Sanctuary Advisory Council
GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Resolution of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council in Response to the Call for Comments on the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019 through 2024

Whereas, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is hereby responding to the call for comments on the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program (DPP) for 2019 through 2024 as now proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as referenced in Federal Register Volume 83, Number 5 (Monday, January 8, 2018) Notices, Pages 829-834, FR Doc No: 2018-00083.

Whereas, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council opposes the inclusion of any portion of the Pacific Coast OCS Planning Area in BOEM’s Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program because the proposed offshore drilling plan threatens several National Marine Sanctuaries and the entire California coastal economy which relies on healthy ecosystems, fisheries, and tourism, and feeds myriad industries that depend on a clean coastline. Keeping the world’s sixth largest financial engine viable depends on a clean coast; and

Whereas, we request additional public comment opportunities and hearings for community input given that the existing opportunities are inadequate; and

Now, hereby be it resolved that the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council adopts this resolution commenting as requested on the Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for 2019 through 2024.