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**Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary**

991 Marine Dr., The Presidio  
San Francisco, CA 94129

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Dear Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicant:

We are in the process of filling vacant seats on our sanctuary advisory council. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications and nominations for council membership.

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Specifically, the council's role is to provide advice on: (1) protecting sanctuary wildlife and habitats, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving sanctuary ecosystems and cultural resources; (2) identifying and realizing the sanctuary's research objectives; (3) identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the sanctuary environment; and (4) assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the sanctuary and NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS).

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council.

Enclosed is the sanctuary advisory council application kit, which includes an application form and a copy of the Council Charter. These can also be found at [www.farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac\\_recruitment.html](http://www.farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_recruitment.html). We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at:

**GFNMS, attn. Alayne Chappell**  
**Email: [alayne.chappell@noaa.gov](mailto:alayne.chappell@noaa.gov)**

A preliminary review panel consisting of members from the Advisory Council will review applications. The panel will help us narrow down the number of candidates to the top three. Of these, selected candidates will be officially notified.

If you have any questions concerning the council feel free to contact Alayne Chappell, Advisory Council Coordinator, at [alayne.chappell@noaa.gov](mailto:alayne.chappell@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

Maria Brown  
Sanctuary Superintendent

