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October 6, 2006

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California Ocean Protection Council
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Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project. The project would fund initial monitoring for central coast marine protected areas that will soon be designated under the Marine Life Protection Act. The proposed project anticipates a grant of $2,000,000 to California Sea Grant to oversee and contract for the completion of fieldwork and data acquisition for central coast marine protected areas, including socio-economic research. Data will be collected in priority habitat types, inside marine protected areas and in appropriate control areas, using various geo-referenced methods and technologies. The focus will be on acquisition of baseline data for central coast marine protected areas that can be used in the future for adaptive management and to assess compliance with the goals and objectives of the Marine Life Protection Act.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project is of high priority and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize $2,000,000 of funding at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

Cathie Magowan

Cathie Magowan
Director, Science and Technology Research

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

October 5, 2006

Secretary Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

Douglas Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

ATTENTION: Marina Cazorla, Project Manager

RE: Support for the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project at OPC meeting on 10/26 and Conservancy meeting on 11/9

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

On behalf of NRDC's more than 650,000 members, more than 120,000 of whom are Californians, I am writing to express my strong support for the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project. Since the passage of the Marine Life Protection Act in 1999, NRDC has actively worked to implement this innovative law. The proposed project would grant $2,000,000 to California Sea Grant; California Sea Grant would then oversee an RFP process and award contracts to gather essential baseline data on Central Coast marine protected areas, including socio-economic data. This fundamental information on key habitats and species will help the state evaluate how well the MPA network is meeting the goals and objectives of the Act and inform adaptive management decisions. California Sea Grant's respected reputation and experience with similar grant programs will help maximize the available funds and ensure they support high-quality projects.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project is of high priority and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize $2,000,000 of funding for the project it at its November meeting.

Sincerely,

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Ocean Policy Analyst

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October 26, 2006

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

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Attention: Marina Cazorla, Project Manager

RE: Support for (a) augmenting seafloor mapping (Conservancy Agenda Item 3), the Statewide Marine Protected Area Monitoring Program (Conservancy Agenda Item 4) and the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Monitoring project (Conservancy Agenda Item 5) at a Conservancy meeting on 11/9 and OPC meeting on 11/28

Dear Mr. Bosco and Mr. Chrisman:

The three agenda items reference above are critical to successful implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act and urge that the Conservancy and the OPC support these activities.

Useful habitat maps support the design of networks of MPAs and the requested augmentation of current mapping would complete high priority mapping up to Pt. Arena, a likely boundary between MLPA study regions. One designated, effective monitoring of the performance of networks of MPAs is critical to policy makers' judgments of their performance and provides the foundation for learning and adaptive management.

Sincerely,

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The Ocean Conservancy

September 27, 2006

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council

The Honorable Douglas Bosco
Chair, State Coastal Conservancy

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ATTENTION: Marina Cazorla, Project Manager

RE: Support for the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project at the Ocean Protection Council meeting on 10/26 and Conservancy meeting on 11/9

Dear Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Bosco;

On behalf of The Ocean Conservancy's 25,000 California members, I am writing to urge your support for the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project. The project would fund initial monitoring for Central Coast MPAs that will soon be designated under the Marine Life Protection Act. The proposed project anticipates a grant of $2,000,000 to California Sea Grant to oversee and contract for the completion of fieldwork and data acquisition for Central Coast MPAs, including socio-economic research. Data will be collected in priority habitat types, inside MPAs and in appropriate control areas, using various geo-referenced methods and technologies. The focus will be on acquisition of baseline data for Central Coast MPAs that can be used in the future for adaptive management and to assess compliance with the goals and objectives of the Marine Life Protection Act.

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to find that the Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project is of high priority and the Coastal Conservancy to authorize $2,000,000 of funding it at its next meeting.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Regional Operations

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October 30, 2006

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The Honorable Doug Bosco, Chair
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Dear Secretary Chrisman and Chair Bosco,

This letter is in support of the Central Coast Marine Protected Area Baseline Monitoring Project.

As the author of the Marine Life Management Act of 1998, and as principal co-author of the Marine Life Protection Act of 1999, I am fully supportive of the notion that an initial grant of $2,000,000.00 to the Sea Grant program, with linkage to the California Ocean Science Trust.

The legislature and the administration have done good work on the topic of ocean protection and management. This grant, together with the very fine work of the Fish and Game Commission in establishing 29 Marine Protected Areas, covering some 204 square miles of ocean along California's central coast is essential to making a strong start toward the goal of improving the vitality of our coast and ocean resources.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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