Sanctuary Advisory Council
CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

December 12, 2005

Mr. Chris Mobley, Manager
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
113 Harbor Way, Suite 150
Santa Barbara, California 93109

Re: Sanctuary Advisory Council resolution regarding the potential threat of oil and gas activities within the sanctuary

Dear Mr. Mobley,

On Friday, November 18th, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (Advisory Council) passed a resolution regarding the potential threat of oil and gas exploration activities within the sanctuary as a result of the recent passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by the United States Congress. This issue was brought to the Advisory Council’s attention by the Chair of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, which passed a similar resolution on October 6, 2005. The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council resolution passed by a majority vote. The text of the resolution is included below. The Advisory Council respectfully requests that you convey this letter to the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

The following is the text of the resolution as passed:

In light of the recent passage of our nation’s Energy Policy Act, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council would like to reaffirm with the Sanctuary Manager and NOAA Administrator our support of the existing prohibition on oil and gas activities within the Sanctuary. Additionally we would like the manager to know that we remain very concerned about activities of any kind outside the Sanctuary’s boundaries that could have an adverse effect on the resources of the Sanctuary.

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Thank you in advance for considering the Advisory Council’s resolution and for sharing this resolution with the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Respectfully,

Dianne Meester
Chair, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

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Attachment: Voting record for the November 18, 2005 Advisory Council vote on the oil and gas resolution
November 18, 2005 Sanctuary Advisory Council Oil and Gas Resolution Voting Record

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Subject: FW: OCNMS resolution re: oil and gas exploration in Sanctuary
From: "Meester, Dianne" <Dianne@santa-barbara.ca.us>
Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2005 16:55:37 -0700
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Do we want to put this on our agenda for November??

-----Original Message-----
From: Terrie Klinger [mailto:tklinger@u.washington.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2005 4:03 PM
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Subject: OCNMS resolution re: oil and gas exploration in Sanctuary

FYI, attached is the text of a resolution passed by the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council in response to the threat of oil and gas exploration within OCNMS. Other ACs may wish to consider responding to this important issue.

Terrie Klinger
Chair, OCNMS Advisory Council

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06 October 2005

Carol Bernthal, Superintendent
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
115 East Railroad Avenue
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Ms. Bernthal:

On Friday, September 30th, the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary advisory council passed a resolution regarding the potential threat of oil and gas exploration activities with the Sanctuary as a result of the recent passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by the United States Congress. The resolution passed unanimously. The text of the resolution is included below. The council respectfully requests that you convey this letter to the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and the Chair of the State of Washington’s Intermarine Policy Working Group convened by the Governor.

The following is the text of the resolution as passed:

The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. No. 109-58) with its mandated comprehensive inventory of off-shore oil and gas resources and the increases in world hydro-carbon prices, are creating severe pressure for inventory and exploration activities within National Marine Sanctuaries. The energy bill and its inventory require the use of all available technologies, such as seismic technologies with their accompanying threats to marine mammals and fish.

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary establishing legislation (P.L. 102-587 § 2207) and regulations (15 CFR 922.152) specifically prohibit exploring for, developing or producing oil, gas or minerals within the Sanctuary boundaries. The Advisory Committee requests the Superintendent convey this information to the National Marine Sanctuary office and to the Governor’s Ocean Policy Working Group.

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Sincerely,

Terrie Kliger, Chair
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council