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Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

As you know, California's recently completed network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) safeguard some of the state's most valuable natural capital—the marine life and habitats that support our \$39 billion ocean economy. As members of the California legislature, we encourage your continued support for California's MPAs.

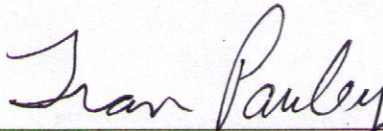
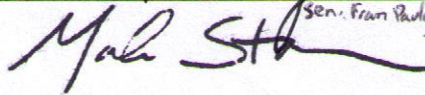
In December, California celebrated the one-year anniversary of the completion of the MPA network. Our 124 MPAs span the coast, protecting 16 percent of state waters. They conserve ecosystems as diverse as La Jolla's rocky reefs, Central Coast kelp forests, the Monterey Submarine Canyon, and Point Dume's rich intertidal zone. Studies of Central Coast ecosystems show that economically important fish like cabezon, lingcod and black rockfish have already increased in abundance since protections went into effect five years ago.

The continued implementation and monitoring of our MPAs is critical to ensuring their success and the health of our ocean. Towards this end, the Ocean Protection Council, State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Coastal Commission are collecting and sharing scientific data and upholding marine life and habitat protection. The Department of Fish & Wildlife is working with local officials and state parks to ensure that coastal communities are aware of the new rules about how to enjoy these special areas. The MPA Monitoring Enterprise, a program of the California Ocean Science Trust, is studying and evaluating the new MPAs in partnership with community organizations and academic institutions.

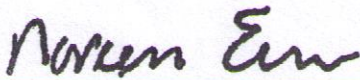
We thank you for your role in helping to protect and conserve our MPA network. We encourage your continued support for California's MPAs by supporting continued efforts to monitor, enforce, and educate the public about MPAs. Likewise, we encourage your continued support of key entities responsible for MPA implementation, including the Ocean Protection Council, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Coastal Commission, and the MPA Monitoring Enterprise.

Thank you for supporting our Marine Protected Areas.

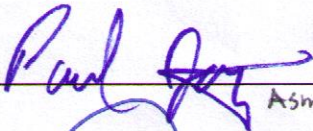
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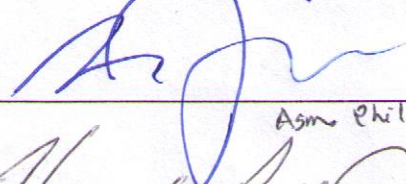
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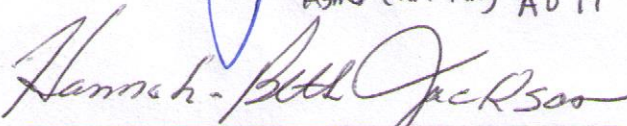
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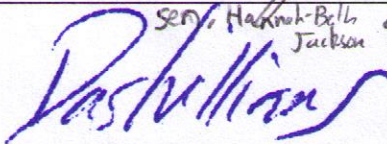
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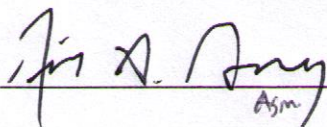
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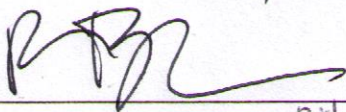
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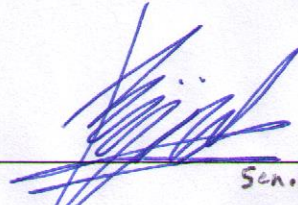
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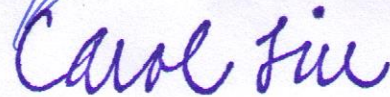
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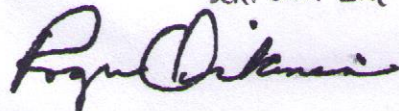
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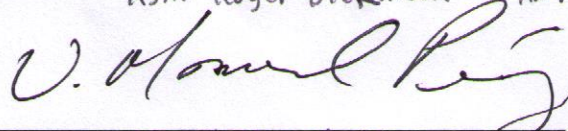
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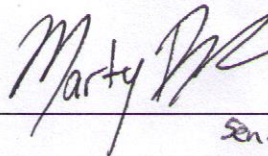
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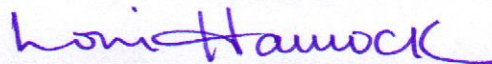
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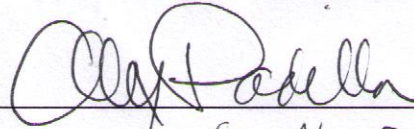
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