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Mr. Charlton H. Bonham, Director
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RE: Forage species management

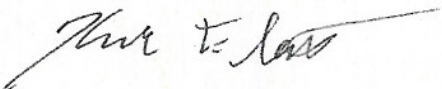
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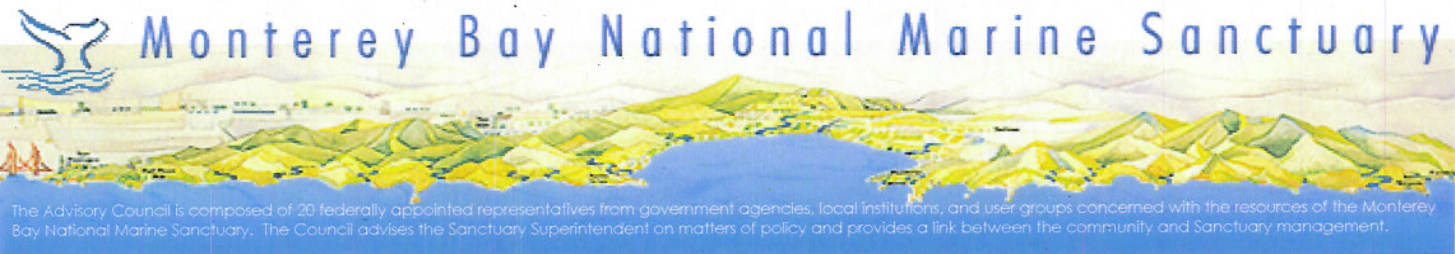
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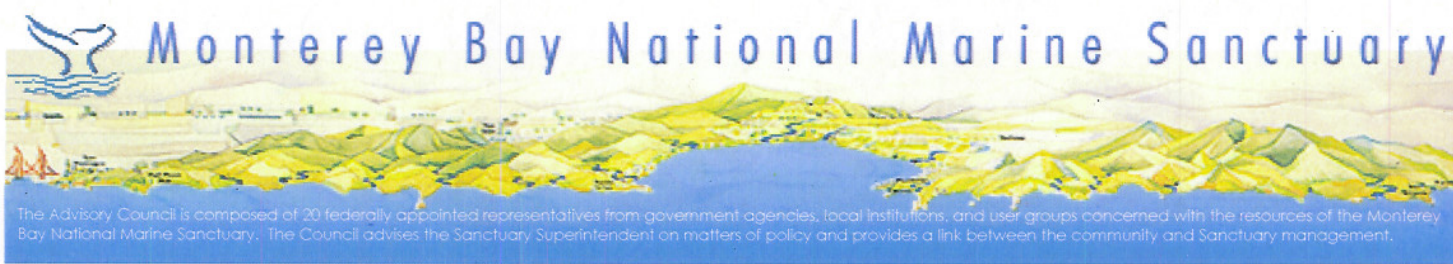
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