

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT KEY MEETING OUTCOMES**

South Lounge, Bodega Marine Lab
2099 Westside Road, Bodega Bay, CA
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 12, 2010

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Attendance:

15 primary and alternate council members were present (see attached attendance roster), with 12 of the 16 voting and non-voting seats represented.

Administrative Business

The agenda was approved with no changes. The April 8, 2010 meeting notes were approved with the following change: Page 13, change language to read “until after 2017.”

Motion to approve the April 2010 notes:

Motion: Richard Kuehn, At-large/Sonoma and Marin Alternate

Second: Dominique Richard, At-large/Sonoma and Marin

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Introductions and Swearing In of New Members

Maria Brown recognized the following new council members and introductions were made:

Non-governmental

Community-at-Large/San Francisco and San Mateo Primary: Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District

Community-at-Large/San Francisco and San Mateo Alternate: Tim Duff, Project Manager Central Coast Region, State Coastal Conservancy

Conservation Alternate: Jackie Dragon, Program Manager, Pacific Environment

Maritime Activities Recreation Alternate: George Clyde, Recreational boater and fisherman/ Tomales Bay Watershed Council member

Research Alternate: Jaime Jahncke, Interim Director, Marine Ecology Division, PRBO Conservation Science

Governmental

National Park Service: Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore

National Park Service: Frank Dean, Acting Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area

United States Coast Guard: LT Steve Arnwine

Kellyx Nelson, Jackie Dragon, George Clyde, Jaime Jahncke, Cicely Muldoon, and LT Steve Arnwine were sworn in at this meeting.

Advisory Council Business

2010 Advisory Council Summit Debrief

Richard Charter and Kelley Higgason attended the summit, held May 11-13 in Port Angeles, WA. Kelley presented a summary of action items from the summit. The complete summit notes are available at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/reports.html>.

Action – The sanctuary will notify council members of any action on National Marine Sanctuary Act reauthorization.

Transition Notes to Key Meeting Outcomes

The council agreed to transition to key meeting outcomes instead of meeting notes. If a member does want a full discussion included, they can indicate this.

Council Charter Revisions

The council began revisions to their Council Charter. Notable proposed revisions include: adopting the ONMS national policy on Council term limits; adding a US Fish and Wildlife Service seat; adding Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary as a non-voting seat; and deleting the language on the initial term of the Council Vice Chair. A recommendation was made for an additional Community-at-Large seat to be added for the sanctuary expansion area, but the Council decided to wait until the expansion was final to revisit this. The Council will vote on the final Charter at the December 2010 meeting. The Council also requested Maria Brown to write a letter to the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Primary member asking if they would still like to remain as the EPA representative or assign a new representative, as EPA has not attended a Council meeting since they accepted the seat in 2007. It was also discussed that a protocol was needed for determining a replacement if a working group member must leave while the working group is in the middle of a project. Decisions made prior to the new person joining need to stand.

Action – Dominique Richard will work with Maria to draft language for replacement working groups members. Maria will draft and send a letter to California EPA Secretary, Linda Adams.

Superintendent's Report

The GFNMS 2nd and 3rd Quarter Superintendent's Report was distributed via email to members and is available at http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/pdf/sac/10_08/sup_report.pdf. Maria Brown highlighted several items from the report and provided additional updates on the following: Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan; Council Letter on Salmon as a Sanctuary Resource; Final GFNMS Condition Report (<http://farallones.noaa.gov/science/conditionreport.html>); GFNMS staff deployed to Deep Horizon Oil Spill; Emergency Response Working Group (postponed to beginning of 2011); End of School Year Education Report; FY11 Budget; 3rd Quarter Permits; White Shark Permits (a technical review and Environmental Assessment are being prepared for Dr. Domeier's permit and will be distributed to Council members and the public as soon as they are complete); and an error in the MLPA special closures maps (GFNMS writing a letter to clarify the technical mistake). Dan Howard, CBNMS Superintendent also provided a debrief on the Deep Sea Coral Cruise.

Public Comment

Bruce Watkins: submitted verbal comments and a written letter to express concern over how research and media permits are evaluated and issued at the Farallones Marine Sanctuary.

Amy Wells-Hartzell read a letter from the president of the Monterey Audubon Society expressing concern regarding the prospective permit renewal for white shark research and handling requested by Dr. Michael Domeier and Marine Conservation Science Institute (MCSI) at the Farallones Marine Sanctuary.

Chris Hartzell submitted verbal comments and a written letter urging the sanctuary to suspend Dr. Domeier's permit due to his current techniques. He also submitted a signed petition in support of his letter.

Rebecca Elwell stated she posted a survey on Facebook asking what people thought of Dr. Domeier's National Geographic video. Responses include: National Geographic is sensationalist and biased; the show is overly commercialized and cheesy; the method is cruel and plays on common misconceptions about sharks; there is no need to hook and haul these animals in. She urged the sanctuary to not renew Dr. Domeier's permit. She also submitted a letter from James Moskito asking to postpone the MCSI permit until the issues outlined in his letter are changed or addressed.

Enforcement Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

Dayna Matthews, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement showed the final draft of the Boat Patrol Guide to the Council. This was produced as a job aid for all the various jurisdictions in the sanctuary that do vessel enforcement. Forty have been printed on waterproof paper. It is not for the public, but they will try to make an alternate version available online to help boaters obey the law. The enforcement section of the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan is short, but specific. Some staffing, funding and jurisdictional issues have been identified and are being discussed. An Enforcement Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held, meeting highlights included: a briefing on white shark permits in GFNMS; Maverick's Surf Contest (two organizations are applying to organize it, jet ski zones 1 and 5 will be closed day of event, those with a jet ski permit for the day will have to carry a laminated card and also wear a colored vest); a new California Dept. of Fish and Game warden has been hired.

