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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter is to notify you that the final rule for *Establishment of Marine Reserves and a Marine Conservation Area within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary* was published on May 24, 2007. This document, which includes the amended Designation Document for the sanctuary, and the associated final environmental impact statement are enclosed with this letter.

Section 304(b)(1) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, in part, states that:

“The designation ... and regulations shall take effect and become final after the close of a review period of forty-five days of continuous session of Congress beginning on the day on which such notice is published unless, in the case of a national marine sanctuary that is located partially or entirely within the seaward boundary of any State, the Governor affected certifies to the Secretary that the designation or any of its terms is unacceptable, in which case the designation or the unacceptable term shall not take effect in the area of the sanctuary lying within the seaward boundary of the State.”

Based on the current congressional calendar, we anticipate the 45-day period to expire on or about July 27, 2007.

I look forward to the final completion of this process and appreciate the efforts the Resources Agency and its relevant departments have made to complete this important initiative for marine resource protection in California and the United States. If you have any questions, please contact the National Marine Sanctuary Program's West Coast Regional Director, Bill Douros, at (831) 647-1920.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Basta
Director
National Marine Sanctuary Program

Enclosure

cc. Mike Chrisman, Secretary of Resources

