

**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
FY14 (10/1/13-9/30/14) Sanctuary Advisory Council Work Plan SUMMARY**

MP Program-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
1. Education and Outreach						
a Youth Involvement in SAC process	Youth Involvement Subcommittee will recruit and assist in selection of youth seat (primary and alternate). They will also support mentoring of youth members	Youth SAC seat and mentoring program created to involve youth in SAC process	Complete. Youth seat terms began March 2014	No working group established.		
b Increased outreach to general public			Ongoing			
c Crissy Field Campus Exhibits	Council members may be contacted to help advise on new exhibits as part of the GFNMS Facilities Master Plan.	Crissy Field Campus Exhibit Concept Plan	Updates as needed	No working group established.		
2. Conservation Science						
a Beach Watch	Annual Report provided to SAC	SAC remain informed on Beach Watch program	SAC heard presentation in October 2013 (retreat)			
b ACCESS	Update on ACCESS cruises		SAC heard presentation in Feb 2014			
c Beyond the Golden Gate Symposium	Update on symposium		SAC Lead: John Largier			
d MPA monitoring- see 9b. Marine Life Protection Act						
e Black and White Abalone (OA)	lower priority					
d Essential Fish Habitat Designation see 9a. Ecosystem Protection- Fishing Activities						

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3. Resource Protection							
a Sanctuary Permits	Standing updates provided to members at each meeting	Advisory Council is informed on permitted activities	Ongoing				
b Emergency Response- see 6a. Impacts from Vessel Spills							
c Estuaries and Lagoons			SAC Lead: Richard Charter				
d Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts- see 7c. Wildlife Disturbance							
d	Ocean Climate Initiative	1) Green Operations: Review of GFNMS annual emissions audit	Ensure GFNMS conducts and reports on annual emissions audit	GFNMS transitioning to EPA Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Moving to a biennial report to SAC			
		2) OCOF Workshops	Advisory Council is informed on OCOF Workshop final outcomes	Complete. Presented to SAC November 2013			
		3) Climate Change Indicators	Inform SAC on project; Form a working group to define monitoring goals, develop monitoring strategies based on the final monitoring indicators and for each monitoring strategy, determine implementation timelines, partners involved and funding requirements	Complete. Presented to SAC November 2013	WG Began April-13	Complete. Recommendations adopted November- 13	

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3. Resource Protection (Continued)						
e Boundary Modifications- see 12d Northern Management Area	SAC will be briefed on the revised Management Plan and Draft EIS for the expansion	Scoping meetings and Expansion of GFNMS	Feb 2014- Joint meeting with Cordell. August 2014- report back on comments received. November 2014- present revisions to final action			
f Ecosystem Restoration (Bolas) see 8f. Introduced Species						
g Enforcement	Standing updates on enforcement issues	Advisory Council is informed on enforcement activities	Dayna Matthews "new" NOAA OLE officer. Will attend and give updates FY 15			
h Emerging Issues	SAC will be informed of any emerging issues and given the opportunity to provide feedback on	Advisory Council is informed on emerging issues				
4. Administration						
a Sanctuary Advisory Council	1) Maintain Advisory Council	Four meetings and one retreat per year; Council resolutions and correspondence; annual workplan	Ongoing recommendations on Climate Change Initiative, Enforcement, Emergency Response, Visitor Centers, Boundary Modifications and Vessel Traffic.			
	2) Participate in National Chairs and Coordinators meeting		Complete. Chair and SAC Coordinator attended Summit in June 2014 in Galveston, TX			

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4. Administration (Continued)						
	3) Maintain Executive Committee	Develop meeting agendas and recommend new members to sanctuary superintendent	Complete. Meet four times per year by phone.			
	4) Alternating years Council Meetings with MB and CB		Complete. Feb-14 Joint meeting with CB			
	5) SAC member training and internal process clarification		Complete. SAC training held October 2014			
b Operations - See 3c.1) Green Operations						

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5. Water Quality						
a Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan	Individual feedback from expert SAC members; Presentation to SAC on final plan	Advice on implementation of plan	Superintendent's report update in February 2014			
d Plastics in food chain-	Update on state of knowledge of plastics in food chain- possible briefing or ID need for project	Understand influence of this on sanctuary resources	SAC Lead: John Largier			
e Marine Debris	Updates to SAC on Marine Debris monitoring	SAC stays informed on GFNMS activities	No presentation in FY 14			
6. Impacts from Vessel Spills						
a Emergency Response	SAC will receive updates in FY 13 on progress of GFNMS towards SAC JWG recommendations	Enhanced emergency response plan for GF and CB. Letter in support of ERMA. Presentation.	Superintendent Report updates on groundings. Presentation on SW ERMA February 2014			
7. Wildlife Disturbance						
a White Shark Stewardship Project	Annual updates provided to Council	Advisory council is informed on white shark PEA and ESA listing activities	No presentations/updates in FY 14. Sent draft PEA to SAC via email for public comment.			
b Seabird Protection Network	Annual update at joint GF/MB council meeting on program activities	SAC stays informed on GFNMS activities, including low overflight regs	Superintendent Report update in November 2013; Presentation in February 2014			

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7. Wildlife Disturbance (Continued)						
c Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts	SAC will receive updates in FY 13 on progress of GFNMS towards SAC JWG recommendations	Comprehensive approach to whale conservation in west coast sanctuaries	Formal response to SAC recommendations and update given August 2014			
8. Introduced Species						
a Kent Island Restoration and Bolinas Lagoon	Updates to SAC on project	SAC stays informed on project	Updates as needed			
c Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan- see 5a. Water Quality						
d Sanctuary permits- see 3a. Resource Protection						
e Aquaculture		Revised aquaculture introduced species language	Presentation in May 2014			
f Mouse Eradication at SEFI	SAC will receive updates on progress and potentially provide comment	Public comment on EIS	Presentation at Nov 2013 SAC meeting			
9. Ecosystem Protection- Fishing Activities						
a Essential Fish Habitat	Standing updates provided to members on reasons/data for proposals to PFMC. Meeting with fishermen.	Advisory council is informed on PFMC process in relation to GFNMS	Superintendent's Report update in November 2013			
b MPA Monitoring	Standing updates provided to members on MLPA implementation	Advisory Council is informed on MLPA activities				

MP Cross-Cutting Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
10. Community Outreach						
a Youth Involvement in SAC process- see 1a. Education and Outreach						
11. Ecosystem Monitoring						
a See 9b. Marine Life Protection Act						
12. Maritime Heritage						
a Boundary Modifications- see 13d Northern Management Area						
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a Maverick's Surf Contest	Updates provided to members on the contest	Informational updates as needed.	Superintendent's Report update in February 2014	No working group established.		
b Biennial Joint Council Meeting	GFNMS and MBNMS Advisory Councils meet once every other year ("odd" years) in Half Moon Bay. Exec committee meet "even" years.	Increased coordination and information exchange between GFNMS and MBNMS Advisory Councils	Joint Executive committee Meeting in SF in July 2014			
c Boundary Modifications (SF-Pacifica Exclusion Area)	SAC will receive updates and have opportunity to provide feedback to Superintendent as preparation of DRAFT EIS continues	Potential expansion of sanctuary boundaries to include the San Francisco-Pacifica Exclusion Area	No updates given FY 14	No working group established.		
d. SMC Water Quality Protection Efforts			Updates as needed IF a SAC Action is appropriate. SAC Lead: Kellyx Nelson			