Discussion

Peter Grenell stated there is not enough information from either Maverick's Surf Contest applicant for the Harbor District to make a decision at this point, but only one will be chosen. The applicants will need to develop a safety plan.

NOAA Twin Otter Update

Karen Reyna, Acting GFNMS Resource Protection Coordinator, gave a presentation that is available at http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_meetings.html. It was discussed that the Twin Otter is a great asset and the Council may consider requesting more time for the Twin Otter on the west coast.

Status and Trends of Gray Whales in the GFNMS Region

Dave Weller, Research Associate, NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center gave a Webinar presentation that is available at http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_meetings.html.

Update from Tom Roth, Senior Field Representative for Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey

The expansion bill will possibly be brought to the House floor in September. The basic elements of the bill will remain the same, but some concessions might have to be made. He will be able to report more after the recess. Senator Boxer is very engaged and wants this bill to move forward. It may be

able to get passed on the Senate side if it can't in the House. It should be a stand alone bill, and it did pass last time in Congress.

Ocean Climate Initiative

Kelley Higgason, GFNMS Ocean Climate Initiative Coordinator, reported on the following:

Public Release of Climate Change Impacts Report

Over 100 attendees came to the June 3rd public release. John Largier presented the report and a panel of report authors answered questions. The report is available online at <http://farallones.noaa.gov>. Cal Trans printed a limited number of hard copies.

2010 Ocean Climate Summit

The "Second Biennial Ocean Climate Summit: Moving from Knowledge to Action" was held at the California Academy of Sciences on June 3, 2010. Sixty-seven summit participants first attended the public release of "Climate Change Impacts: Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries," in the Cal Academy Planetarium, then participated in breakout groups in Public Outreach, Science and Information, and Adaptation and Innovation. The summit report is available at <http://farallones.noaa.gov/eco/climate/summits.html>.

West Coast National Marine Sanctuaries Ocean Acidification Task Force

Draft sections of the plan are due August 23rd. For new members, the Task Force was developed in response to Council resolutions throughout the region asking for a region-wide approach to addressing ocean acidification. Task Force members include seven representatives from the west coast sanctuaries: Dave Lott (Task Force Coordinator), Dan Howard (Superintendent), Laura Francis (Education/Outreach), Ed Bowlby (Research), Kelley Higgason (Resource Protection), Karen Grimmer (Operations), and Linda Krop (Advisory Councils).

Greening the GFNMS Campus

Brian Johnson gave a presentation highlighting the 2009 emissions audit and progress on the Green Operations Plan and campus renovation that is available at http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_meetings.html.

Working Group Update

Effects of Vessel Traffic on Sanctuary Resources

Michael Carver, CBNMS Resource Protection Coordinator, is the staff lead for the working group. Bob Wilson, Jackie Dragon, and Lance Morgan are currently drafting working group goals and objectives. The composition of the working group members will also be determined with sanctuary staff.

Member Reports

Council members provided short updates on their represented constituencies. Peter Grenell also showed the six interpretive signs that have been developed for Pillar Point Harbor with the help of local fishermen and GFNMS funding and technical assistance.

2010 Upcoming GFNMS Meetings

- October 7, 2010 – Council Retreat, Bolinas/Duxbury Reef
- December 9, 2010 – San Francisco

Meeting Attendance Roster

NAME	SEAT	P/A
Dominique Richard	Public-At-Large Marin/Sonoma	P
Richard Kuehn	Public-At-Large Marin/Sonoma- Alternate	P
Kellyx Nelson	Public At-Large SF/San Mateo	P
Tim Duff	Public At-Large SF/San Mateo Alternate	A
Brian Baird	CA Resources Agency	A
Amy Vierra	CA Resources Agency Alternate	A
Sec. Linda Adams	CA EPA	A
Cindy Tuck	CA EPA Alternate	A
Richard Charter [Council Chair]	Conservation	P
Bruce Bowser	Conservation Alternate	P
Bob Wilson [Council Secretary]	Conservation	P
Jackie Dragon	Conservation Alternate	P
Bob Breen	Education	P
<i>Vacant</i>	Education Alternate	
Barbara Emley [Council Vice-Chair]	Maritime Activities/ Commercial	A
Peter Grenell	Maritime Activities/Commercial Alternate	P
Mick Menigoz	Maritime Activities/Recreational	P
George Clyde	Maritime Activities/Recreational Alternate	P
John Largier	Research	P
Jaime Jahncke	Research Alternate	P
Cicely Muldoon	National Park Service	P
Frank Dean	National Park Service Alternate	A
<i>Vacant</i>	USCG	
LT Steve Arnwine	USCG Alternate	P
Pat Rutten	NMFS [non-voting]	A
Natalie-Constantino Manning	NMFS Alternate [non-voting]	A
Maria Brown	GFNMS [non-voting]	P
Dan Howard	CBNMS [non-voting]	P
Kaitlin Graiff	CBNMS Alternate [non-voting]	A
Paul Michel	MBNMS [non-voting]	A
Karen Grimmer	MBNMS Alternate [non-voting]	A