

## Quarterly Sanctuary Advisory Council Actions

### Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 18, 2018

#### **Sanctuary Advisory Council Endorses Report on Management Options for Invasive Algae**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voted at its meeting on May 18, 2018 to endorse a report outlining management options to control the spread of a globally invasive alga (*Undaria pinnatifida*) recently detected in sanctuary waters. Roxanne Diaz, a master's student at UCSB's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, authored the report during her tenure as a resource protection fellow with the sanctuary. The document summarizes strategies used to manage invasive *Undaria* elsewhere in the world. The report also suggests how the sanctuary and potential partners could minimize the spread and impacts of this invasion or future invasions within the Santa Barbara Channel region. Advisory council members praised the report as providing a thorough assessment of management options to consider. Some council members expressed concern about the expense of some options presented, as well the potential policy impacts to boaters' access to the sanctuary. A motion was passed to include a statement that the final report reflect these concerns. The amended report was endorsed with a 13 – 1 vote, with 2 seats abstaining.

### Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

### Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 9, 2018

#### **Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Takes Action at May Meeting**

At their May 9, 2018 meeting, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) Advisory Council (advisory council) drafted and approved a letter of support for additional exploratory cruises necessary to more accurately delineate and characterize deep-sea coral and sponge habitat in the expanded portion of GFNMS, particularly in the vicinity of the Point Arena Biogenic Area South (PABAS). This area has recently been proposed to be opened for bottom trawling.

The GFNMS advisory council passed a resolution recommending the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary work with the State of California to develop and promote standardized mapping of seagrasses statewide in a way that recognizes key ecological functions and services provided by seagrass. Noting the high value of sea grass habitat in Tomales Bay and other bays statewide, as well as a potentially important role in mitigating ocean acidification, there is a need for improved mapping that can be used to track interannual and seasonal variability.



The GFNMS advisory council approved a letter urging Caltrans to address issues of Highway 1 in Bolinas. The letter joins the Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council in urging Caltrans to address chronic road safety and environmental issues along Highway 1 in Bolinas Lagoon.

The GFNMS advisory council voted to amend the council charter to change the name of the “Marin/Sonoma Community-at-large” seat to “Marin Community-at-large” and to add a primary and alternate commercial fishing seat.

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

June 15, 2018

### **Final resolution regarding collaborative purple sea urchin removal projects**

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary coordinate and collaborate with California Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region and California State Fish and Game Commission on research and management projects involving purple sea urchins in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

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

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

