Resolution supporting the “Integrated Preferred Alternative” Marine Protected Area (MPA) network for the North Central Coast of California

WHEREAS. The San Francisco Commission on the Environment recognizes the importance of the Pacific Ocean to the City’s economy, public health, and environment; and

WHEREAS, The Commission also recognizes that continued and enhanced protection of the ocean is a key element in maintaining quality of life for City residents and attracting visitors to our community; and

WHEREAS, California is leading the nation in efforts to implement pro-active ocean protection measures including establishment of a statewide network of marine protected areas under the Marine Life Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, The Marine Life Protection Act Initiative represents a landmark effort to develop a science-based network of ocean protected areas based on extensive stakeholder input and an open public process; and

WHEREAS, After an extensive public process, the Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended adoption of an Integrated Preferred Alternative Marine Protected Area Plan that has high ecological and conservation value at very low estimated economic cost; now, therefore be it


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I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Commission on the Environment’s Meeting on October 30, 2008.

Monica Fish, Commission Secretary

VOTE: (AYES: 4-0; 3 Absent)
Ayes: President Pelosi Jr., Vice-President Gravanis, Commissioners Martin and Tuchow
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioners King, Rodriguez Heyman, and Wald