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THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI, GOVERNOR

December 15, 2006

Governor Ted Kulongoski
State Capitol Building
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Ocean Policy Advisory Council

Dear Governor Kulongoski:

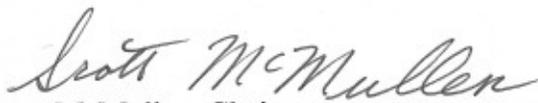
After much work and effort by OPAC members and support staff, a status report on your proposal for an Oregon Coast national marine sanctuary was approved by consensus at the November 28, 2006 OPAC meeting in Depoe Bay. As requested in the September 29, 2006 memo from your Natural Resources Office, enclosed for consideration is a copy of that report.

In reaching a consensus, OPAC asked me to express to you the concern over approval of the status report without full OPAC membership in place. Many on OPAC are concerned that not having full OPAC membership could potentially impact the credibility of any such approval, including concerns relating to lack of coastal representation. And given the scope of issues, it is vital for OPAC to have full membership so that all coastal residents are represented on the body at every level, in particular that of local government, as contemplated by the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Act and its latest amendments (2003 House Bill 3534).

It is my understanding the person nominated for the OPAC tribal seat is awaiting Senate confirmation. The OPAC south coast counties seat, however, has been more problematic and an unresolved matter for over the past two years. It is my understanding there is now a pending resolution of that matter. Hopefully, it can be resolved before another important policy action is taken by OPAC.

Along with other OPAC members, I thank you for considering these concerns and we look forward to your further direction regarding the national marine sanctuary proposal.

Sincerely,


Scott McMullen, Chair

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Enclosure