



# State Water Resources Control Board



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Ms Joelle Buffa, Manager  
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Dear Ms. Buffa:

## PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGES INTO THE FARALLON ISLANDS AREA OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This letter follows a telephone conversation held on May 25, 2005 between you and Dominic Gregorio of the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Ocean Unit. At that time, you discussed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) December 27, 2004 written response to the State Water Board's October 18, 2004 waste discharge prohibition letter. During the conversation, it was discussed that FWS is in the process of planning a system that will eliminate the discharge of untreated sanitary waste into the Farallon Islands Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS).

We are requesting a meeting to discuss the details and timeline for this effort and any remaining potential for waste discharge into the ASBS. We are working with the staff at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) to arrange the meeting in their Oakland office. The San Francisco Bay Water Board staff will be in contact with you in the near future to arrange this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Stan Martinson, Chief, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5458 ([smartinson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:smartinson@waterboards.ca.gov)), or Dominic Gregorio, Chief of the Ocean Unit, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5488 ([dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dgregorio@waterboards.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

"/s"

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