

Advisory ❖ Council  
Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary  
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**National Marine Sanctuary 2002 Annual Report**  
**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES**

The Council held six regular meetings as well as a joint meeting with the Cordell Bank and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries during the Joint Management Plan Review (JMPR) process.

- The Council members participated in the following:
  - Scoping meetings along the Central and Northern California coast.
  - Volunteer Appreciation event and had the opportunity to meet Beach Watch and SEALS volunteers who support the mission of the GFNMS.
  - Sanctuary familiarization cruise in the Gulf of the Farallones.
  - Cross cutting and site-specific issue evaluation.
  - Ocean Fest 2002, to celebrate the Sanctuary's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.
  - Facilitation training for Working Group meetings.

**2002 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>:** The inaugural meeting of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) Advisory Council was held January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the Point Reyes National Seashore. During this meeting Council members were provided an overview of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and the specific goals and issues of the Gulf of the Farallones NMS. Sanctuary Manager, Ed Ueber, outlined Council roles and responsibilities, protocols and expectations. Anne Walton made a presentation on the Council's critical role in the Joint Management Plan Review. Council members were sworn in.

**February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:** The Council unanimously elected Barbara Emley as Council Chair, and Bob Breen as Vice Chair. The Council were introduced to the Sanctuary staff and the programs in which they work. Dan Basta described the role of Advisory Councils in the Program, and Anne Walton presented an overview of the Joint Management Plan, and the key steps in the review process in which Council

members would be involved. She further outlined the major issues derived from the scoping process, and criteria for prioritizing them.

April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting (held jointly with Cordell Bank and Monterey Bay NMS, Elkus Ranch, Half Moon Bay): Council members of all three sites prioritized crosscutting issues from the scoping process.

April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting (Headlands Institute, Sausalito): Site-specific issue prioritization was conducted using the threshold question (responsibility/authority), site benefit and urgency criteria.

Council made recommendations as to which issues were best dealt with via internal teams or working groups. These meetings resulted in the "Report on Sanctuary Issue Prioritization Workshops."

June 25<sup>TH</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> meetings (held jointly with CBNMS): The Council and JMPR team continued with issue prioritization.

September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting: The Council continued with site-specific issue prioritization and Council members joined eight of working groups.

December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting: Working Groups were near-finalized, and additional discussion was heard concerning the role of the Council, GF and JMPR staff, and Headquarters in determining which issues were to be dealt with by Working Groups or Internal Teams.

## COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS AND SANCTUARY DECISIONS

Council recommended that, since the Council's previous request that a joint GF/MB Working Group deal with the GF/MB boundary issue instead of an Internal Team, and this recommendation was denied, a letter be sent from the Council to Dan Basta requesting their initial recommendation be adopted. Jim Kelly (Research primary) moved that this be done, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

## MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

This summer, Maria Brown was hired as Assistant Sanctuary Manager. Mary Jane Schramm took over the responsibilities of Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator for the Gulf of the Farallones NMS.

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