Sanctuary Advisory Council

GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Resolution of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Supporting Established Site Configuration and Management Protocols

Whereas, the geographic boundaries, Designation Document, and regulatory framework of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary were duly promulgated during a multi-decade robust public process conducted in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations consistent with persistent bipartisan support evidenced by resolutions and formal actions as adopted by affected local and state elected entities, the fishing industry, sitting California governors of both parties, California’s U.S. Senators, and timely unanimous action by the U.S. House of Representatives; and

Whereas, a review has occurred from 2012-2015 that included an extensive public process with public scoping, public hearings, consultations with federal, state, local agencies, businesses, as well as tribes; and

Whereas, the sanctuary benefits for the community include a 1.1 billion dollar value from visitation, a 16 million total harvest revenue from commercial fishing, and a 17.5 million dollar value added from the recreational fishing industry to the North Central Coast of California; and

Whereas, the peer-reviewed sound science upon which all facets of the management and regulatory framework of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary are based has consistently supported the adopted configuration of this site as necessary to protect one of the four most important ocean upwelling systems on the planet as it provides the base of the essential food chain creating the vibrant marine ecosystems critical to the economic well-being of the multitude of California Current communities and industries dependent on a valuable clean-ocean economy; and

Whereas, the duly-constituted Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council has had the responsibility of advising the Site Superintendent for decades and represents all sectors of the affected user-groups and constituencies; and

Therefore, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby adopts this resolution of support for the existing duly-established geographic boundaries, Designation Document, and regulatory framework of this site, thereby concluding that any proposed external agency “review” of any aspect of the site would demonstrate there is full compliance with the required considerations during the expansion designation process.