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Dear Dr. McKinney: *LARRY*

Thank you for your letter to Acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca M. Blank and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D. regarding your council's support for reactivating the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries' Site Evaluation List (SEL). I appreciate the effort and time your council dedicated to discussing this important issue and plan to transmit your thoughts to agency leadership.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to the National Marine Sanctuary System and for providing your advice and recommendations on how best to manage and protect ocean resources.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Basta
Director

Big Thanks!

Cc: Billy Causey, Director, Southeast Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Region
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