

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA OPPOSING REVIEW OF DESIGNATIONS OF THE GREATER FARALLONES AND CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

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**WHEREAS**, the coast of Pacifica is a national treasure along the west coast, creating a diverse coastal ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pacifica coastline receives thousands of visitors a year who are a driving force in our tourist economy; and

**WHEREAS**, these waters and shores are currently protected against pollution and seabed destruction through designation in 1981 as part of the National Marine Sanctuary System; and

**WHEREAS**, issues regarding the expansion of the two Sanctuaries were thoroughly examined in 2008 in a hearing of the Fish, Wildlife, and Oceans Subcommittee, and resulted in the unanimous vote of the U.S. House for expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of the expansion areas under the National Marine Sanctuary Act provided the opportunity for citizen input through public meetings and more than a thousand public comments over a two-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the sanctuary review would create unnecessary economic uncertainty and is in disregard to the expectations of fisherman, residents, recreational users, researchers, state and local governments, and others who participated in the process that led to the Sanctuary designation and related protections;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Pacifica finds that the review of sanctuary designations, as ordered by the President, is a detrimental and unwarranted intrusion into settled law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Pacifica supports the current designation of the expansion areas of the Greater Farallones and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries and is in opposition to any new policies that weaken the benefits and protections they bring.

I, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica by the following vote:

AYES, Councilmembers: Martin, Vaterlaus, Digre, Keener, O'Neill  
NOES, Councilmembers: None  
ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None  
ABSENT, Councilmembers: None

CITY OF PACIFICA




Mike O'Neill, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, City Attorney  
Chad Herrington, Deputy City Attorney