



**GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Bodega Marine Laboratory
2099 Westside Rd., Bodega Bay
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 13, 2007

Note: The following meeting notes are an account of discussions at the Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting and do not necessarily reflect the opinion or position of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, REVIEW AGENDA

Advisory Council Chair, Richard Charter, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Roll Call

Barbara Emley	Maritime Activities/Commercial
Bob Breen	Education
Bob Wilson	Conservation
Brenda Donald	At-large/San Francisco and San Mateo
Bruce Bowser	Conservation Alternate
Captain David Swatland	United States Coast Guard
Chris Powell	National Park Service Alternate
Dominique Richard	At-large/Sonoma and Marin
Dorris Welch	Education Alternate
Mick Menigoz	Maritime Activities/Recreational
Pat Conroy	At-large/San Francisco and San Mateo Alternate
Richard Charter	Chair/Conservation

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Staff

Maria Brown	Sanctuary Superintendent
Brian Johnson	Deputy Superintendent
Karen Reyna	Ecosystem Protection Specialist
Kelley Higgason	Sanctuary Advisory Council and SCPP Coordinator

Copies to/Absent:

Amy Boone	California Resources Agency Alternate
Bill Douros	NMSP West Coast Regional Office
Brian Baird	California Resources Agency
Brian O'Neill	National Park Service
Dan Howard	Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
John Largier	Research
Paul Michel	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
Peter Grenell	Maritime Activities/Commercial Alternate

Review Agenda:

2008 Chairs and Coordinators meeting was added to Council Business.

A discussion on the role of fisherman was added to Emergency Response.

Certificate of Appreciation

Barbara Emely was presented an award for her leadership and dedication as the Council's inaugural Chair.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

The Advisory Council approved the minutes of July 12, 2007 with no changes.

The Advisory Council approved the minutes of October, 2007 with small editorial changes that will be provided by Maria Brown.

Approved unanimously.

Reports**Member Reports**

- Barbara Emley, Maritime Activities/Commercial, reported that crab season was delayed, because crab and lobsters had been dying in the tanks at Fishermans Wharf after the oil spill. The Governors office only closed an area where they don't fish. They are fishing now and the crabs look really good.
- Bob Wilson, Conservation, reported that some marine mammals were found with oil.
- Mick Menigoz, Maritime Activities/Recreational, reported that his boat was oiled, and they have not fixed it yet. The oil is not coming off easily. The fishermen's belief is that their boats should be returned to the condition they were in before the spill. There is a lot of concern.
- Capt. David Swatland, United States Coast Guard stated he will speak more about the oil spill when Maria does. As for the offshore weapons training, they are still sending everyone to San Diego. An environmental impact study is being conducted, but will not be completed in the near future.
- Pat Conroy, At-large/San Francisco and San Mateo Alternate, had no report at this time.
- Brenda Donald, At-large/San Francisco and San Mateo, reported she will meet in January with Save Our Shores in Santa Cruz for a conference they will be putting on in San Mateo County. The organization will be expanding in San Mateo County.
- Chris Powell, National Park Service Alternate, reported that Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is currently revising their general management plan. One of the most important concepts they are including is marine ecosystems. This was not previously in their plan, but it very important to the park. GGNRA met with Marin land managers and they will be developing joint maps and joint public relations plans. Both will highlight sanctuaries. No agencies have a spending bill yet, discussion has turned to a government shut down. Most likely we will not see a budget until Spring.
- Bruce Bowser, Conservation Alternate, will defer to his Bolinas Lagoon Working Group report.



- Dominique Richard, At-large/Sonoma and Marin, reported that he participated in beach surveys for the oil spill through Beach Watch. He has also been involved with the Tomales Bay vessel management plan.
- Dorris Welch, Education Alternate, reported they are moving forward with the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary display. The Oakland Museum hosted their annual fungus fair. Their keynote speaker has developed microremediation. He brought down \$10,000 worth of oyster mushrooms to use for the oil spill. He did a forum as well to talk about the San Francisco Bay restoration efforts.
- Richard Charter, Conservation, will defer to his presentation on wave energy.

