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Resolution 12/10/09-1

Resolution Supporting Prompt Notification of Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council of Pending Permit Applications in Sanctuary Waters

Whereas, the members of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (GFNMS SAC) have devoted over six years to the Joint Management Plan Review leading to the update of sanctuary regulations for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS); and

Whereas, issuance of permits for activities within the waters of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, while within the purview of the Sanctuary Superintendent, on occasion creates one-time or multiple exemptions to important sanctuary regulations; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council that the Sanctuary Superintendent can only derive benefits from the advice of the Sanctuary Advisory Council in deliberations about issuance of permits within sanctuary waters; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby requests that the GFNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council be advised by the Superintendent in writing, as soon as possible after receipt of a permit application, of the application and its nature, with special attention called to any permit application which the Superintendent deems to have the potential for controversy or significant public debate;.