

GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (GFNMS) NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Grange Hall
1370 Bodega Avenue
Bodega Bay, CA
4:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday, May 1st, 2014

Note: The following 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.

KEY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS from the GFNMS Advisory council-ONLY portion of the Bodega Bay meeting

Copies to:

Bill Douros, ONMS West Coast Regional Office
Meeting called to order at: 9:03am

Potential Action Item: Proposed Rule for Introduced Species for GFNMS/MBNMS

This presentation can be viewed at:

http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/pdf/sac/14_05/intro_species_ppt.pdf

Discussion:

- “Introduced” should be defined and differentiated from “non-native” and “invasive”.
- Implications for Tomales Bay Aquaculture and permitting current leases (as of the “effective date of these regulations”) will be grandfathered in.
- The proposed rule will bring consistency between policies of the state and federal governments.
- This rule applies to nonnative introduced shellfish species grown for commercial means in the sanctuary. Any request to amend or extend the geography or species cultivated is subject to this rule.
- Randy Lovell-Aquaculture Coordinator at California Department of Fish and Game attended and said that the state wants to look at introduced species issues on a case-by-case basis and have a collaborative process with the Sanctuary on management.
- The Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) will be released within months. Over 300 comments must be addressed.
- SAC members asked several questions about existing leases in Tomales Bay, including what would trigger a review of a current lease. Aquaculture lease areas are designed based on the requests for leases. Therefore there are many lease areas that currently don't have active aquaculture. There are currently 12 leases and 6 operators. If a grower wants to do something that would amend the lease (such as expand, change shape, or grow new

species), then this would trigger a review. All reviews will be conducted by the Coastal Commission.

No action was taken on this item by the SAC at this time.

GFNMS SAC Member Reports

Postponed

GFNMS Advisory Council Recruitment and Officer Elections

GFNMS in the process of filling several vacant seats on the sanctuary advisory council: Conservation (Primary and Alternate), Research (Primary and Alternate), Maritime Activities-Recreational (Primary and Alternate), Community At-Large Marin/Sonoma (Primary and Alternate), and Community At-Large San Francisco/San Mateo (Alternate). The deadline to apply is June 30, 2014.

GFNMS Advisory Council officer nominations will be held at the August meeting. Elections will be held at the October retreat or November council meeting.

GFNMS SAC ADJOURNED, 5:15pm