Bolinas Lagoon Working Group Report

Bruce Bowser, Conservation Alternate, reported that there are 14 individuals total on the working group and he has the names and brief bios for the members with him. Six members of the group are local stakeholders, the others are scientists, as well as Department of Fish and Game and CalTrans representatives. Maria Brown helps to direct the group and Sage Tezak and Karen Reyna have been doing a great job of keeping them on track. Bruce read the vision statement, project statement, project goal and objectives for the Bolinas Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. They have produced a matrix with areas of concern. They then discuss each topic and come up with conclusions. The group met last week for the third time and their fourth meeting will be January 3, 2008, at the firehouse in Bolinas. In the afternoon of that meeting there will also be a tour of Bolinas Lagoon. Accomplishments thus far include all telephone poles from the north end of the Lagoon have been removed, and GFNMS will now have quarterly meetings with CalTrans, who has been slow for the last decade in maintaining the culverts.

Discussion

- Richard Charter stated that a number of MLPA subcommittee recommendations involve full protection for Bolinas Lagoon as a marine reserve.
- Maria Brown stated the working group has come together well. Half of the current recommendations have full group consensus. They are optimistic for a draft plan by the end of January 2008.

Superintendent's Report

Maria Brown, Sanctuary Superintendent, handed out the GFNMS Quarterly Superintendent's Report (July through September, 3rd quarter) as well as reported on the following:

Budget

- We are on a Continuing Resolution but we were able to hire some contractors as federal employees. This saves us 33% in overhead costs. Karen Reyna and Irina Kogan are now federal employees.

HR 1187 Hearing

- There was a lot of confusion over Jack Dunnigan's testimony. The members have a hard copy of the official statement. The National Ocean Service (NOS) does support the expansion bill, but with some changes. They want regulations to come through the sanctuary.



- Richard Charter has proposed to pass a resolution on the current version of HR 1187, to include all of Bodega Canyon (identical to the one passed by the Cordell Bank Advisory Council).

Discussion

- Barbara Emley stated that the fisherman in Monterey feel the regulatory process is better than the statutory process.
- Maria Brown stated the question is whether establishment of sanctuaries should be a statutory or administrative process. Administrative requires scoping meetings, hearings, public comment, a final rule. Statutorily Congress decides. We are fine with the statutory method. The second level of concern is who is given the authority to create the regulations, Congress or NOAA (NOAA involves public comment). Through the statutory process if something is in the bill now it is locked in. With an administrative process, it is not.
- Richard Charter stated the confusion surrounding Jack Dunnigans testimony was many misunderstandings. We had been assured that there would be a friendly testimony, but it seems to have been reviewed at the last minute and slightly edited by CEQ (Council on Environmental Quality). Just enough language was changed so that a reporter only heard NOAA's concern that this should be done administratively. That then went out to every congressional office, via a capital hill newsletter, saying NOAA opposed the bill. There appears to be a NOAA public relations effort to reverse this. They have assured us we have the full support of NOAA.

Resolution Discussion

- Barbara Emley requested to specify in the resolution that some economically important species are fish.
- Chris Powell asked what Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey and the sanctuary think?
- Richard Charter replied she is asking us to do it.
- Maria Brown stated the sanctuary thinks it is a very important feature to both sanctuaries.

Move to pass the Resolution with proposed amendment:

Motion- Richard Charter, Conservation

Second- Bob Wilson, Conservation

Motion carried unanimously

Mavericks Surf Contest

- The window is open. We have been working with the contest organizers and county as well as other agencies. We have expressed our concern over eroding cliffs. Contest organizers will put a barrier around the bottom of cliffs with caution tape. We are also concerned with the intertidal zone. Contest organizers will be putting a barrier in front of the intertidal zone as well that will move with the tide. Sanctuary staff will be observing, looking for low overflights, disturbances, dogs off leash, etc. Contest jet skis will be well labeled, and sanctuary observers will look for and record jet skis that are not affiliated with the contest. There will be satellite viewing, and the whole area will be closed to cars. A shuttle will take people from the Half Moon Bay airport to the beach. Contest organizers will also broadcast at AT&T Park.

