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California Fish and Wildlife Commission P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 Via email: fgc@fgc.ca.gov

RE: Support for Extending Laguna Beach's Southern MPA Boundary

Dear Commissioners,

The Board of Directors of the Laguna Canyon Conservancy (LCC) joins with our local environmental colleagues and organizations in support of extending the Marine Protected Areas at the southern end of Laguna Beach.

LCC believes a revision is vital to ensuring an increase in protection of California's sea life populations and ecosystems, as well as enforcing consistency of rules and regulations, along with community equity. It is also important to achieve the City of Laguna Beach's 30 x 30 contribution to protect 30% of the world's coastal marine areas by 2030.

As stewards of our wilderness, we hope the Commission will support the goals and requests of Laguna Beach's environmental groups to expand the network of No Take MPAs citywide and protect our coastal environment for present and future generations to come. Thank you in advance for making this critical step forward.

Laguna Canyon Conservancy is a non-profit, all-volunteer environmental organization founded in 1988 to Save and Protect Laguna Canyon. LCC members have been involved in expanding the South Coast Wilderness nature reserves of Orange County that now include over 22,000 acres of parks, open space, and marine preserves. For more information, please visit: www.LagunaCanyonConservancy.org

Sincerely

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