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Dr. Jane Lubchenco
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Room 6811
14 Street & Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Dr. Lubchenco:

Thank you for your participation in the July meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board in Long Beach. One of the key items of our discussion was the report from the NOAA SAB Ecosystem Science and Management Working Group [ESMWG] on NOAA's Coastal Strategy Initiative. The NOAA SAB approved the report and asked me to transmit it to you for your further consideration. [Please find report attached to this letter].

In transmitting this report, both the NOAA SAB and its ESMWG recognize that Coastal Strategy Initiative is a rapidly developing effort – especially in light of President Obama's Ocean Policy Task Force. We look forward to providing NOAA with further advice to assist in NOAA's leadership in providing the science needed to inform policy development.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Fluharty".

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