

## **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

November 15, 2013

### **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Hosts Mock Council Session**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hosted a mock council session with graduate students enrolled in a Coastal and Ocean Policy and Management course at the University of California Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management.

Prior to the meeting, students interviewed "assigned" council members or sanctuary staff to gain insight on a constituency, organization or agency role, specifically with regard to the potential for offshore wind energy development in the Channel Islands area. At the council meeting, students sat at the table as proxies for council members and staff and discussed the issue. A motion was made, voted on and provided to the (mock) sanctuary superintendent. Students were also tasked with drafting a meeting summary to report back to their constituencies. Sanctuary Advisory Council members attended and actively engaged with the students. Students received excellent feedback from council members and the attending general public. The course was taught by Sean Hastings, CINMS Resource Protection Coordinator. The advisory council provided a valuable educational experience for Bren students to participate in a public forum for consultation and deliberation on resource management issues affecting the waters surrounding the Channel Islands.

## **Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council met on November 14, 2013 and there were no action items.

## **Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

October 24, 2013

### **Gulf of the Farallones Advisory Council Holds Retreat at San Francisco Exploratorium**

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council held their annual retreat at the San Francisco Exploratorium on October 24, 2013. The council enjoyed a tour of the new location, as well as some excellent talks and discussions surrounding our partnership with the Exploratorium. Finally, the council completed their [FY 14 Work Plan Prospectus](#).

November 20, 2013

### **Gulf of the Farallones Advisory Council Passes Resolution on Proposed Mouse Eradication Project on Southeast Farallon Island**

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At the November 20, 2013 council meeting, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council passed a resolution on the proposed US Fish and Wildlife project to eradicate mice from Southeast Farallon Island. The resolution urges sanctuary management to critically analyze the project and ensure the sanctuary resources are adequately protected. See the resolution [here](#).

## **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

December 12, 2013

### **Monterey Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting and Actions**

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council met at Moss Landing Marine Labs on December 12, 2013, to discuss multiple important issues affecting the sanctuary, including desalination, seismic airgun surveys and interaction and engagement with the fishing community.

Following a compelling presentation by Deidre Whalen, MBNMS staff, and Brian Nelson, SAC diving member, on the value of tourism and recreation in the sanctuary, the advisory council voted unanimously to establish a new Recreation and Tourism Working Group to serve as the primary conduit for communicating with tourism and recreation business owners through innovative engagement strategies. The council also amended and passed a motion from diving member Brian Nelson regarding the use of the Council logo for outreach to constituents.

## **Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

November 15, 2013

### **Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Elects New Officers**

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council met in Port Angeles, WA on November 15, 2013 and did not yield any major action items. New Executive Committee officers were elected by the council. Former Vice-Chair Brady Scott, holding Washington State Department of Natural Resources seat, was elected to serve as Chair to fill Chip Boothe's vacancy upon retiring. Education representative Ellen Matheny was elected into the position of Vice-Chair from Secretary and Heather Reed joined the Executive Committee as Secretary. Heather represents Washington State Department Fish and Wildlife.

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