sea surface nutrient-rich deep ocean water that provides the base of the food chain within the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and the northerly portion of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary; and

Whereas, it is the charge of the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to further sustainable ecosystem health within the waters of this and adjoining Sanctuaries; and

Whereas, boundary modifications now under consideration will provide a critical step toward preservation of the living resources of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and creating protections from polluting hydrocarbon activities that would otherwise threaten the marine life of the existing Sanctuaries as a result of prevailing southward ocean currents occurring during much of the year.

Therefore be it resolved, that this resolution is hereby adopted expressing the support of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council for expanding the boundaries of the existing Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries; and

Further be it resolved, that this resolution be transmitted in a timely fashion to all interested parties.