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Paul Michel, Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent Michel:

We, the undersigned are either the Presidents, Executive Directors, or regional representatives of our commercial or recreational fishing associations. Collectively, we represent all sectors of fishing activity within the federal waters of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and nearly every organization. As we are the leaders of these organizations and associations, we believe that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary should look to us for designated representatives of the fishing community for the Monterey Sanctuary's marine protected area process. We do not believe that the MBNMS should appoint any recreational or commercial fishing representative to the future MPA Work Group who is not clearly supported by us.

Further, you should be aware that we organized in 2000, creating the regional organization, the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries. In fact, the ACSF was organized specifically to provide a unified voice of the fishing community for the California Marine Life Protection Act implementation process, and for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary management plan review, which we knew was bound to include a marine protected area process. We will, in the near future, provide you with the types of fisheries, other expertises, and specific names of representatives who we feel must be included in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary's MPA process. We also believe that our recommendations for the composition of the science team to be used in the MPA process should be given considerable weight for us to feel that the best available science is being used to evaluate the need for, and/or locations and rules for, any future MPAs.

This letter is not being signed, but should you wish to confirm its support by any of us, please feel free to contact us with the information provided below.

Sincerely,

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Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association
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Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association
Monterey Commercial Fishermen's Association
Fishermen's Association of Moss Landing
Fishermen's Marketing Association
Santa Cruz Commercial Fishermen's Marketing Association
Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association
Western Fishboat Owners Association
West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Federation of Independent Seafood Harvesters
Golden Gate Fishermen's Association
California Fisheries Coalition
California Wetfish Producers Association
Recreational Fishing Alliance
Carmel River Steelhead Association
Port San Luis Harbor District
City of Morro Bay Harbor
City of Monterey Harbor
Moss Landing Harbor District
Santa Cruz Port District
Pillar Pt. Harbor, San Mateo County Harbor District

cc: Representative Sam Farr, Congressional District #17
Don McIsaac, Executive Director PFMC

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