



# Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary

## Sanctuary Advisory Council

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July 13, 2009

Ms. Genevieve Brighthouse  
Superintendent  
Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
P.O. Box 4318  
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Dear Ms. Brighthouse,

At the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council concurred with and fully supports the recommendations of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) Conservation Working Group in their report "Ocean acidification and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary: cause, effect, and response," as they apply to the CINMS, and the council supports similar actions as appropriate to the FBNMS.

The resolution reads "The Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recognizes ocean acidification as a significant threat to long-term conservation and health of sanctuary resources and qualities, warranting additional NOAA research, monitoring, education and outreach, and management action to reduce and mitigate its impacts.

Therefore be it resolved, the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommends that the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries take a leadership role in coordinating ocean acidification monitoring throughout the Pacific Islands Region.

Therefore be it further resolved, the Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommends a coordinated approach to ocean acidification issues amongst the entire national marine sanctuaries system."

On behalf of the council, I humbly request that you forward this resolution to the appropriate people in the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

Sincerely,

Dean Hudson  
Chairman  
Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council