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Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl
California's Ocean Observing Systems
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System

Dear Dr. Anderson & Dr. Ruhl:

I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS), at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI).

The OSPR-CDFW Seabird Program at the Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center employs a goal to monitor the health and pathology of marine birds to support the best achievable care of oiled wildlife and detect emerging threats to seabird populations. Because seabird health and population trends generally track in tandem with oceanographic conditions, we believe SCCOOS and CeNCOOS provide invaluable tools to aid our investigations.

As a science-based decision support program, the California Ocean Observing Systems collaborate with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policy makers, educators, scientists, tribes and the general public to provide data, models and products that advance our understanding of the current and future state of our coastal and global ocean. SCCOOS and CeNCOOS focus on high-priority regional requirements to provide the information necessary to address issues marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

I understand that SCCOOS and CeNCOOS are funded primarily by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Sustained funding for SCCOOS and CeNCOOS is crucial to the maintenance of the region's ocean observing network and to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observing systems enable. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne Gibble".

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