

**MINUTE ITEM**

This Calendar Item No. 90 was approved as  
Minute Item No. 90 by the California State Lands  
Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its  
05/10/07 meeting.

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**CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

**Regular Item 90:** The Executive Officer made a presentation to the Commission pertaining to a resolution proposed by the Controller supporting H.R. 1187, the expansion of the Cordell Bank and Farallones. The Commission approved the resolution as presented by a vote of 3-0.

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**PROPOSED****RESOLUTION BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION  
SUPPORTING H.R. 1187 (WOOLSEY/GILCHREST/THOMPSON) TO  
EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GULF OF THE FARALLONES  
AND THE CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

**WHEREAS**, Congressional Representatives Lynn Woolsey, Mike Thompson, and Wayne Gilchrest and have introduced H.R. 1187 to add 1,739 square miles off California's Sonoma and Mendocino coast to the Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank Marine Sanctuaries; and

**WHEREAS**, California's 1,100 mile coastline and adjacent ocean, with its beautiful beaches, wild cliffs, abundant fish stocks and fragile environment is a national treasure and a valuable state resource, and is the heart of the state's \$43 billion ocean economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The ocean off the Sonoma and Mendocino coast, which would be added to the Sanctuaries by H.R. 1187, is part of the Gulf of the Farallones and the California Upwelling Ecosystem, one of only four such ecosystems in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, This ecosystem is created by an upwelling of nutrients caused by wind-driven surface waters being moved offshore and resulting in rich sea life, concentrations of nesting seabirds and marine mammals, and prolific fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, Scientists have long studied this area, the UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory has been located on the boundary of the proposed sanctuary expansion area for fifty years, and protection of this area is fundamental to long term studies such as those relating to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sonoma coast receives more than three million visitors a year, testimony to its scenic and environmental values, which are the source of the area's vibrant tourist economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The ecological value of the Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank has been affirmed through the designation of much of this area as National Marine Sanctuaries, but portions significant to this ecosystem are not yet protected; and

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**WHEREAS**, Inclusion of these currently unprotected but biologically significant ocean areas in the sanctuaries would enable them to be managed along with the rest of the sanctuaries to protect them from environmentally detrimental activities including oil and gas exploration and production; and

**WHEREAS**, The counties of Marin and San Francisco have both adopted resolutions supporting expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**, That it supports H.R. 1187 to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones and the Cordell Bank Marine Sanctuaries off California; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Commission's Executive Officer transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, to the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

Adopted by the California State Lands Commission on \_\_\_\_\_