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Dear Ms. Moore:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the possible amendments to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary designation document related to the consideration of marine reserves, marine parks, and marine conservation areas.

The proposed changes seem logical and straightforward and we support them. Completing the network of marine protected areas at the Channel Islands is important ecologically and should not be delayed any longer. Channel Islands National Park remains committed to the success of the marine reserves and is increasing both our marine resources monitoring and law enforcement efforts this year.

The proposed language is consistent with both the State of California and Federal regulations regarding marine protected areas and we support the changes proposed. Minor modifications to the Sanctuary boundary to straighten the boundary lines where necessary to accommodate the straight lines of longitude and latitude proposed to make demarcation of marine protected areas more clear make sense. This will provide for better management, resource protection and enforcement.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached at 805/658-5702, or via e-mail at russell_galipeau@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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