



Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman's Association

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Honorable Lois Capps
Twenty fourth Congressional District
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Capps

With all due respect to you and your office, The Port San Luis Commercial Fisherman's Association (PSLCFA) is alarmed by your press conference Monday, May 2, 2016, at Pismo Beach, where you and a few other local elected officials, chose to endorse the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS).

As you know, commercial fishermen have in the past, supported marine sanctuaries like the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS). However, we have learned from what now appears to have been a mistake. Promises made to our fishermen as to how the MBNMS would benefit commercial fishermen have proven to be untrue.

We also are sure you should know there has been significant oppositions towards the proposed CHNMS. Some of this opposition is:

- Governor's Advisory Council
- California Salmon Council David J. Goldenberg
- Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian
- Santa Barbara County Supervisor Steve Lavagnino
- Santa Barbara County Supervisor Peter Adam
- San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Lynn Compton
- San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Debbie Arnold
- John Shoals Mayor of Grover Beach
- Shelly Higginbotham Mayor of Pismo Beach
- Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Port San Luis Commercial Fishermen's Association
- Morro Bay Community Quota Fund
- Port San Luis Harbor District
- Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Committee
- San Luis Obispo County Cattleman's Association
- Arroyo Grande Sportsman's Club
- California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference
- City of Morro Bay
- Coalition of Agriculture, Labor and Business, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County



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- Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries
- Pacific Coast Federation Fishermen's Associations
- San Luis Obispo Republican Party
- Forest Preservation Society
- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

At you press conference; you made it sound as if there is unanimous support for the proposed CHNMS. There is not.

Also, there is no federally recognized (or State of California) Indian tribe by this name. How is it you would stand with Mr. Collins in support of his fraudulent activities? Why was the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash, a federally recognized tribe, ignored?

In conclusion, PSLCFA renews its opposition to a CHNMS. It appears to us that besides a genuine lack of support, your allies in the proposal have questionable credentials which deserve an explanation.

We would appreciate and answer to our questions.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Butch Powers', written in a cursive style.

Butch Powers

President of Port San Luis Fisherman's Association