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Dear Mr. Galasso:

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the OCNMS Draft Management Plan (DMP) and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). These documents represent over two years of work between OCNMS staff, the AC, the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) and the public to develop action plans that represent the most critical areas requiring action. Development of the DMP included public meetings, workgroups, workshops and discussions at AC meetings. The AC supports Alternative B in the Draft Environmental Assessment.

We realize the implementation of this management plan will require a significant amount of work for the OCNMS staff and the AC looks forward to the opportunity to improve the Sanctuary through these action plans. As the OCNMS Advisory Council, we represent a diverse group of constituencies that have a strong interest in sanctuary and marine resource management in the Olympic Coast region. Our role is to advise the OCNMS Superintendent on sanctuary management topics and concerns. We volunteer our time to assist OCNMS in maintaining a transparent, interdisciplinary, and comprehensive management structure for the sanctuary.

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Sincerely,

Myles (Chip) Boothe OCNMS Advisory Council Chair

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