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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
299 Foam Street
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Dear Sanctuary Advisory Council Members,

I am pleased to submit to you the Proposed Action Plans that have been forwarded from the working groups and internal teams. The members of these groups, which included many members of the Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC), worked very hard over the last five months to put together the recommendations on how to address the many issues that the SAC and MBNMS staff identified as top priorities. As you know, getting the SAC's input on these proposed action plans is the next critical step for us in the Joint Management Plan Review process. There is more background on these proposed action plans in the Introduction section of the report. The staff and I are looking forward to the workshop on June 26th and 27th and the opportunity to present the action plans to you. While the SAC will not be making any decisions at this meeting it will be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions of the team leaders about the proposed action plans.

I must emphasize the importance of reading all of the report prior to the July 30th – August 1st SAC meeting in Santa Cruz. At that meeting, we will be looking for the SAC to give us its advice on the proposed action plans, in particular the proposed strategies and activities. The proposed strategies and activities are the substantive material in the proposed action plans and should be the focus of the SAC's input to us in August. You will see that the action plans also include important background information to set the context for the strategies and activities, but we do not believe the SAC's time is best spent discussing this background language. So, please help keep us all focused by concentrating your advice on the strategies and activities each working group has developed.

We will be producing only a limited number of these proposed action plan reports in hard copy format (paper format). The proposed action plans are now available on the website and we have produced a CD-ROM which includes all of the SAC Proposed Action Plan Report. We will provide SAC members with one hard copy of the draft action plans, and will make the CD-ROMs available to you and your constituents. If you have any questions regarding the report, the SAC's review schedule, or any matters concerning the JMPR, please feel free to contact Sean Morton, Management Plan Coordinator at (831) 647-4217.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. DOUROS
Superintendent

CC: Recipients of JMPR/MBNMS Proposed Action Plans Report (A copy of letter will be included with CD-ROM)