

**Resolution in Support of the
Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries
Boundary Modification and Protection Act, H.R 1187**

Whereas, U.S. Representatives Woolsey and Gilchrest, with the support of Representative Thompson have, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives a bipartisan bill, H.R. 1187, in the 110th Congress, 1st Session, to expand Sanctuary boundaries to include portions of the coastline of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties in California; and

Whereas, scientific evidence clearly indicates that the major oceanic upwelling system along the Sonoma/Mendocino coastline brings to the sea surface nutrient-rich deep ocean water that provides the base of the food chain within the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and the northerly portion of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary; and

Whereas, it is the charge of the Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to further sustainable ecosystem health within the waters of this Sanctuary; and

Whereas, H.R 1187 is considered to be critical to the preservation of the living resources of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and essential to the prevention of polluting offshore hydrocarbon leasing and related activities that would otherwise threaten the marine life of the existing Sanctuary with routine discharges and accidental oil spills as a result of prevailing southward ocean currents occurring during much of the year; and

Therefore be it resolved, that this resolution is hereby adopted expressing the support of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary's Sanctuary Advisory Council for H.R. 1187; and

Further be it resolved, that this resolution be transmitted in a timely fashion to the Gulf of the Farallones Sanctuary Superintendent and the National Marine Sanctuary Program and to other interested parties.