

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

November 20, 2015

Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council Mentors UCSB Bren Students and Hosts Mock Student Council Session

In November 2015, members of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council paired up with graduate students enrolled in a Coastal and Ocean Policy and Management course at UCSB's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. Each participating council member was interviewed by a graduate student, who then served as their proxy in a "mock" student council session hosted on November 20th in Ventura at the council's regularly scheduled public meeting. The students used insight they had gained from talking with council members to play the roles of various stakeholders. The mock scenario that the students engaged in was focused on the use of unmanned technology in the sanctuary and park. A similar exercise was conducted for the past two years, and once again it was a nice success. Students had the chance to engage in a real world public policy forum, and to connect with actual coastal community stakeholders. Their comments at the meeting reflected that they had done their "homework" on community issues and views, and their participation was focused and engaging. Students also drafted a meeting summary to report back to their assigned council members.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

December 2, 2015

Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council Creates New Voting Seat

The GFNMS Advisory Council voted and approved the creation of a new seat on the Council: Mendocino/Sonoma County Community-At-Large voting seat (primary and alternate). This seat is created in response to the recent geographic and jurisdictional boundary expansion of GFNMS. A Mendocino/Sonoma County Community-At-Large seat on the advisory council is needed to represent the interests of this newly included constituency.

Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council Supports Overflight Working Group

The GFNMS Advisory Council voted to recommend the continued staffing of the Overflights Working Group in 2016 with its proposed schedule and recommendations. This working group

was created in May 2015 in response to the issue of wildlife disturbance as a result of low overflights.

Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council Makes Recommendation Regarding Motorized Personal Watercraft Use

The GFNMS Advisory Council voted to recommend a step-wise process to collect data and evaluate Motorized Personal Watercraft (MPWC) use and disturbance throughout the expanded Sanctuary and Northern Management Area. It is agreed that MPWC usage throughout the Sanctuary should be determined before addressing the issue, should one exist.

Greater Farallones NMS Makes Recommendation Regarding Authorizations

The GFNMS Advisory Council considered and does not recommend a working group or subcommittee for authorizations. There was no further discussion of the issue at this time, although a clarification of authorizations may be provided at an upcoming meeting

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

October 23, 2015

Letter of Support for Recruitment to Backfill the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) position in Monterey, California

MBNMS approved a letter of support from Council Chair Margaret (P.J.) Webb to NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Director Jim Landon. The previous NOAA OLE officer retired in July 2015 and the NOAA OLE special agent stationed in Monterey is no longer in active service.

December 11, 2015

Advisory Council Appoints Two Council Members to GFNMS Overflight Working Group

The MBNMS Advisory Council appointed two council members to represent the advisory council on the GFNMS Overflight Working Group. The working group is looking at nesting seabirds and overflight in the Devil's Slide/Bird Rock area. GFNMS manages this area for MBNMS and requested a MBNMS Advisory Council liaison on the working group.

Advisory Council Approves Proposed College Seat

The MBNMS Advisory Council approved the creation of a College seat primary member and alternate for an eighteen month term. Qualified candidates will meet the criteria established in the revised Charter as well as the recommended criteria presented by a local current college student. Her criteria were based on her findings and discussions with instructors at local institutions of higher education.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.
