December 16, 2009

Carol Bernthal, Superintendent
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
115 E. Railroad Ave., Suite 301
Port Angeles, WA 98368

Dear Superintendent Bernthal:

At its November 20, 2009 meeting, the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council (AC) reviewed and discussed three sets of strategies and activities for potential inclusion in the draft management plan. The strategies and activities relate to the following three topics:

**Collaborative and Coordinated Management**
**Sanctuary Operations**
**Socioeconomic Values of Sanctuary Resources**

Following a discussion of each set of strategies and activities, the AC voted to forward these strategies and activities on to you with our endorsement that they be the basis for the development of Action Plans that will be included in the Draft Management Plan. During the meeting, Council members did suggest minor changes to the strategies and activities, which have since been incorporated. Strategies and activities associated with Collaborative and Coordinated Management and Socioeconomic Values of Sanctuary Resources were adopted unanimously by the AC with no abstentions. Sanctuary Operations strategies and activities were adopted with one member opposing and no abstentions. Our final recommended strategies and activities are attached.
It should be noted that at least one AC member requested that a conference call be scheduled so that AC members representing agencies and governments with resource management authority could discuss further the strategies and activities related to Collaborative & Coordinated Management. I understand that this conference call will be scheduled, but it does not have any bearing on the AC’s vote to forward on to you the strategies and activities related to this topic. The AC requests that OCNMS staff consider any recommendations that result from this conference call and update the AC in January 2010 if any major changes are made to these strategies and activities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terrie Klinger
Chair, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

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