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Director Andy Field, Parks & Recreation Dept.
City of San Diego
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Ocean Access Preservation at Boomer Beach and Point La Jolla, No Man's

Dear Director Field,

The La Jolla Community Planning Association requests that the City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department modify the proposed seasonal Point La Jolla closure map as outlined below. Please exclude Boomer Beach and provide an open area at the foot of the stairs to allow access to the "No Man's" ocean entry area at Point La Jolla. The attached map shows green highlighting for the areas we would like to see excluded from any future Point La Jolla pupping season closures.

Access to the historic "No Man's" ocean entry point is critical for bodysurfers during large winter swells and for free divers to safely access the water with their spearguns to avoid traversing La Jolla Cove filled with swimmers. Two sets of K-rails (yellow rectangles shown on the map) should be placed at the foot of the stairs along the northern as well as the southern boundary of the Point La Jolla seasonal closure area.

Point La Jolla does not have a long history as a Sea Lion pupping area, as documented in the 2017 Hanan Marine Coastal Management Plan. Sea Lions do not typically birth pups on sandy beaches or cobblestone rocks of Boomer Beach. They give birth on the upper rock shelves of Point La Jolla. We request that the inaccurate "Sea Lion Birthing Area" sign above Boomer Beach be removed, as birthing is not occurring on the beach; the sign deters citizens from utilizing the historical pathways to the beach.

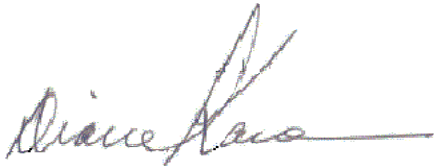
As the attached photo illustrates, the NOAA sandwich board signs are now being used illegally in an attempt to block public access to the stairs. The NOAA signs are contributing to a hostile environment on Point La Jolla, and they should be removed for public safety and the welfare of our diverse community.

Humans and Sea Lions have been interacting peacefully at Boomer Beach and Point La Jolla for the past five years. Mother sea lions regularly leave their pups to feed offshore, sometimes for days at a time,

and return to nurse their young. Sea Lions are typically not disturbed by folks taking photos from a sensible distance.

The La Jolla Community Planning Association requests these three important items:

- Exclude Boomer Beach and the No Man's north stairs from the proposed Point La Jolla seasonal closure.
- Remove the black and yellow Sea Lion Birthing Area sign above Boomer Beach.
- Remove the NOAA sandwich board signs that are being used to block public access to Point La Jolla.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Kane", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Diane Kane, President, La Jolla Community Planning Association

cc: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria, City of San Diego
Councilmember Joe LaCava, District 1
San Diego Park and Recreation Board SDPBMembers@sandiego.gov

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Attachments





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NO Selfies with Sea Lions

If you get too close...
Mother Sea Lions May Abandon Their Pups



- 1 Sea lions and seals are protected by federal law.
- 2 It's ILLEGAL to disturb them or do anything that might make them change their behavior.
- 3 Enjoy watching them in a safe, responsible way.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. You are too close if an animal starts to stare, fidget, or flee. Sea lions and seals on land are easily disturbed and may rush into the water or abandon their pups. They become stressed and may be injured, and continued interruptions could be harmful to their health.

BE CONSIDERATE OF MOTHERS AND PUPS. Sea lions and seals come ashore to rest, regulate their body temperatures, and nurse their young. Mothers often leave pups behind while feeding offspring.

KEEP PETS AWAY AND ON A LEASH. Pets can disturb or harm wildlife or separate mothers from their pups. And wild animals can bite or spread disease to pets.

If you see an injured, stranded, or dead marine mammal, call **(866) 767-6114**. You will be asked about the location and condition of the animal.

LEARN MORE. www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/marine-life-viewing-guidelines#disturbance-&distance



Do not approach the sea lions!
¡No se acerque a los leones marino!
请勿打扰海狮

