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

Dear Ms. Bernthal:

At the March 20, 2009 meeting of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (council), the members adopted the following resolution concerning ocean acidification research. The resolution was adopted unanimously by members present, with not abstentions.

The resolution reads “The Advisory council of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary recognizes ocean acidification and associated stressors as substantial threats to the long-term persistence of sanctuary resources and qualities. The scope and urgency of the problem warrants new and additional NOAA research, monitoring, education, and outreach actions to help mitigate the impacts of ocean acidification within the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council recommends 1) that ocean acidification be recognized as a problem of importance within OCNMS; 2) that a coordinated approach to ocean acidification issues be adopted among all five west coast sanctuaries; and 3) that the West Coast Regional Office take a leadership role in coordinating ocean acidification monitoring with the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, the University of Washington, other research institutions, and other interested parties.”

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On behalf of the council, I respectfully request that you forward this resolution to the director and other appropriate persons in the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

The 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TKlinger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Terrie Klinger, Chair
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary