

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

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Headquarters
Upper Fort Mason, Bldg. 201, San Francisco, CA
9:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, December 9, 2010

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Attendance:

See attached attendance roster

Administrative Business

The agenda was approved with no changes.

Motion to approve the August 2010 Key Meeting Outcomes:

Motion: Bob Wilson, Conservation

Second: Bob Breen, Education

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Introduction of New Council Coordinator

Maria Brown announced the hire of Leslie Abramson as the new Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator.

Advisory Council Business

Finalize Council Charter Revisions

The council unanimously approved the final draft of the Council Charter with the following changes from the existing charter:

- Adoption of ONMS national policy on council term limits
- Amended language on guidelines for working group members and alternates
- Addition of US Fish and Wildlife Service as a voting, government seat
- Addition of Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary as a non-voting, government seat

The council also discussed the addition of a youth seat and agreed that the SAC Coordinator would gather and provide more information on the experience of other councils, as well as national language provided for the charter.

Motion to approve the Revised Final Draft of the Council Charter:

Motion: George Clyde, Maritime Activities/ Recreational Alternate

Second: Dominique Richard, Public-At-Large Marin/Sonoma

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Officer Elections

The council held officer elections, with the results of the elections as follows:

Council Chair: Richard Charter, Conservation

Council Vice Chair: Barbara Emley, Maritime Activities/Commercial

Council Secretary: Bob Wilson, Conservation

2011 Retreat Date and Location

The council agreed to have a retreat in early October 2010, with a tour of the Cal Academy of Sciences. The council further proposed Mid-January 2011 for next year's retreat, so as to view elephant seals at Año Nuevo.

Superintendent's Report (Maria Brown)

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_12/supes_report.pdf. Maria Brown highlighted several items from the report and provided additional updates on the following:

- FY11 Budget and the Continuing Resolution: Due to budget constraints, there is a lack of funding for the RV Fulmar in 2011. The sanctuary and Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association are actively seeking alternative sources of funding.
- Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan: The 37 recommendations in the plan have been accepted and the draft Vessel Management Plan is complete. At this point, the draft Environmental Assessment is being reviewed internally.
- Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Project: The sanctuary has a new project coordinator funded through FMSA, Kate Bimrose. Progress continues with the Kent Island Restoration beginning this summer, CalTrans habitat restoration project will begin in the fall of 2011, and a hydrographic survey is planned. A Town Hall meeting in March is planned to update the local community.
- Maverick's Surf Contest: Only one permit is being issued by Pillar Point Harbor to the Half Moon Bay Surf Group and no spectator access will be allowed on the hill or the beach. There will be a limit of 15 Motorized Personal Water Craft on water the day of the contest and all staff must have highly visible safety gear and a laminated permit displayed prominently.
- White Shark Permit Update: The sanctuary is currently reviewing the public comments on the Environmental Assessment of the Domeier permit.
- Overflight Regulations Update: George Clyde agreed to email information to the SAC Coordinator to be forwarded to council on proposed regulations, including Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS).

Public Comment

Sean Van Sommeran, from Pelagic Shark Research Foundation, submitted verbal comments against the use of barbed hooks to research white sharks. He requested to present to the council on the Año Nuevo project at our next meeting.

Tom Roth, from Representative Woolsey's office, submitted verbal comments on the prognosis for the Gulf of the Farallones Expansion bill, as included in the public lands omnibus before the Senate. Tom Roth is leaving Woolsey's office to work for State Senator Noreen Evans.

Enforcement Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update (Karen Reyna)

The boat patrol guide is out on enforcement vessels and officers have been trained on how to use the guide. Overflight monitoring of the Sanctuary continues, but funding is sparse. We will be focusing

sanctuary efforts on the Coast Guard planes, not the Twin Otter. NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement and the US Coast Guard will be covering Maverick's Surf Contest.

Ocean Climate Center Opening and 2011 Projects (Kelley Higgason)

Presentation available at: http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/pdf/sac/10_12/occ_ppt.pdf

February 25, 2010 30th Anniversary of Sanctuary and Volunteer Appreciation Event

All sanctuary volunteers will receive an invitation to the February 25th event.

Gulf of the Farallones Main Campus Exhibit Concept Plan (Carol Preston)

Please contact Leslie Abramson at Leslie.Abramson@noaa.gov or 415-561-6622 Ext 306 to learn more about the Gulf of the Farallones Main Campus Exhibit Concept Plan.

Informational Briefing on Estero Americano (Michael Molland)

Michael Molland, representing Citizens Advocating for Roblar Rural Quality, asked the council for support in opposing the siting of a gravel mine on the Americano Creek. The proposed mine site is near the old, unlined Sonoma County landfill. Richard Charter suggested the council investigate the potential downstream impacts to sanctuary resources and possible council actions.

Motion to form a Working Group on Potential Downstream Impacts of Gravel Mine

Motion: Richard Charter, Conservation

Second: Barbara Emley, Maritime Activities/Commercial

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

Richard Charter will chair the working group and it was agreed that a recommendation would be brought to the May meeting on how to proceed.

Working Group Update (Jackie Dragon)

Effects of Vessel Traffic on Sanctuary Resources

The working group has clarified its focus on the impacts of acoustic disturbance and shipstrikes on sanctuary resources. The working group will create a comprehensive report with recommendations for actions that will review impacts of anthropogenic acoustic environment and ship strikes.

Recommendations will include research, education, outreach, policy and funding. The working group plans to meet 4-6 times between March 2011 and March 2012.

Member Reports

Council members provided short updates on their represented constituencies.

2011 Upcoming GFNMS Meetings

- February 10, 2011 – Joint meeting with MBNMS, Half Moon Bay
- May 12, 2011 – Point Reyes, CA
- August 11, 2011 – Pacifica, CA
- October 6, 2011 – San Francisco, CA

Meeting Attendance Roster

NAME	SEAT	P/A
Dominique Richard	Public-At-Large Marin/Sonoma	P
Richard Kuehn	Public-At-Large Marin/Sonoma- Alt	A
Kellyx Nelson	Public At-Large SF/San Mateo	A
Tim Duff	Public At-Large SF/San Mateo Alternate	P
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	P
Peter Grenell	Maritime Activities/Commercial Alternate	P
Mick Menigoz	Maritime Activities/Recreational	P
George Clyde	Maritime Activities/Recreational Alternate	P
John Largier	Research	A
Jaime Jahncke	Research Alternate	P
Cicely Muldoon	National Park Service	P
Frank Dean	National Park Service Alternate	P
<i>Vacant</i>	USCG	
LT Steve Arnwine	USCG Alternate	A
Pat Rutten	NMFS [non-voting]	P
Natalie-Cosentino 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