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United States Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Ocean Service  
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries - West Coast Regional Office  
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RE: Section 106 consultation for the *Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Expansion*

Dear Mr. Schwemmer:

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2013 initiating consultation on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) efforts to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f), as amended, and its implementing regulation found at 36 CFR Part 800. NOAA determined the above referenced action is a Federal undertaking and requests my concurrence on a proposed finding of "No Adverse Effect."

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS), marine areas administrated by the National Ocean Service (NOS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), are proposing to expand the northern boundary of both sanctuaries to include a contiguous expanse of water extending from Bodega Head in Sonoma County to Point Arena in Mendocino County and west beyond the continental shelf. As I understand it, the proposed undertaking only represents a change in administrative boundaries for both marine sanctuaries.

The undertaking proposes to add approximately 2014 square-miles to the GFNMS and 757 square-miles to the CBNMS. When combined, the two sanctuaries will include an expanse of ocean extending from Point Arena in the north to San Francisco Bay in the south to a distance of 60-miles west of the California coast. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for both sanctuaries is depicted in Figure-1 of the following study you provided as evidence of historic property identification efforts:

- *Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank Marine Sanctuaries Expansion, Bodega Head to North of Point Arena* (NOAA n.d.)

The above study contains an inventory of 193 known historic ship wrecks in the project area; though there likely are numerous other sunken craft in sanctuary waters. The study also indicates a potential for prehistoric resources in the project area, but notes that none have been identified. As per the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries regulations, removing or damaging any cultural resource will be prohibited in the GFNMS and CBNMS.

The following comments are based on a review of your submitted materials:

1. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(a)(1), I have no objections to the APE as depicted in Figure-1 of the submitted study.

2. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(b)(1), I find the *Level of Effort* identifying historic properties appropriate.
3. Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.5(b), I **concur** with your finding of "No Adverse Effect" as the proposed undertaking only represents an expansion of administrative boundaries and because the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries regulations will prohibit the removal or damage of cultural resources.

You may have additional future responsibilities for Section 106 in the event of conditions such as a change in project scope or unanticipated discoveries. Thank you for including historic properties and my comments in your project planning. Please direct questions to Jeff Brooke at (916) 445-7003/[Jeff.Brooke@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Jeff.Brooke@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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