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October 2, 2015

Mr. John Armor, Acting Director  
NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program  
1305 East-West Highway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**RE: OPPOSING THE CHUMASH HERITAGE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

Dear Mr. Armor:

On behalf of Fishermen in the 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes San Luis Obispo County and portions of Santa Barbara County, I encourage you not to support the proposal for the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS).

Our coastline is a frequent tourist destination. Our economy has blossomed year after year, in large part due to the stringent environmental regulations already in place by Federal, State and local governments. Our coastal communities have thrived for generations due to the importance we place on preservation.

Industries such as tourism, recreational and commercial fishing, and agriculture have worked tirelessly with each jurisdiction to provide a thriving economy and have protected the environment for all to enjoy. Together, each industry works to adhere to the law to safeguard our coast for both the offshore and onshore habitats.

Central Coast fishermen and farmers have been exceptional stewards of our coastline and land for generations. Adding additional layers of Federal regulation with a National Marine Sanctuary could have potentially negative impacts on our locally managed waters.

The livelihood of these fisherman and farmers depends on the protection and health of our local coastline and waters. These protections are in place and already stringently followed. I urge you to support these industries and oppose additional regulation that would be enacted by the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary.

Thank you for considering my comments and concerns regarding this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katcho Achadjian".

Khatchik H. "Katcho" Achadjian  
35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

CC: William Douros, West Coast Regional Director