

ACTION of the  
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GNFMS) Advisory Council (SAC)

**To forward recommendations for youth engagement to the sanctuary**

On May 20, 2021, the youth seat members brought recommendations for youth engagement for sanctuary education programs to the full council for consideration. The council reviewed and voted unanimously to forward the attached recommendations to the sanctuary for consideration.

Attachment: Youth Seat Recommendations

cc:

Maria Brown, Superintendent, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

*This resolution was passed with majority vote by a quorum of voting members at a public meeting on May 20, 2021 held via Google Meet. SAC discussion regarding this resolution can be found in Meeting Highlights documentation at [https://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac\\_meetings.html](https://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_meetings.html).*

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## **Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Youth Seat Recommendations**

Youth seat members: Ezra Bergson-Michelson, Owen Youngquist

Consulting members: Bibit Traut (Education primary)

### Recommendations:

1. Focus on creating new partnership programs or events with local community centers (such as city youth centers, YMCAs, JCCs, boy/girl scout troops, and/or boys and girls clubs).<sup>[1]</sup>
2. Create a public-facing events calendar for scheduled events and open programs; promote the event calendar on social media at the end of programs and events.
3. Create a list of potential mentorship resources for students with a variety of interests to post on the website. A space for volunteers to contribute as mentors (for example, members of the advisory council, or scientists who can speak to their career experiences and/or “scientist spotlights”).
4. Release a newsletter via the sanctuary to local school districts updating students on opportunities.
5. Focus on determining potential long-term online opportunities in events and outreach, with a focus on not just the Bay Area but other geographic areas as well.
6. Put an emphasis on interactive activities and/or software (apps that help engage participants) for online events and youth programs.
7. Create a variety of one-time all-age events in the style of Sharktoberfest to promote youth and teen outreach, with a focus on not just the Bay Area but other geographic areas as well (sanctuary resources permitting).

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<sup>[1]</sup> I.e. San Carlos Youth Center/YAC, EPA YMCA, etc.

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Joe Fitting/Primary  
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**Community-at-Large Marin**

Dominique Richard (Chair)/Primary  
George Clyde/Alternate

**Community at-Large Mendocino/Sonoma**

Cea Higgins/Primary  
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**Conservation**

Richard Charter/Primary  
Bruce Bowser/Primary  
Francesca Koe/Alternate  
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**Education**

Bibit Traut/Primary  
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**Maritime Activities - Commercial**

John Berge/Primary  
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**Maritime Activities - Recreation**

Abby Mohan (Vice Chair)/Primary  
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**Youth**

Ezra Bergson-Michelson/Primary  
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**California Department of Natural Resources**

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**National Marine Fisheries Service**

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**U.S. Coast Guard**

LTJG Chris Bell/Primary  
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**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Chris Barr/Primary  
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**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary**

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**Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

Dawn Hayes/Primary  
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**SANCTUARY SUPERINTENDENT**

Maria Brown, Superintendent  
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