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**California Natural Resources Secretary Thanks President Obama, Rep. Thompson
for Action to Preserve Stornetta Public Lands**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird issued the following statement after President Barack Obama designated Point Arena and the Stornetta Public Lands as national monuments under the Antiquities Act:

“On behalf of the state of California, I thank President Obama for designating the Stornetta Public Lands and Point Arena as national monuments. They are a valuable part of California’s natural heritage. Not only do these new national monuments add significantly to Manchester State Park, they preserve vital coastal ecological habitat for plants and animals.

In addition, Congressman Mike Thompson’s determination in gaining this recognition must be acknowledged. Many future generations will benefit from his efforts.”

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