

**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary  
FY15 (10/1/14-9/30/15) Sanctuary Advisory Council Work Plan PROSPECTUS**

MP Program-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
<b>1. Education and Outreach</b>						
a Youth Involvement in SAC process	Youth Involvement Subcommittee will support mentoring and educational opportunities for youth members. Additionally, Youth Outreach Subcommittee will develop strategy to engage youth.	Youth SAC seat and mentoring program created to involve youth in SAC process	Ongoing- Leslie will work with SAC members to begin mentoring and education opportunities for youth members			
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.		
d Phytoplankton Monitoring Education Program	SAC will form a Subcommittee with Bibit Traut as Chair	Keep SAC informed	Ongoing			
<b>2. Conservation Science</b>						
a Beach Watch	Annual Report provided to SAC. Updates on program extension up north coast	SAC remain informed on Beach Watch program	Update Feb 2015			
b ACCESS	Update on ACCESS cruises		Updates as needed			
c Beyond the Golden Gate Symposium	Update on symposium		SAC Lead: John Largier			
d MPA monitoring- see 9b. Marine Life Protection Act						
e 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	<b>Ongoing</b>			
b Emergency Response- see 6a. Impacts from Vessel Spills						
c Estuaries and Lagoons	Informational presentations for SAC on Tomales Bay (Carolyn May 2015), Pescadero (John Largier Nov 2015)	SAC informed on issues affecting Tomales Bay and Pescadero Marsh	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	Brief biennial report to SAC FY 15 via Superintendent's Report		
		2) Adaptation Planning	Assess resource vulnerability and develop adaptive management actions to address climate change impacts	Working group process throughout FY 15	Expected January 2015	

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3. Resource Protection (Continued)						
e Boundary Modifications- see 12d Northern Management Area	SAC will be briefed on the revisions to final action and the final action for proposed expansion. SAC will form subcommittees as needed to address expansion issues.	SAC remains informed on proposed expansion process. SAC subcommittee will lead public process for expansion-related issues	November 2014- present revisions to final action. February 2015-present final action, Management Plan updates and rank potential names. May 2015- present program expansions			
f Ecosystem Restoration (Bolas) see 8f. Introduced Species						
g Enforcement	Standing updates on enforcement issues from NOAA OLE	Advisory Council is informed on enforcement activities	Dayna Matthews "new" NOAA OLE officer. Will attend and give updates FY 15. USCG will present on activities within GFNMS			
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, Implementation of Expansion			
	2) Participate in National Chairs and Coordinators meeting		TBD			

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4. Administration (Continued)						
	3) Maintain Executive Committee	Develop meeting agendas and recommend best council process and protocols	Meet four times per year by phone.			
	4) Alternating years Council Meetings with MB and CB		Joint meeting with MB FY 15			
	5) SAC member training and internal process clarification	SAC will form subcommittee for Feb 1 round of SAC seat selection	SAC member training FY 16 after next recruitment process			
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 on plan implementation	Advice on implementation of plan	Superintendent's report update in February 2015			
d Plastics in food chain-	Update on state of knowledge of plastics in food chain- possible briefing or ID need for project	Informational presentation on micro plastics	SAC Lead: John Largier			
e Marine Debris	Updates to SAC on Marine Debris monitoring	May 2015- presentation on PFMC crabpot removal	Updates as Needed			
6. Impacts from Vessel Spills						
a Emergency Response	SAC will receive updates in FY 15 on progress of GFNMS towards SAC JWG recommendations	Enhanced emergency response plan for GF and CB. Letter in support of ERMA. Presentation.	Ongoing- Superintendent Report updates on groundings. Updates as Needed			
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	Present final PEA FY 15. Update on what we learned from white shark monitoring and regulations			
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	Presentation at MB/GF Joint Meeting in FY 15			

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7. Wildlife Disturbance (Continued)						
c	Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts	SAC will receive updates in FY 15 on progress of GFNMS with Whale Alert, Spotter and vessel speed restrictions	Comprehensive approach to whale conservation in west coast sanctuaries	Updates as Needed		
d	Low Flying Aircraft regulations and Zones	SAC will receive updates on drones for research and recreational aircraft	Possible working group. Informational presentations.	Lead: George Clyde		
8. Introduced Species						
a	Kent Island Restoration and Bolinas Lagoon	Updates to SAC onproject	May or Aug 13 update	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	Updates as Needed		
f	Mouse Eradication at SEFI	SAC will receive updates on progress and potentially provide comment	SAC stays informed on USFWS project	Updates as Needed		
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	Updates as Needed		
b	MPA Monitoring	Standing updates provided to members on CA MLPA implementation	Advisory Council is informed on MLPA activities	Updates as Needed		

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.	Updates as Needed	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	MB/GF Joint Meeting in November 2015 (tentative)			
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	Updates as Needed	No working group established.		
d. SMC Water Quality Protection Efforts			Updates as needed IF a SAC Action is appropriate. SAC Lead: Kellyx Nelson			