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Of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties

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February 27, 2015

Supervisor Adam Hill
Room D-430
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: *Proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary.*

Dear Supervisor Hill,

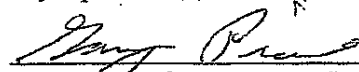
The Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties wishes to object to the boundary lines proposed by Mr. Fred Collins for his Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. We have no problem with the coastal zone from Malibu to Point Sal.

We wish to point out that for more than 10,000 years members of the Playano group of the Salinan tribe have lived and fished the coast from north of Avila to the Big Sur area. Members of our tribe continue to fish for a living, particularly in the abalone industry, in waters as far south as the Santa Barbara Channel through the 1990's until it's closure.

Mr. Collins wishes to claim areas as far north as Ragged Point. He has never consulted us in this matter. We have on past issues as a matter of record questioned his standing to represent the Northern Chumash. We have repeatedly asked Mr. Collins to disclose his genealogy certifying his connection to the Chumash people. The documentation we have that was prepared by a state certified genealogist shows otherwise and that he is not even of California Indian decent. Our Tribe has excellent relations with the federally recognized Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians. But aside from Mr. Collins himself, we have been unable to communicate with members of his board of directors. It often appears that while he claims to represent the "Northern Chumash," he mainly is speaking only for himself.

We must insist that any proposed National Marine Sanctuary reflect the prehistoric habitat of the Salinan People. We will be happy to cooperate in any effort that is truly inclusive. Please contact us with any questions or documentation you may need.

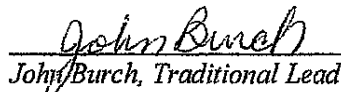
Xayatspanikan (Thank You).



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Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian
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