

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 19, 2017

Advisory Council Seeks to Understand Invasive Algae within Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and National Park

At a public sanctuary advisory council meeting held at the Santa Barbara Zoo on May 19, 2017, the advisory council continued to learn about invasive algae species within the sanctuary. Sanctuary Research Coordinator Chris Caldwow provided updates about recent SCUBA surveys conducted around Anacapa Island that were led by Channel Islands National Park, describing locations and habitat types where the invasive algae *Undaria pinnatifida* had been observed around the island. There are concerns about potential ecological shifts related to the arrival of this new species, including potential effects to native giant kelp. Additional survey dive days will be planned for this fall. Guest speaker Lindsay Marks, a University of California, Santa Barbara doctoral candidate and Dr. Nancy Foster Scholar, provided a presentation based on her research of invasive algae species. Ms. Marks emphasized the benefits of preventing the introduction and transport of species like *Undaria*, and explained the increasing difficulty of eradication as an invasive species becomes more widely distributed. A future council meeting may include remote communication with an *Undaria* expert from New Zealand.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 24, 2017

Advisory Council Approves Resolution Supporting Established Site Configuration and Management Protocols

At its May 24 meeting, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voted to approve the resolution of the Sanctuary Advisory Council Supporting Established Site Configuration and Management Protocols. In response to the April 2017 Executive Order requiring review of designations and expansions, this resolution states that the Advisory Council supports the existing geographic boundaries, Designation Document, and regulatory framework of the site.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

April 21, 2017

Recommendations on Agriculture Water Quality Alliance (AWQA) for the Management Plan Review

The Advisory Council adopted recommendations on AWQA's future strategies in the newly proposed Water Quality Action Plan in the Management Plan Review. Recommendations include outreach and encouraging stewardship of water quality, communicating findings of projects and monitoring conducted by the Water Quality Protection Plan (WQPP), facilitating and coordinating regional efforts to improve water quality through the WQPP Committee, AWQA, stormwater programs and Integrated Regional Water Management programs, understanding the land-sea connection and quantifying effectiveness of management practices.

June 16, 2017

Recommendations from Wildlife Disturbance – Ocean Noise Working Group to MBNMS Advisory Council

The Advisory Council adopted recommendations, which include increased research efforts, feature sound in the Sanctuary's visitor centers, Sanctuary staff consulting with appropriate agencies and fishing industry representatives to catalog seal bomb use, encourage continued enforcement and Sanctuary staff convening collaborative groups of stakeholders to develop strategies to minimize seal bomb use and develop effective alternatives.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 19, 2017

Advisory Council Adopts New December Date for Joint Intergovernmental Policy Council Meeting

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council (AC) voted to approve a change in date for the December meeting scheduled for December 1. The Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) expressed interest in holding the annual joint meeting with the OCNMS AC in December with availability of December 8. The last joint IPC and AC meeting was held in January 2016 in La Push. All council members were in consensus and specific meeting location will be determined at a later date, with the intention of keeping location in the southern region of OCNMS as originally scheduled.

The OCNMS Advisory Council's updated final meeting schedule is available on the website at http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/2017_mtg-dates_revised.pdf.
