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January 19, 2010

George P. Schmahl
Flower Garden Banks NMS
4700 Ave. U, Bldg. 216
Galveston, TX 77551

Dear Mr. Schmahl,

On November 18th, the Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary Advisory Council passed a resolution regarding their concern over the potential impacts of ocean acidification. The resolution was adopted with a vote of nine in favor of the resolution and one opposed. The text of the resolution is included below. The Council respectfully requests that you convey this letter to the Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

The following is the text of the resolution as passed:

**Resolution of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary
Advisory Council Regarding Ocean Acidification**

Whereas the advisory council of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary has recognized ocean acidification as a significant threat to the long-term conservation and health of all marine ecosystems; and

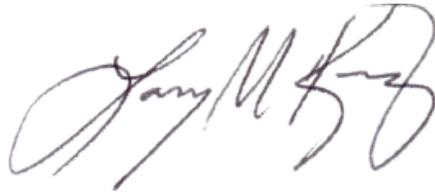
Whereas our national marine sanctuaries are ideally suited to act as sentinels to assess the long-term and global effects of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems and organisms;

Therefore, be it resolved, the advisory council of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary joins the advisory councils of other national marine sanctuaries in recommending that NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries make every effort to seek the support of NOAA's leadership in developing a coordinated, scientifically-based approach to researching and monitoring the potential impacts of ocean acidification, and to developing appropriate responses to any threats presented by ocean acidification.

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The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and a prominent initial "L".

Larry McKinney, Chair
Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council