



IN THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF  
PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Port San Luis, California

June 23, 2015

**RESOLUTION 15-08**  
**(Draft A-Opposed, Revised)**

WHEREAS, the Port San Luis Harbor District opposes development of offshore oil and supports protection of the abundant natural resources of the San Luis Obispo coast; and

WHEREAS, the Harbor District supports commercial fishing, commercial fishing facilities and the infrastructure needed for our traditional working harbor community; and

WHEREAS, when sanctuaries are created or expanded, this results in sanctuaries becoming another regulatory agent in the already well regulated area of fishing; and

WHEREAS, National Marine Sanctuary programs and the commercial fishing industry have many common goals in education, pollution protection, opposition to offshore oil and creation of a sustainable fishery, so, if managed with proper balance and sensitivity to traditional working harbor uses, the sanctuary programs should have positive working relationships with the commercial fishing industry and working harbor communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sanctuary Act should require Sanctuary managers to use the best available, peer reviewed science in their decision making for permit conditions and potential regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Sanctuary Act did not envision sanctuaries to be regulatory agencies in regard to dredging and dredge material disposal relative to harbors that may be in or adjacent to sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, the National Marine Sanctuary Program, as currently authorized, does not provide for a mechanism for local control of sanctuary programs; and

WHEREAS, the role of advisory councils should be clarified and strengthened, and that membership of the council accurately reflect the makeup of the community; and

WHEREAS, the public process required to change a sanctuary designation document should be strengthened and should include concurrence from local agencies and the member(s) of Congress from District(s) adjoining the sanctuary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Port San Luis Harbor Commission that because the National Marine Sanctuary Program has not adequately resolved conflicts and concerns of the commercial fishing industry and traditional working harbor uses and because the National Sanctuary Act does not currently allow for a sanctuary designation with true local control, the Port San Luis Harbor District opposes the formation of a new, central coast marine sanctuary and/or expansion of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in the waters of the San Luis Obispo County coast.

**Passed and adopted** by the Port San Luis Harbor District, State of California, on the 23rd day of June, 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES 3 ABSENT 2 NOES 0 ABSTAIN 0

Bill Barrow  
President, Bill Barrow

Attest: Mary Matakovich  
Secretary Mary Matakovich, VP