

# SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL



April 26, 2013

Dear Superintendent Bernthal:

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council (AC) formed a Data Management Working Group in 2011 tasked with assisting with work under the Data Management, Sharing and Reporting Action Plan in the OCNMS management plan. The main goals of this work were to improve the characterization of research projects and data collection efforts by OCNMS on its web site and to improve accessibility of OCNMS generated data. The working group held conference calls in 2011 and 2012 and tracked accomplishments by OCNMS staff toward these goals.

The working group provided a written report (dated August 1, 2012) in materials for the September 2012 council meeting but deferred discussion until working group chairs were present. There was no further working group action until the March 15, 2013 council meeting, at which the council accepted the written report as the final product of the working group and provided unanimous support for disbanding the working group. The council also recommended that OCNMS continue staffing data management efforts and provide the council an annual status report on data processing and sharing progress at OCNMS.

The Data Management Working Group report is included as an attachment to this letter.

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As the OCNMS AC, 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.

The council is an advisory board to the Sanctuary Superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Attachment: Data Management Working Group Report