- We have worked with the State to map the seafloor and will be going into classrooms with oceanography lesson focused on waves.

Joint Management Plan Review

- The Advisory Council's letter was sent to Peter Douglas in August. The California Coastal Commission unanimously adopted our proposed changes, including a zone for the Mavericks area. We went out and did an assessment of area, there is a window in December through February with very little wildlife in that area. We will be doing a zone open to tow in surfing on high wave advisory days between December and February.

Discussion

- Brenda Donald asked if there was a map of the area? What kind of enforcement will there be at the contest? What kind of vendor responsibility will there be for a zero impact event?
- Maria Brown stated the zones will come out in the final rule. We don't know who the vendors are, but they do work with the organizers to try to ensure zero impact.
- Capt. Swatland stated the Coast Guard will have a communications trailer as well as cutter and lifeboats. They can help coordinate shore efforts as well.
- Chris Powell asked if they can have as many personal watercraft as they want as long as it is the right time? She also asked about the management plan process as it relates to the Advisory Council when changes are made. She wasn't aware of these changes and feels the council needs to be prepared for response.
- Maria Brown answered that it will be based on their permit. The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries carefully considered public comment on the use of personal watercraft. Based on public comment and additional research, the sanctuary has decided on a proposed action. This action does not need to be opened to public comment again, because it is in response to public comment. The sanctuary will be able to brief the Advisory Council in more detail once the rule is made public.
- Richard Charter agreed that the council should be informed with timely information on items that are the pervue of the council. We need to know what is going on, urgent issues need to get internal emails stating something is coming.
- Maria Brown replied we can't do that because it must be made public if it is sent to you. We can send a "heads up" though and for Tomales Bay we made sure to inform members ahead of time.
- Richard Charter asked if the sanctuary had taken into consideration the potential liability to the sanctuary by amending regulations to permit Mavericks?
- Maria Brown replied, if we were sponsors yes, but we don't have responsibility here.
- Capt. Swatland stated the Coast Guard permits 1200 events per year and they are not liable.
- Maria Brown stated Beach Watch, USGS, marine mammal and SEA surveys, were used to decide that there was no sensitive wildlife during the Maverick's window.

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If something is likely to be in media, the sanctuary will send a "heads up" memo to council members.

Facilities Master Plan

Brian Johnson, GFNMS Deputy Superintendent



- A timeline of relations with Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) since April 2005 was distributed to members.
- A total of \$1,360,00 has been invested with facility funds.
- We are working with GGNRA to write a 20 year occupancy permit. We can't begin construction until we have this. \$700, 000 could be lost if this is not signed.
- The residence will become available in March. We are hoping to have the permit signed by then and award construction money in FY08 and begin rehabilitation.
- In January we will have a 35 person meeting with National Park Service (NPS) and NOAA representatives.
- Brian personally thanked Chris Powell for her help in establishing a series of operational level meetings.

Discussion

- Chris Powell stated that GGNRA is very excited and sees the sanctuary as a key partner. NPS wants visitor serving facilities at Crissy Field, and the current tenant does not provide this. Brian O'Neill personally helped to find them another location. The process was slow at first, but people have been assigned to this now. Brian Johnson has been very professional.
- Capt. Swatland stated that NOAA and the Coast Guard have been working to get MBNMS out of their expensive commercial space onto a Coast Guard facility.

Joint Management Plan Review

- A supplemental EIS, based on the Coastal Commission hearing, will be drafted. There will be a 45-day comment period. We are making our regulations consistent with the state. This will not slow the process down. We are still working on the final rule.

