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Mr. Richard Charter  
Chair, Sanctuary Advisory Council  
Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary  
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Dear Mr. Charter:

On behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), I would like to thank you and the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council for your enthusiastic support of the California B-WET Program.

The California B-WET program is a highly successful program and has resulted in many beneficial impacts on local stakeholders. Unfortunately, requirements in the fiscal year 2011 continuing resolution prohibited NOAA from funding this program. No such restriction came with the 2012 appropriation, and as you noted in your letter, NOAA has resumed funding for B-WET California this year as part of the national B-WET program.

Though 2011 proved to be a challenging budget year for the B-WET program, strong support from organizations like yours has helped us overcome those challenges. Thank you very much for your support in this endeavor. We look forward to working with you in 2012.

Sincerely,

Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D.  
Under Secretary for Commerce  
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