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Dear Secretary Locke:

Note: AC correspondence is normally addressed to the Sanctuary Superintendent. Also, all comments on the draft environmental assessment/draft management plan are to be directed to Acting Sanctuary Superintendent. In this case, the Advisory Council should consider who should receive this letter – Secretary of Commerce, Undersecretary Lubchenco, Director Basta, etc.

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the OCNMS Draft Management Plan (DMP) and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). These documents represent over two years of work between OCNMS staff, the AC, the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) and the public to develop action plans that represent the most critical areas requiring action. Development of the DMP included public meetings, workgroups, workshops and discussions at AC meetings. The AC supports Alternative B in the Draft Environmental Assessment.

We realize the implementation of this management plan will require a significant amount of work for the OCNMS staff and the AC looks forward to the opportunity to improve the Sanctuary through these action plans. As the OCNMS Advisory Council, we represent a diverse group of constituencies that have a strong interest in sanctuary and marine resource management in the Olympic Coast region. Our role is to advise the OCNMS Superintendent on sanctuary management topics and concerns. We volunteer our time to assist OCNMS in maintaining a transparent, interdisciplinary, and comprehensive management structure for the sanctuary.

The council is an advisory body. The opinions and findings of this publication do not necessarily reflect the position of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Sincerely,

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