

Resolution of the
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

RESOLUTION to submit a letter of support for the revised preferred option for the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS) expansion

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) supports the revised preferred option as recommended by the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS) Advisory Council for the expansion of FGBNMS. In response to the public comment period closing July 3, 2020, the SAC will submit a letter expressing this support.

Attachment: Support letter

cc: Maria Brown, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent

This resolution was passed with majority vote by a quorum of primary members (or alternate members serving in place of primary members) at a public meeting on June 15, 2020 held via Google Meet.

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Conservation

Richard Charter/Primary
Bruce Bowser/Primary
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Education

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Sanctuary Advisory Council

GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

June 25, 2020

Mr. John Armor, Director
NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program
1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor
Silver Springs, MD 20910

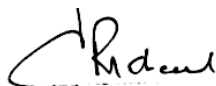
Dear Mr. Armor,

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (the SAC) submits this letter in response to the call for public comment on the revised boundaries for Flower Gardens Bank National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS).

According to the FGBNMS website (<https://flowergarden.noaa.gov/management/expansionnpr.html>) regarding the proposed expansion, "Based on the [Flower Garden Banks National Marine] Sanctuary Advisory Council recommendations in response to the DEIS, NOAA has made a number of changes to the boundaries of the polygons surrounding the banks and submerged features. NOAA is soliciting public comment on the revised boundaries."

The SAC supports the expansion effort with revised boundaries as recommended by the FGBNMS Advisory Council.

Sincerely,



Dominique Richard, Chair, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

cc:

Maria Brown, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent
William Douros, ONMS West Coast Region Director

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