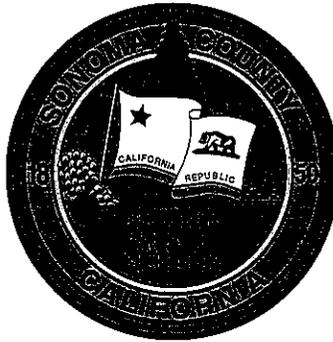


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January 24, 2013

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RE: Docket Number NOAA-NOS-2012-0228 -- Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification

Dear Superintendent Brown:

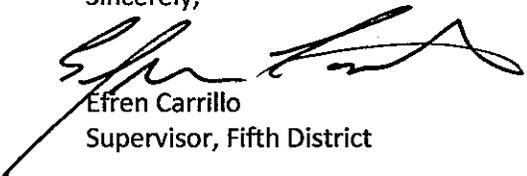
Thank you for holding this important meeting in Bodega Bay. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the expansion of the Sanctuary, and thank you for this venue to receive input from Sonoma County residents.

On January 15, 2013 as representative for Sonoma County's coastal region, I introduced a resolution supporting the proposed expansion. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the attached resolution endorsing expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary.

As you know, the National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) system offers a comprehensive and permanent protection for marine resources off our California Coast. In addition, the NMS provides large scale ecosystem management and vital oceanic research investments while still allowing for recreational, shipping and fishing activities supporting our economy.

Many, including recently retired Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, have worked long years on this effort to protect this vital resource, adding one of only four coastal upwelling zones on the planet to the protected area. Given the importance of the biological resources that exist in these coastal waters and the economic and environmental benefits they provide California, the resolution supporting the proposed expansion is unanimously supported by our Board.

Sincerely,


Efrén Carrillo
Supervisor, Fifth District

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Dear Superintendent Brown:

On January 15, 2013, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted the attached resolution endorsing expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary. A copy of the Resolution is attached for your review and consideration.

As you know, the National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) system offers a comprehensive and permanent protection for marine resources off of the California Coast. In addition, the NMS provides large scale ecosystem management and vital oceanic research investments while still allowing for recreational, shipping and fishing activities which support our economy.

The proposed boundary modification would adjust the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary boundaries and expand this vital protection, adding deeper, more biologically important waters past Point Arena to include the entire Sonoma and Marin County Coasts as well as the southern Mendocino County Coast. Given the unique biological resources that exist in these coastal waters and the economic and environmental benefits they provide California, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors unanimously endorse the proposed expansion.

Sincerely,

DAVID RABBITT

Chair and Second District Supervisor

Enclosure: Copy of January 15, 2013 Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution

CC: Board of Supervisors
Representative Jared Huffman
Representative Mike Thompson
Paul Schlesinger

THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT IS A
CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL
ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE

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Resolution No. 13-0019

ATTEST: JAN 24 2013

VERONICA A. FERGUSON, Clerk/Secretary
BY: Woodson
DEPUTY CLERK/ASST SECRETARY

County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Date: 1/15/2013

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma,
State Of California, in support of the Expansion
Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary**

Whereas, inclusion in the National Marine Sanctuary system offers comprehensive and permanent protection to marine resources, large scale ecosystem management, and vital oceanic research investments, while allowing for recreational, shipping and fishing activities; and

Whereas, Sonoma and Marin coastal waters just south of Bodega Head in Sonoma County are within the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries and enjoy the protections and benefits of the National Marine Sanctuary program; and

Whereas, the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Expansion proposal would adjust the boundaries of the two existing sanctuaries north and westward to add deeper and biologically important waters, and would extend the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary past Point Arena, thus including the entire Sonoma Coast and the southern Mendocino Coast; and

Whereas, the Sonoma and southern Mendocino Coast is one of the most biologically rich regions in the world and National Marine Sanctuaries are only designated in areas that have special biological significance; these waters are within one of the four coastal upwelling zones on the planet, comprising only 1 percent of the ocean, but producing 20 percent of the world's commercial fish; additionally, its coastal estuaries are important passages for endangered salmon and steelhead, essential haulouts for seals and sea lions, and prolific nurseries for hundreds of aquatic species; and

Whereas, these important resources, among the richest on the planet, must be protected from oil spills and other forms of pollution; and

Whereas, by expanding the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank Sanctuaries, the bill will protect the Bodega Marine Laboratory's investment in marine research, indefinable aesthetic benefits and because the bill will protect fish habitat, it will protect the livelihoods of commercial fishermen; and

Whereas, Sonoma County derives tremendous economic benefit from its clean beaches, pristine coastal waters and abundant wildlife with over three million visitors each year and millions of dollars brought into the local economy and county tax revenues; and

Whereas, congressional and executive moratoria on offshore oil exploration and exploitation in these waters have not been renewed, these waters face a continuing threat of spills and pollution from oil exploration and development.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors endorses the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Expansion as proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the December 21, 2012 Federal Register.

Be It Further Resolved, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors issues its deepest and most thankful congratulations to former Representative Lynn Woolsey who has championed this effort through repeated legislative efforts and has accomplished this critical achievement which will protect our coast for future generations, and thanks Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein for their efforts in concert with Congresswoman Woolsey.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Aye Zane: Aye McGuire: Aye Carrillo: Aye Rabbitt: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.