

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-One
RESOLUTION 91-12

To support the designation of Stellwagen Bank as a National Marine Sanctuary with the addition of "Boundary Alternative 3" and management recommendations.

Whereas, on July 18, 1990, the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates adopted Resolution 90-3 supporting the designation of Stellwagen Bank as a National Marine Sanctuary provided that an environmentally sound and vigorously enforced management plan accompany such designation;

Whereas, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan (DEIS/MP) contains many recommendations that would provide the protection the Bank deserves because of its ecological and economic significance;

Whereas, the Plan calls for a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of local and interested parties;

Now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates that:

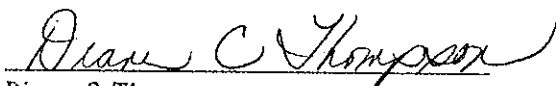
The Assembly of Delegates supports the designation of Stellwagen Bank as a National Marine Sanctuary with recognition of the positive recommendations in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Management Plan (DEIS/MP) and the addition of the boundary and management recommendations as follows:

- 1) The boundary for the Sanctuary be "Boundary Alternative 3" as this boundary would provide a more comprehensive protection of the resources of the Bank and would link the Sanctuary to the state ocean sanctuaries thus providing a common ecosystem and management boundary;
- 2) The Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site (MBDS) be included inside the Sanctuary and any further dumping at the site should be permitted by the Sanctuary manager. Material disposed of at the MBDS must be uncontaminated to protect marine life;
- 3) Recreational vessels should be placed within the scope of regulation; commercial fishing vessels are in the scope. The smaller boats pose a threat to whales; and
- 4) Offshore oil and gas development should be prohibited within the Sanctuary.
- 5) Aquaculture facilities present navigational hazards, could result in the entanglement of marine wildlife and would severely disrupt traditional fishing operations in the area and should be prohibited; and
- 6) Incineration of waste should be prohibited within the Sanctuary.

The Clerk of the Assembly of Delegates shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to Joseph Uravitch, Chief, Sanctuaries & Reserves Division, Office of Ocean & Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 714, Washington, DC 20235 before April 8, 1991.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on March 20, 1991 by a unanimous vote with fourteen of the fifteen Delegates present and voting.

Attest:


Diane C. Thompson
Clerk of the Assembly of Delegates