

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-058**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING REVIEW OF DESIGNATIONS OF GREATER FARALLONES AND CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

WHEREAS, the coast of Mendocino is one of the treasures of the nation, with the continent's strongest upwelling system at Point Arena creating a bountiful and beautiful coastal ecosystem, whose riches include giant kelp forests, 33 species of marine mammals, migrating salmon and hundreds of other forms of sea life; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County and its beaches receive hundreds of thousands of visitors a year and are a staple of our tourist economy; and

WHEREAS, the county's fishing industry is wholly dependent on pollution free waters to deliver delicious and nutritious seafood, including wild salmon and Dungeness crab, to customers around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has a long history of coastal protection, its citizens taking an active role in protecting our coast against offshore drilling and other forms of pollution; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 southern Mendocino County waters gained protection against pollution and seabed destruction through inclusion in the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, issues regarding the expansion of the Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries were thoroughly examined in 2008 in a hearing of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, and resulted in the unanimous vote of the House of Representatives for expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, previously voted unanimously in Resolution Nos. 13-023 and 14-086 to support the expansion of the Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the expansion areas under the National Marine Sanctuary Act provided the opportunity for public input through public meetings, including several held in Mendocino County, and more than a thousand public comments over a two year period; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is aware that the Trump Administration has ordered a review of National Marine Sanctuaries designated in the last ten years to facilitate the opening of these waters to offshore oil exploration and drilling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors finds that a review of these designations ordered by the Trump Administration is an unneeded and unwarranted intrusion into settled law;

AND, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors urges all citizens of the county and state to stand with them in support of the current designation of the expansion areas of the Greater Farallones and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries and in opposition to any new policies that weaken the benefits and protections they bring.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Hamburg, seconded by Supervisor Gjerde, and carried this 16th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Gjerde, Hamburg  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Supervisor Croskey

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.



JOHN MCCOWEN, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board



Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
KATHARINE L. ELLIOTT  
County Counsel



Deputy