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George P. Schmahl, Superintendent  
Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary  
4700 Ave. U, Bldg. 216  
Galveston, TX 77551

Dear Mr. Schmahl,

On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary Advisory Council passed a resolution regarding the potential further threats to Bright Bank in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The resolution passed unanimously. The text of the resolution is included below. The Council respectfully requests that you convey this letter to the Director of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and the Chair of NOAA's Coral Reef Task Force.

The following is the text of the resolution as passed:

The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council requests that NOAA's legal counsel investigate the application of federal law for the purpose of preventing further destruction to coral habitat from treasure hunting and other activities, within the area known as Bright Bank, an area already designated as a Habitat Area of Particular Concern.

The views of the letter represent the Advisory Council only and do not necessarily represent the views of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary or NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Sincerely,

Frank Wasson,  
Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair  
Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

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