Condition Report

- Because of the oil spill everything has been pushed back here.
- Last week, the August workshop participants received the next version of the report. They have until January 4, 2008 to comment.
- Prior to this, Jan Roletto, Kathy Broughton, and Karen Fox had been cleaning up the report and reading it for the participants review.
- After these comments are received, the schedule will be reassessed and a new timeline will be drafted. The final version is anticipated to be released late Spring or early Summer.
- The Advisory Council will most likely have to go outside of the normal meeting schedule for their review. The Council will be commenting in approximately March/April 2008 and will have 3-5 weeks to comment.
- Jan Roletto anticipates giving a presentation on a near final document at the April 2008 Council meeting.

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Include the Condition Report on the April 2008 council meeting agenda.

Public Comment

George Clyde, commended the sanctuary on the work they have been doing in Tomales Bay.



Richard Charter displayed a Skytruth satellite image of the oil spill. He had organized the taking of this image.

Tomales Bay Vessel Management Document

Karen Reyna, GFNMS Ecosystem Protection Specialist

- A presentation was given and is available at <http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>.
- Karen Reyna requested the advisory council form a working group.
- Dominique Richard has participated in all of workshops, and also attends the watershed council meetings. Karen suggested Dominique as the council representative.

Move to create a Tomales Bay Vessel Management Working Group with Dominique Richard as the council representative and chair of the working group:

Motion- Bob Wilson

Second- Marc Gorelnick

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

- Capt. Swatland stated a lot of sewage comes from Lawson's Landing.
- Karen Reyna replied that to date we have not been able to pin point the exact sources. We are working to address this. A lot of problems do come from leaking septic systems.
- Brenda Donald stated we should ask Dominique Gregerio to be involved. There was a \$845,000 grant given to study contamination in Pillar Point Harbor. In the future you may want to reference that.
- Karen Reyna stated that the Water Quality Control Board has been involved sporadically in this process.
- Barbara Emley asked if we anticipate interaction with the herring fishery and recommended having a herring fisherman on the working group.
- Karen Reyna replied there is a herring fisherman on the Tomales Bay Watershed Council Technical Advisory Committee. She also stated the workshops helped to get community involved and see that it wasn't just big government.
- Brenda Donald suggested Harvey Knopf.
- Bob Breen asked if Romberg Tiburon Center is involved? They have some graduate students working in Tomales Bay.
- Maria Brown stated we have been working with Bodega Marine Lab.

Marine Life Protection Plan Update

Karen Reyna, GFNMS Ecosystem Protection Specialist

- An update report was distributed to council members.

Discussion

- Barbara Emley stated that different teams of RSG members decided not to put special closures into the array.
- Karen Reyna stated that some did and some didn't, some groups split as well.
- Bob Wilson stated that the conclusion was we were told to defer making recommendations on this level of arrays until the RSG subgroup meets.

