

RESOLUTION of the
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

To forward a letter of support for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint

At its meeting on August 18, 2022, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) Advisory Council passed a resolution to send a letter expressing support for the Florida Key National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint and requested that GFNMS Superintendent, Maria Brown, submit the letter as a public comment to Regulations.gov on behalf of the advisory council.

Attachments: Letter of Support for FKNMS Restoration Blueprint

cc: Maria Brown, Superintendent, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

This resolution was passed with majority vote by a quorum of primary members (or alternate members serving in place of primary members) at a public meeting on August 18, 2022 held via Google Meet. Council discussion regarding this resolution can be found in Meeting Highlights documentation at https://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_meetings.html.

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Primary/Alternate

At-Large Marin

George Clyde/Richard James

At-Large Sonoma/Mendocino

Cea Higgins/Vacant

At-Large San Francisco/San Mateo

Vacant/Kris Lannin Liang

California Resources Agency

Mark Gold/Michael Esgro

Commercial Fishing

Barbara Emley/Sarah Bates

Conservation

Francesca Koe, Kathi George
/Richard Ogg, Vacant

Education

Bibit Traut/Mary Miller

Maritime Activities/Commercial

John Berge/Julian Rose

Maritime Activities/Recreational

Abby Mohan/Vacant

National Marine Fisheries Service

Jennifer Boyce/Vacant

National Park Service

Craig Kenkel/Ben Becker

Research

Jaime Jahncke/Ellen Hines

United States Coast Guard

LT Lelea Lingo/LT Andrew Kang

US Fish and Wildlife Service

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Sanctuary Advisory Council

GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

August 18, 2022

Maria Brown, Sanctuary Superintendent

Dear Maria Brown,

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (GFNMSAC) would like to express support for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint. This blueprint shows excellent forward-thinking stewardship of the only coral barrier reef in the continental United States, the largest documented contiguous seagrass community in the Northern Hemisphere, mangrove-fringed shorelines, hard-bottom habitat, sand and mud flats, and an array of submerged historical and cultural resources. The GFNMSAC wants to especially commend Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary staff for preparing web-based maps and interactive features that present a clear justification and background on the expanded protection areas and actions being proposed. This investment in communication and education will continue to benefit and inspire stakeholders and the public in understanding the importance of the National Marine Sanctuaries in Florida and the nation.

Sincerely,



Abby Mohan, Chair

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Attachment: none

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