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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Process for Proposed Boundary Expansion

1. Scoping
   - Published Notice of Intent; solicited comments to determine the scope of issues
   - Dec. 1, 2012 - March 1, 2013

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.
   - March 2013 – April 2014

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.
   - April 14 - June 30, 2014

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.
   - 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