

# National Marine Sanctuaries



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

**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary  
Advisory Council**

**November 19, 2014**

# Process for Proposed Boundary Expansion



## 1. Scoping

Published Notice of Intent; solicited comments to determine the scope of issues



## 2. Develop DEIS; draft related documents

Considered scoping comments; conducted impact analysis; developed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), regulations, revised terms of designation, and revised site management plans.



## 3. Reviews & Public Comment

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.



## 4. Publish FEIS, Final Docs.; Decision Effective

Respond to comments, revise documents based on public comment. Publish Final EIS, mgmt. plans, final rule, and Record of Decision. Congress and Governor review.

Dec. 1, 2012 -  
March 1, 2013

March 2013 –  
April 2014

April 14 -June 30,  
2014

July 1, 2014 –  
Winter 2014/15

# 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