

Exhibit 2: Letters of Support



April 11, 2006

Mr. Mike Chrisman
Secretary of Resources
Resources Agency
1416 9th St. Rm 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Funding for Ocean Protection Council Executive Officer Position

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

On behalf of The Ocean Conservancy's 30,000 California members, I'm writing to encourage the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), to fund the position of an Executive Officer to coordinate and direct the efforts of the OPC. The Ocean Protection Act is a landmark law that is setting a model for the nation on how a state Ocean Protection Council can address the many challenges of 21st century ocean management.

An Executive Officer for the OPC will supplement and help focus the excellent work currently being performed by staff to the Commission. Funding for this position will ensure that the OPC provides the vision and policy direction necessary to restore and manage California's ocean heritage.

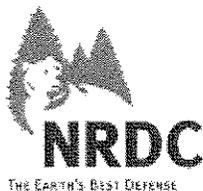
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Warner Chabot

Warner Chabot
Vice President for Regional Operations

c.c. Brian Baird
Sam Schuchat



April 14, 2006

BY FAX (916-653-8102) AND MAIL

Secretary Michael Chrisman
Resources Agency
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Executive Policy Officer for Ocean Protection Council

Dear Secretary Chrisman and members of the OPC:

The Natural Resources Defense Council supports allocating funds for a high-level Executive Policy Officer to ensure that California, through its Ocean Protection Council, fulfills the mission charted by the California Ocean Protection Act and carries out other innovative laws like the Marine Life Management Act and the Marine Life Protection Act.

As you know, the state has taken the message of the two national blue ribbon ocean commissions to heart, and has become a leader in passing laws that can better protect ocean life and habitat and special ocean places. But turning these laws into real gains in the water is a big challenge. It requires an ongoing commitment to implementation, efforts to connect that work with water quality programs, raising additional funds and deploying them in an optimal way. We believe that a high-level staff person dedicated to carrying out COPA is essential if the state is to achieve the goals it has set.

We therefore urge you to allocate, at your April 20 meeting, sufficient funds to support a high level executive policy officer for the Ocean Protection Council.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Karen Garrison

Cc: OPC members