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Subject: Review of Possible Amendments to CINMS Designation Document

Dear Ms. Moore:

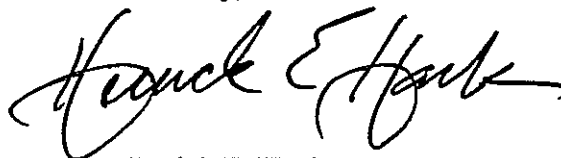
Thank you for your letter, dated February 18, 2005, informing us that the National Marine Sanctuary Program is considering possible amendments to the terms of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) Designation Document relating to marine reserves, marine parks, and marine conservation areas and soliciting input on the possible amendment.

Established by Presidential Proclamation on January 11, 2000, the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) consists of more than 20,000 unreserved and unappropriated "islands, rocks, exposed reefs, and pinnacles above mean high tide within 12 nautical miles of the shoreline of the State of California." It is part of the National Landscape Conservation System managed by the United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Almost all of the rocks and islets that surround the five Channel Islands around which the CINMS is located have been reserved for management by the National Park Service as part of the Channel Islands National Park. There are, however, two exceptions to that reservation- Richardson Rock and Wilson Rock. These rocks, off of the northwest and north shore (7½ miles and 4½ miles respectively) of San Miguel Island, are within the boundary of the CINMS and are under the jurisdiction of the CCNM.

At the present time, based on the information you provided in your letter, I cannot foresee any impacts that the proposed changes to the CINMS Designation Document will have on BLM's management of the CCNM, including Richardson and Wilson Rocks. However, as you aware, the ecosystems of the CCNM and the CINMS do not begin and end at the mean high tide line, but are interconnected. Therefore, I hope our two programs can continue to work together to further understand and protect these unique ecosystems and their various components for which we are responsible of ensuring their long-term protection.

Again, thank you for keeping me informed regarding the possible amendments to the CINMS Designation Document, as well as soliciting our input. If I can be of any further assistance or provide additional information regarding the CCNM, please let me know. I can be contacted at the above address or by telephone at (831) 372-6105 or via e-mail at hhanks@ca.blm.gov.

Sincerely,



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