

**CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY
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August 25, 2016

Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

**Tentative List of Sites for World Heritage Status
California Current Conservation Complex World Heritage Site**

Dear Director Jarvis,

We write on behalf of the Sanctuary Advisory Councils (SACs) of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS) and the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS). The SACs are organized under the National Marine Sanctuary Act as advisory groups to their respective Sanctuaries.

At a joint meeting of the CBNMS and GFNMS SACs on August 25, 2016, the SACs jointly considered the June 8, 2016 proposal submitted by the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries to the National Park Service, regarding the addition of a site to the United States Tentative List for World Heritage Sites. The proposed site would cover the boundaries of CBNMS, GFNMS and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in northern and central California – approximately Point Arena south to Point Piedras Blancas, from the shoreline to varying distances offshore. The proposed name of the site is “California Current Conservation Complex World Heritage Site”. A copy of the Proposal is attached.

Our SACs are very much aware of globally unique attributes of the California current, which supports an extraordinarily productive environment for a diverse assemblage of marine and bird life in our Sanctuaries. Much of the work of the SACs and the Sanctuaries relates to research, education and protection of these resources. The proposed area of the California Current Conservation Complex World Heritage Site is protected by the three National Marine Sanctuaries, as well as multiple federal, state and local agencies. It is also uniquely available to the large populations of residents of and visitors to the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas.

After considering the matter, at our August 25, 2016 meeting, the SACs unanimously resolved to support the Proposal, and we urge the National Park Service to add the California Current Conservation Complex to the United States tentative list of World Heritage Sites.

Thank you for consideration of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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