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Dr. Donald O. McIsaac
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Dear Dr. McIsaac:

In response to your April 29, 2002, letter, the Commission appreciates the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) patience in waiting for the draft environmental document and regulations for the proposed marine reserves within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS). The Commission has now received the draft environmental document from the Department of Fish and Game to complete our transmittal package to the Council. Copies of the draft regulatory language and environmental document are being sent to you under separate cover.

Given the timeline mentioned in your letter for the Council to provide adequate review of the proposed alternatives, the Commission will delay its final adoption until its December 6, 2002, meeting in Monterey. The Commission looks forward to receiving the Council's comments on these proposals.

If you have any questions or if the Commission can provide any additional information on this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Treanor".

Robert R. Treanor
Executive Director

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