- Richard Charter stated it is good to emphasize special closures, as they could become important for sanctuaries.
- Mick Menigoz stated that part of the talk on special closures includes permits for boats. Who will be permitting agency?
- Karen Reyna stated that the subcommittee will meet during the first two weeks in January and the sanctuary has offered to host the space and help facilitate. She also stated that navigation or anchoring is regulated by the US Coast Guard and the Department of Boating and Waterways.
- Barbara Emley asked what about anchoring for safety? Capt. Swatland replied that yes, if in danger a boat can request to anchor, but not due to poor planning.
- Barbara Emley stated that there are schools of salmon at the Farallon Islands and it is three hours to any anchorage on the coast. You would spend 6 hours of the day traveling, and we are supposed to fish from dawn to dusk, this leaves very little time for sleeping.
- Mick Menigoz stated we've been working on all this with shark permits. Will we now have permits for whale watching boats, bird watching boats, etc.? We need a clearinghouse. Will the sanctuary permits conflict with this? It seems that this work has already been done.
- Mick Menigoz, Ed Tavasieff (commercial fisherman), Tom Baty, and Jay Yokomizo (both sport fisherman) will be on the sub-committee.
- Capt. Swatland stated that these areas call for significantly increased involvement from the California Dept. of Fish and Game (CDFG). How do they propose to carry out the administration and enforcement given their budget and staffing? It would be a significant effort to take over the permit process.
- Barbara Emley stated we are acting on the premise that most will be self-enforcing.
- Bob Wilson stated that CDFG does have enforcement assigned to the RSG process. The MLPA may help them to get additional funding.
- Brenda Donald asked if final decisions will be made at the April meeting?
- Karen Reyna replied, no late fall or early winter. This time around they are having periodic joint meetings to keep the Fish and Game Commission informed.
- Karen Reyna stated the sanctuary has been providing GIS support. We have attended all the RSG meetings, and we update other federal agencies. We were not able to attend last SAT and BRTF meetings due to the oil spill.
- Barbara Emley stated that Karen was seen voting at one point.
- Bob Wilson stated it was a straw vote, and this was for analysis of the proposals not for actual proposals.
- Barbara Emley stated it is a problem of perception. The sanctuary was supposed to be neutral, and it was noticed. Over last two days she never saw any inappropriate behavior from the sanctuary representatives.
- Bob Wilson stated during public comment two Advisory Council members testified.
- Bob Breen stated that three members from Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve also testified.

Emerging Issues

Wave energy along the Sonoma coast

Richard Charter, GFNMS Advisory Council Chair

- A presentation was given and is available at <http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>

- Sonoma County has filed a permit with FERC to have a say in what sort of equipment is used. One portion of the permit is in Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones. This may be a future Advisory Council issue.

Discussion

- Brenda Donald asked if atomic power plants are less of a threat?
- Richard Charter stated we need to accommodate low carbon electricity, but we first need to clean up the power grid, then look at the industrialization of the ocean. There will be a conference on this in Mendocino this month.
- Chris Powell asked if there could be management by FERC in sanctuary waters? Can FERC permit these?
- Maria Brown stated not without our concurrence. NOAA could permit it if it was experimental.

Emergency Response

Maria Brown, GFNMS Superintendent gave the following update:

M/V Cosco Busan oil spill

- The agency people that responded did a tremendous job (200 hours in 2 weeks). Incident Command is still going 7 days a week, from 6:00am until 8:00pm. The US Coast Guard (USCG) is the lead. This is not being shown in the media, agencies seem to be getting attacked when it is not their fault.
- The sanctuary participates on two levels, response and natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) which leads to restoration. We cross both sides so does the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR). For response USCG is the federal lead. The Responsible Party is held responsible for cleaning up the spill. There are different response units at Incident Command, we are in the Environmental Unit. We have staffed this since day two almost everyday. We have also had staff in the Liaison Unit, and the Joint Information Center.
- The use of volunteers was a large accomplishment. They were activated day two of the spill, and contributed over 1500 hours. A good portion are sanctuary volunteers that were trained through the USCG with HAZWOPER training. They collected live and dead oiled wildlife, tarballs, etc. Incident Command was overwhelmed by the amount of community response. One lesson learned is how can we continue to harness this enthusiasm? USCG and the state are working on a plan to have a pool of trained volunteers. One of the criteria for clean up end points was based on our 15 years of Beach Watch data. The standard will be zero tarballs for many beaches. This is unprecedented. Incident Command approved to send the end point document out to counties for their comment. The next step is continued outreach to the community. Unified Command will go to county board of supervisors, NGOs, etc. and present phases of clean up.
- As for NRDA, we have been working very close and well with the National Park Service (NPS) (also with response). We did rocky intertidal and sandy beach monitoring for baseline data before the oil hit. Trustees will be holding a public information workshop on what is NRDA, how it is done, what is the process, etc.
- The next steps are that the sanctuary needs to establish a vessel spills working group. This working group would provide a forum for recommendations in this process.

