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May 16, 2008

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

The California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response, supports the research project proposal titled, "Investigating the Consequences of Coastal Contamination and Anthropogenic Stressors for Sea Otter Recovery" to be funded by monies from the State Tax check off. The multi-disciplinary team that will lead this project possesses the expertise and commitment to accomplish the proposed work, and the resulting data analysis will inform specific conservation-action recommendations—such as managing specific routes of land-sea pathogen transmission—that should encourage sea otter population growth and improve ocean health.

If you have any further questions please contact me at (916) 324-7629 or via e-mail at [djessup@ospr.dfg.ca.gov](mailto:djessup@ospr.dfg.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bud Leland".

Bud Leland  
Deputy Administrator  
Office of Spill Prevention and Response

cc: Dr. Dave Jessup

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