



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE**

**Office of National Marine Sanctuaries**

1305 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Mr. Fred Collins  
Northern Chumash Tribal Council  
1590 18th Street  
Los Osos, CA 93402

Dear Mr. Collins:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has completed our five-year review of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary nomination and determined that this nomination continues to meet the 11 sanctuary nomination process criteria. The nomination will remain on the inventory of areas NOAA may consider in the future for national marine sanctuary designation until October 5, 2025. We look forward to working with you and community members interested in long-term, comprehensive conservation of this area as we consider possible designations of national marine sanctuaries in the future.

Please contact Bill Douros ([william.douros@noaa.gov](mailto:william.douros@noaa.gov)) or Dr. Lisa Wooninck ([lisa.wooninck@noaa.gov](mailto:lisa.wooninck@noaa.gov)) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Armor  
Director