Potential Places of Refuge

- We are on the committee, and they are identifying what affected resources would be included.
- A potential place of refuge is where a vessel could be taken in an emergency situation. Each potential area will be evaluated for resources that could be at risk.

Discussion

Capt. David Swatland provided the following comments:

- This spill was by the book, and we did even more than what is called for. Maybe the book needs to be changed as the “San Francisco Chronicle” stated.
- When you have a damaged leaking ship do you leave it or move it to where it is likely to cause less damage?
- There are a lot of investigations going on, but at this point he can say a few things. There appears to be no mechanical malfunctions. The tools are available to avoid these events. The ship itself had guidelines that would have prevented them for getting underway with low visibility. The pilot has been asked to voluntarily deposit his license. He will be suspended if he does not. The pilots organization knew what medications he was on and let him operate. There is some movement to make vessel traffic service like air traffic control.
- Unified Command worked very well. There was a positive outgrowth from Safe Seas.
- There were some things that did go wrong, mainly communications issues. The USCG owns a lot of responsibility, and should have made sure that State partners were notified as well as the City of San Francisco. The USCG should not have broadcast the initial estimate of the amount of oil spilled. Initially nobody brought up the option of a 4-hour emergency HAZWOPER training. Fishing vessels did help out. They worked with the Port of San Francisco, and had ~12-20 fishing boats out.
- The community in Bolinas cleaned up their own beach. SCAT went out and deemed the beaches clean.
- Everybody worked together very well in the oil recovery. 10% is normally high and they are looking at high teens for the amount of oil that was recovered.
- The overall response was ok. The information wasn’t managed very well, but this was the first major government response since Katrina. We must be careful not to jump into too many knee jerk reactions.
- He is willing to come out and speak to a group about response.

Further Discussion

- Chris Powell agrees that the agency response was great. The NPS wrote a letter to the editor but couldn’t get it published.
- Barbara Emley stated that as for fishing vessels, her husband called the USCG on Thursday night and offered boats. They had been trained back in the nineties and had done drills in the Bay in the past, but had not been kept current. They put HAZWOPER trained people on the boats. It is good to continue the idea of using fishing boats. Fishermen are very creative. The captains came up with good ideas, and they are also competitive. They competed to see who could bring in the most oil. Oil on the water was a concern to fishermen in terms of our livelihood. An oiled bird on the beach gets public pressure, but we don’t get as much for fish. We still have a fear that future crab pots may have been harmed.

- Capt. Swatland stated they are going to include fishermen in the area contingency plan.
- Richard Charter asked if the vessel had military accuracy GPS? The first hour is very important. Because of the Exxon Valdez, they precautionarily put a boom around even when they are just loading. Why was no boom deployed around the vessel?
- Capt. Swatland replied that USCG vessels don't even have that. The fluid engineers stated that 95% of the oil came out in the first 30 seconds and that is what left a 3 foot wide slick. It submerged first and then came back up.
- Richard Charter stated that currently there is six bills in the state legislature dealing with oil spill response. They will be crafting federal legislation also.
- Capt. Swatland stated there is talk about reducing the speed inside of the Bay.
- Richard Charter stated that in Bodega Bay, etc. we need a container full of boom on standby where there are estuaries, rocky intertidal areas, etc.
- Capt. Swatland replied that locals would need to help purchase and maintain the boom.
- Maria Brown stated we are lacking the personal for a big spill.
- Capt. Swatland stated the key is not to let it happen. We are dealing with human error.

