Update on Proposal for Expansion and Revision of Regulations for GFNMS and CBNMS

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

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Half Moon Bay, CA
## Process for Proposed Boundary Expansion

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<th>Step</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Time Period</th>
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<td>1. Scoping</td>
<td>Published Notice of Intent; solicited comments to determine the scope of issues</td>
<td>Dec. 1, 2012 - March 1, 2013</td>
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<td>2. Develop DEIS; draft related documents</td>
<td>Considered scoping comments; conducted impact analysis; developed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), regulations, revised terms of designation, and revised site management plans.</td>
<td>March 2013 – April 2014</td>
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<td>3. Reviews &amp; Public Comment</td>
<td>DEIS and draft revised mgt. plans, draft proposed regulations, and draft revised terms of designation released; conduct agency consultations; Congress and Governor review; and public comment.</td>
<td>April 14 - June 30, 2014</td>
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Step 3: Public Comment (completed)

Public Comment Period: April 14, 2014 to June 30, 2014

Comments submitted by: mail, online, and at public hearings

Four Public Hearings:

May 22, 2014
Sausalito, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model Visitor Center

Jun 16, 2014
Point Arena, City Hall

Jun 17, 2014
Gualala, Community Center

Jun 18, 2014
Bodega Bay, Grange Hall
Step 4: Review Comments

- About 1,500 comments submitted by around 830 commenters
- Reviewed comments
- Categorized comments
- Consider agency action in light of comments
- Respond to comments
- Revise documents as needed based on comments
Step 4: Review Comments: Comment Categories

Support Expansion
- Existing Regulations
- Proposed Action
- Expansion with Modifications

Oppose Expansion

Authorization
- Oppose
- Support
- Limit

Boundaries
- Adjust Western Line
- MHWL
- Estuaries
- Arena Cove
- Expand
- Giacomini

Fishing
- Sport Fishing
- Commercial Fishing
- Methods
- Discharges

MPWC
- GPS and Radios
- Oppose
- Marine Mammals
- Data
- Process
- Protocols
- Safety
- Boundaries
- Buffer
- Definition
- Enforcement
- Zones
- Fishing
- Low Wake
- MPA s
- Permit or License
- Use
- Volunteer Stewardship

Special Wildlife Protection Zones
- Definition
- ASBS
- Maps
- Support
- Boundaries
- Overlay regulations
- Expand

Management Plan Edits
- DEIS Edits
- Proposed Rule Edits

Low Overflight Regulation
- Flight Ceiling
- Oppose
- Overflight Regulation
- Expand
- Private Airstrip

Dredging
- Disposal
- Harbors
- Prohibit

Vessels

Name Change
Step 4: Review Comments: Comment Categories (cont.)

- Pollution
- Military
  - Exemption
  - Consultation
  - Oppose
- Funding
- Education
- Science
- Regulations
- Sanctuary Advisory Councils
- Alternative Energy
- Methane Hydrates
- Energy Development
- Ocean Noise

- Wildlife Disturbance
- Wildlife
  - Endangered Species
  - Take
  - Protection
  - Populations
- Historic Shipwrecks
- Cruise Ship
- Restrict Vessel Speed
- Introduced Species
- Aquaculture
- Whale Entanglement
- Russian River
  - Flow
  - Mouth
  - Breaching
- Desalination
- Climate Change
- Collaboration
- Permits
- Penalties
- Fireworks
- NEPA
- Discharges
- Sewage
- Agency Coordination
- Oil
- Ship strikes to whales
Step 4: Internal Review and Approval of Final Action

Site and Region present recommended action to ONMS

Decision point: ONMS reviews recommended action and documents

General Counsel and NOS review FEIS, Final Rule, and Management Plan

Decision Point: General Counsel and NOS comment on recommended action and documents

ONMS/NOS presents recommended action to NOAA

NOAA and DOC comment/approve recommended action

NEPA office reviews, comments, and approves FEIS
Step 4: Publication of Final Action and Record of Decision

Sanctuary Advisory Council Informational Meeting

Coastal Commission Reviews for Federal Consistency

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Management Plan Published

30 day cooling off period

Final Rule and Record of Decision Published

45 days of continuous session of Congress and Governor’s review

Final Action Effective