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July 15, 2008

Carol Bernthal, Superintendent
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
115 East Railroad Ave., Suite 301
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Ms. Bernthal:

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, at its May 30, 2008 meeting, passed a resolution urging Office of National Marine Sanctuaries to fund a full-time position to serve as a liaison between the west coast sanctuaries and the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). The advisory council agreed that establishing such a position was critical to furthering the relationship and coordination between the west coast sanctuaries and the PFMC. Noted in our discussion was the need for the liaison to possess both the appropriate technical background and a working knowledge of the council process. I've attached to this letter that portion of the meeting minutes that captures this discussion.

The resolution reads as follows:

“The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council wishes to express its support for the hiring of an ONMS staff person to serve as full-time liaison to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) representing the Sanctuary’s West Coast Region. The advisory council recognizes that effective communication and coordination with the PFMC and participation on appropriate subcommittees is important to the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary as it considers issues of mutual concern to the Sanctuary and

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the PFMC and as the Sanctuary conducts the management plan review process. The advisory council further recognizes the recent efforts that the PFMC and NOAA Fisheries have made to enhance communication and interaction with the Sanctuary. The advisory council therefore urges the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries fill this position as a priority.”

The advisory council requests that you forward this letter to Dan Basta, Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

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

Sincerely,

Terrie Klinger, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrie Klinger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Attachment

Cc: Bill Douros