Update on Climate Change Initiative Activities

Kelley Higgason, GFNMS Advisory Council Coordinator provided the following updates:

Ocean Climate Summit

- The updated summit prospectus was distributed to members.
- California Academy of Sciences and 11th Hour Project will fund the summit.
- The date will be changed to late March or April due to the oil spill.
- The sanctuary is working with John Largier on themes and criteria for the science panel. We held a conference call with him and Steve Gittings, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Science Coordinator.
- We are working with 11th Hour Project on the behavior and funding panels. They will be organizing the reception.
- We held a conference call with Liz Moore, National Marine Sanctuary Program's Conservation Policy and Planning Branch Chief and Bruce Riordan (San Francisco Joint Policy Committee) to discuss the policy panel.
- We are working with GGNRA to talk to the Presidio Trust about shuttle service for the day.
- Maria Brown stated we want to obtain guidance on action plan strategies through the summit. We will have media involved when the plan comes out, but not for the Summit.

Conferences

- Kelley Higgason attended, as staff, the 50th Anniversary of the Global CO₂ Record Symposium in Kona, Hawaii, November 27-30, 2007. She also attended the Climate Impacts on Top Oceanic Predators (CLIOTOP) Symposium in La Paz, Mexico December 3-7, 2007.

Blue Seas, Green Communities

- A letter from Dan Basta, Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, regarding the Blue Seas, Green Communities Initiative was distributed.
- Richard Charter asked what Advisory Council members would like to participate on a greening working group. Bob Wilson, Brenda Donald, Chris Powell, and Bob Breen all volunteered. The Chair will be Bob Wilson.



- Maria Brown recommends that this group's first project is the Ocean Climate Summit, and then work on strategies after that.
- Brian Johnson stated that other projects could be the greening of the campus, and the facilities master plan.

Move to create a Greening Working Group with Bob Wilson as the working group chair. A response letter will be written to Dan Basta.

Motion- Richard Charter

Second- Dorris Welch

Motion carried unanimously

Council Business

Approval of work plan

- The Advisory Council approved the 2008 work plan as is.
- Maria Brown stated she is impressed by how much of the management plan we are working to implement.

Joint MBNMS Advisory Council Meeting Discussion

- A joint council subcommittee will be formed with Brenda Donald, Pat Conroy, and Bob Wilson as the GFNMS representatives.
- Bob Wilson asked what is the date for the approval of our regulations?
- Maria Brown replied we don't have one at this time.
- Possible topics for the joint meeting could be: Mavericks Surf Contest, Seabird Colony Protection Program, marine reserves, a briefing on staff working together during the oil spill, a regional update, the new learning center at Año Nuevo, Pigeon Point Lighthouse exhibit, Cal Academy exhibit (all GFNMS), new visitor's center in Santa Cruz (MBNMS), Oakland Museum exhibit (CBNMS).
- Brian Johnson stated it would be good to move beyond topics only specific to the Northern Management Area.

2008 Chairs and Coordinators Meeting

- The meeting will be held May 12-15, 2008 in Newport News, Virginia.
- The members do not want the JMPR as the topic.
- The members will continue to think of a good regional topic.

Working Group Guidance

- A guidance document from Headquarters was distributed.

Wrap-up

- Maria stated she got a call from Ken Wiseman, and he wants to encourage the sanctuary to become more vocal in the different MLPA packages.
- Richard Charter stated he will let members know when final packages are available.
- An agenda item for the February meeting will be to view the MLPA options. We need to have a GFNMS meeting in morning before the joint meeting.



- Richard Charter stated we could tell Ken that because of the need to have the full council understand what the MLPA process is doing, we will continue to participate as we are now. This is a sensitive issue for our council.
- Mick Menigoz stated that the sanctuary has the support of fisherman because the sanctuary does not do fishery management. We must be careful.
- Barbara Emley stated we should provide information but not advocate.

Upcoming 2008 Meetings- GFNMS- *updated*

- February 15, 2008 Joint Meeting with MBNMS, Half Moon Bay
- April 18, 2008 Pacifica
- July 10, 2008 Point Reyes
- October 9, 2008 Retreat
- December 11, 2008 San Francisco