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GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Recommendation to Seek Public Input on Potential Regulatory Changes to MBNMS MPWC Regulations

August 18, 2018

At its meeting on August 29, 2018, the Greater Farallones Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended that the Greater Farallones staff seek public input through the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan Review process on a possible regulatory change to the motorized personal watercraft (MPWC) regulations to eliminate zone 1 off Pillar Point Harbor based on the lack of MPWC use as documented by Beach Watch data and the difficulty and high cost of maintaining zone markers.

Recommendation to Consider Alternative MPWC Regulatory Options for Zones 1 and 5

March 15, 2019

At its meeting on February 27, 2019, the Greater Farallones Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary include in their updated draft Management Plan alternative motorized personal watercraft (MPWC) regulatory options for Zones 1 and 5 off Pillar Point Harbor: The alternatives should include but are not limited to:

- 1) From December–February MPWC are permitted in Zone 5 during surf advisory days only and permitted in Zone 1 during non-surf advisory days; from March–November Zone 1 is open and Zone 5 is closed.
- 2) Permanently close Zone 1.

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