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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
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Monterey, California 93940

June 10, 2004

Mr. Donald K. Hansen
Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200
Portland, Oregon 97220

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Our letter of May 19, 2004 emphasized the importance of krill to the Pacific Coast marine ecosystem and its critical role in the diet of many commercially and recreationally important fishes on the central California coast. That letter requested that the Council prohibit the harvesting of krill in all of the west coast EEZ or, at a minimum, within the boundaries of the Monterey Bay, Cordell Bank, and the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries (Sanctuaries). The Sanctuaries wish to amend our request and limit its extent to the prohibition of krill harvesting within the three Sanctuaries on the central California coast. We apologize for any confusion that may have resulted from our previous letter.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue, and we look forward to discussing the potential for such a prohibition at your June 17th meeting.

Sincerely,

Holly J. Price
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Monterey Bay
National Marine Sanctuary

Maria Brown
Manager
Gulf of the Farallones
National Marine Sanctuary

Dan Howard
Manager
Cordell Bank
National Marine Sanctuary

CC: Dr. Don McIsaac, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council
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