

GFNMS and CBNMS Advisory Councils Joint Resolution Regarding Salmon Declines

Whereas, salmon are considered a species of concern within the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries; and

Whereas, our National Marine Sanctuaries are charged with maintaining sustainable ecosystems within their boundaries; and

Whereas, recent unprecedented declines in salmon stocks have affected sanctuary resources and local economies; and

Whereas, salmon are a cornerstone of local economies and ecosystems throughout our region; and

Whereas, many factors have contributed to the documented declines in salmon populations; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils hereby convey their concern over salmon declines and lack of adherence to laws and regulations to the appropriate state and federal agencies with jurisdiction; and

Be it further resolved the sanctuaries hereby support enforcement of laws regarding water allocations, screening requirements, gravel mining, riparian habitat and forest practices within the state of California necessary for the protection and restoration of salmonid populations historically critical to healthy ecosystems in the sanctuaries; and

Be it further resolved that the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils hereby encourage salmon protection and restoration measures based on sound, peer-reviewed science to be applied at the earliest possible opportunity by the agencies of jurisdiction as needed to protect and restore salmon runs in our region.