

Sanctuary Overflight Regulation Areas

- In May the Sanctuary Advisory Council established a Working Group to reevaluate the locations and dimensions of overflight regulation areas within Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, including the expansion area, and northern Monterey Bay (Devil's Slide Rock area).



Proposed Working Group Goal



Provide consensus recommendations where feasible that address first and foremost, the over a decade of public requests to review the location and dimensions of overflight zones within the Sanctuary and the Devil's Slide area of the Northern Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary; and secondarily identify outreach, education, resource protection and research/monitoring needs of Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary to address low-flying aircraft.

Proposed Process

- Since the region is large and because there are site specific issues that need to be addressed, the process will include Working Group meetings and facilitated stakeholder “roundtable” discussions divided by sub-region:
 - Sonoma County
 - Marin County
 - Devil’s Slide Rock Area

Proposed Timeline

December 10, 2015

- Historical perspective on overflight regulation areas; Establish mission, goal, objectives, roles, responsibilities and ground rules of the Working Group

February/March 2016

- Overview of all locations that were raised (bring in experts to discuss disturbance, altitude, distance and aviation issues)

April/May 2016 to June 2016

- Invited-Guest Workshops. Workshops will be an opportunity for local experts and pilots to discuss issues and areas of interest.

Proposed Timeline

June/July 2016

- After all the local meetings have met, the entire Working Group will reconvene to report out on all locations to full group, and discuss and craft preliminary recommendations on locations, shapes and size.

August 2016/September

- Craft recommendations on outreach, education, resource protection and research/monitoring to address low-flying aircraft. Finalize all recommendations.

November 2016

- Report is finalized and submitted to Sanctuary Advisory Council.