July 25, 2008

Maria Brown
Superintendent
Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
991 Marine Drive, The Presidio
San Francisco, CA 94129

Re: Miller Park dump station

Dear Ms. Brown:

At the request of the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Working Group, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) Advisory Council recommends that the sanctuary urge Warren E. Rupf, Chairman of the California Boating and Waterways Commission, to fund phase 2 of Miller Park boat launch ramp construction with a port-a-potty dump station for boats at that location. Having such a sewage dump station would help designate Tomales Bay as a no discharge zone for boat sewage, which would contribute to the improvement of Tomales Bay water quality.

We also recommend that the sanctuary report this action to Ron Pettele of the Department of Parks and Open Space, Ray Tsuneyoshi, chair of the California Department of Boating and Waterways, and Steve Kinsey, Marin County Supervisor.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

With respect,

Richard Charter
Chair, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

cc: Bill Douros
    Dan Basta