Working Group Process

Interagency Committee

- CA State Lands Commission
- SF Water Quality Control Board
- National Park Service
- CA Dept. of Fish and Game
- CA Coastal Commission
- CA Boating and Waterways
- CA State Parks
- Marin County Sheriff's Department
- CA Dept. of Health Services
- NOAA (GFNMS Superintendent)

Working Group

- Reviews and discusses options and makes recommendations to Sanctuary Advisory Council

GFNMS Advisory Council

- Reviews and discusses recommendations from the Working Group and advises Superintendent

GFNMS

- Reviews, and accepts or rejects recommendations. All rejections must be made in writing and include a rationale for rejection.

EIR/EIS

SLC      NMSP

[Diagram of interagency committee and working group process]
Issues Covered

1) Mooring Tackle Pilot Test and Selection
2) Seagrass Monitoring and Assessment
3) Spacing of moorings and total number of moorings
4) Mooring fields
5) Mooring Criteria
6) Permit Program
7) Siting Environmental Services (dump./ pump-out stations)
8) Educational and Outreach Program
9) Proposed No-Anchor Zone
The Process
A Comparative View

Sanctuary Process

Scoping
- Publish Document - 90 day review
- 3 Public Workshops

7 Working Group Meetings in 2008-09

5 Interagency Committee Meetings in 2008

GFNMS Advisory Council discussions

Recommendations forwarded to GFNMS

GFNMS reviews recommendations, assesses feasibility under the NMSA, and coordinates with SLC to begin the Environmental Review Process

Required by Law

Scoping

Notice of Intent - 30 days prior

Lead Agencies Draft Environmental Document

Draft Environmental Document Released

45 day Public Review
- Public Hearing
- Agency Consultations

Revise Draft and Release Final
Timeline

Pre-Scoping
1998-1999
- Two meetings (businesses and SLC, CG, NPS, GGNRA) - developed proposed criteria

2002
- Two meetings, agencies only, expanded to include other agencies, began to investigate jurisdictional issues and TMDL requirements

2004-2007
- 1999 criteria distributed and considered-determined that other agencies need to weigh in
- Interagency committee meets on a regular basis to discuss agency jurisdictions, criteria for mooring, and other ways to address the citing of Tomales Bay as an impaired body of water
- Criteria evolve, new agencies are added, scoping document is developed

Post-Scoping
March 2008 - 2009
- SAC Working group starts meeting to address core issues
- Publish response to comments to public scoping
- GFNMS implementation of non-regulatory recommendations
- Obtain funding for sewage and oil facilities
- Test mooring tackle
- Develop boater education and outreach plan

Winter 2008
- Begin development of EIS/EIR
- Prepare Notice of Intent to release Draft Vessel Management Plan

Winter/Spring 2009
- Release draft Vessel Management Plan
- Hold Public Hearings