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Dear Dr.'s Butcher and Anderson,

I am writing to express support for the attached letter from Dr. Barbara Taylor, Chair of the Conservation Committee for the Society for Marine Mammalogy.

The Society for Marine Mammalogy is the world's largest professional group dedicated to the study of marine mammals. We have a membership of approximately 2,000 scientists from over 25 countries. Our goal is to facilitate the understanding and conservation of marine mammals and the ecosystems that support them. We have followed the fate of the Maui dolphin closely and benefited from increased understanding of New Zealand's marine mammal fauna when our Society's Conference was held in Dunedin in 2013.

Dr. Taylor's letter was reviewed by the members of the Conservation Committee and our Society's Board. We agree with her suggestion to adopt a scientific team approach to conservation of Hector's and Maui dolphins. I also wish to reinforce Dr. Taylor's statement that our Society would be honored to provide suggested experts.

Sincerely,

D. Ann Pabst