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

To establish a council subcommittee on derelict and abandoned vessel debris

During its meeting on February 18, 2021, the SAC discussed the need for heightened cleanup efforts at abandoned vessel sites along the sanctuary coast. Members cited recent incidents where they felt sanctuary and other agency efforts to clean up debris were not sufficient. One member cited instances wherein they have conducted hands-on cleanup efforts as members of the public, picking up substantial amounts of debris from a grounded vessel in the sanctuary.

The council concluded that a subcommittee should be formed to consider solutions and/or consider establishing a council working group to dive deeper into the topic and prepare recommendations for the council.

The following council members indicated interest in serving on the subcommittee: Cea Higgins, CAL Sonoma/Mendocino; George Clyde, CAL Marin; Kris Lannin Liang, CAL San Francisco/San Mateo. Sanctuary staff will not be available at this time to support subcommittee logistics, because the Advisory Council Coordinator is supporting two existing subcommittees, a Recreation and Tourism Blue Economy Subcommittee and a Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, as well as the pending Vessel Strikes working group. It is the SAC policy to stand up a maximum of two groups, working groups and/or subcommittees, at a time. If more than two groups are desired by the SAC, then the SAC will need to coordinate the subcommittee or working group meeting logistics. The SAC Coordinator may be able to support this Subcommittee in the future, when the other two Subcommittees are completed.

Attachments: none

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 February 18, 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.

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## NON-GOVERNMENT SEATS

### Commercial Fishing
- **Barbara Emley** (Secretary) / Primary
- **Sarah Bates** / Alternate

### Community-at-Large San Francisco/San Mateo
- **Joe Fitting** / Primary
- **Kris Lannin Liang** / Alternate

### Community-at-Large Marin
- **Dominique Richard** (Chair) / Primary
- **George Clyde** / Alternate

### Community at-Large Mendocino/Sonoma
- **Cea Higgins** / Primary
- **Nancy Trissel** / Alternate

### Conservation
- **Richard Charter** / Primary
- **Bruce Bowser** / Primary
- **Francesca Koe** / Alternate
- **Kathi George** / Alternate

### Education
- **Bibit Traut** / Primary
- **Vacant** / Alternate

### Maritime Activities - Commercial
- **John Berge** / Primary
- **Julian Rose** / Alternate

### Maritime Activities - Recreation
- **Abby Mohan** (Vice Chair) / Primary
- **Joshua Russo** / Alternate

### Research
- **John Largier** / Primary
- **Jaime Jahncke** / Alternate

### Youth
- **Ezra Bergson-Michelson** / Primary
- **Owen Youngquist** / Alternate

## GOVERNMENT SEATS

### California Department of Natural Resources
- **Mark Gold** / Primary
- **Michael Esgro** / Alternate

### National Marine Fisheries Service
- **Jennifer Boyce** / Primary
- **Vacant** / Alternate

### National Park Service
- **Cicely Muldoon** / Primary
- **Ben Becker** / Alternate

### U.S. Coast Guard
- **LT Jacob Joseph** / Primary
- **LTJG Chris Bell** / Alternate

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- **Chris Barr** / Primary
- **Gerry McChesney** / Alternate

### Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- **Chris Mobley** / Primary
- **Mike Murray** / Alternate

### Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- **Dawn Hayes** / Primary
- **Vacant** / Alternate

### Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
- **Dan Howard** / Primary
- **Michael Carver** / Alternate

### SANCTUARY SUPERINTENDENT
- **Maria Brown**, Superintendent
- **Brian Johnson**, Deputy Superintendent

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