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Paul Michel, Superintendent  
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Dear Superintendent Michel:

First, please accept our gratitude for your attendance of the Marine Protected Area portion of the ACSF Board of Directors meeting. Though perhaps painful at times, your willingness to speak directly to the fishing community sent a strong message of your desire to understand our community better, and establish a positive working relationship. After you left there were numerous statements praising your willingness to listen and speak frankly on Sanctuary issues.

Second, I am writing to advise you of the recommendations of the ACSF for the SAC Commercial and Recreational fishing seats. As you know it is the mission of the ACSF to preserve the heritage and enhance the economic value of fishing to California coastal communities. We do this by insuring that the best oceanographic, socio-economic, and fishery science is accurately compiled and that is available for use in crafting public policy, and by insuring that the public understands the link between healthy sustainable fisheries, marine conservation, and coastal communities. Our organization is regional (Port San Luis to Pillar Point Harbor) and represents both commercial and recreational interests. The ACSF is the only organization on the West Coast that I know of that focuses its efforts on the relationship between fishermen and their communities.

In October 2008, the ACSF delivered to you a letter signed by the leaders of fifteen recreational and commercial fishing organizations advising you to look to the ACSF for representatives on the Sanctuary MPA efforts. With regard to the recruitment of SAC seats that is occurring now, a similar letter could be produced supporting the ACSF nominations. If you have questions of the validity of ACSF representation, I know of no other fisherman or fishing organization that has such widespread support as does the ACSF. That being said, the recommendations for SAC seats are as follows:

Commercial Fishing Primary - Kathy Fosmark  
Commercial Fishing Alternate - Jiri Nozicka or Tom Hart would be able to  
fill the role of Alternate  
Recreational Fishing - Rob Chatham or Graydon (John) Klusmire could  
serve equally as Alternate or Primary

Kathy Fosmark is extraordinarily qualified to be the Primary Commercial representative being within a five generation fishing family on the central coast. She is extremely well-

connected with all sectors of the commercial fishing industry, not just in the Monterey region, but on the entire West Coast. She and her husband's active working within the industry along with Kathy's recent membership in the Pacific Fishery Management Council has given her an in-depth knowledge of fishing regulations, likely new management proposals, and the science involved in fisheries management issues.

Both Tom Hart and Jiri Nozicka are active, knowledgeable, commercial fishermen who fish in the federal waters of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Each has expressed an interest in being the Alternate; neither wishes to be the Primary Fishing Representative.

Both Rob Chatham and John Klusmire have lots of recent experience with fishing out of Monterey Bay, including federal waters. Rob is associated with Recreational Fishermen of America (RFA), a national organization. John Klusmire is a very experienced boat skipper, and a charter fishing boat captain, and is very knowledgeable regarding fishing regulations and habitats. Either candidate would perform well in the position of Primary or Alternate.

Thank you for accepting the recommendations of the ACSF.

Sincerely,

Frank Emerson  
Board of Directors

#### Supporting Associations & Organizations

- Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
- Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association
- 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