Quarterly Sanctuary Advisory Council Actions

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

March 15, 2019

CINMS Advisory Council Identifies Topics of Interest and Management Plan Issues
CINMS advisory council members recently identified and prioritized topics of interest to guide council activities for the next year. Based on 18 completed worksheets, results indicate a primary interest in anthropogenic affects, alterations, and changes to the sanctuary’s natural and cultural resources. Specifically, high priority topics include: learning from the CINMS new Condition Report; education about fishing; biological and socioeconomic monitoring of Channel Islands marine protected areas (MPAs); sea level rise and other changing conditions/effects; invasive algae (*Undaria* and *Sargassum*); and contributing to the CINMS management plan update process. Medium priority topics include: ship speed reduction; MPA reporting; ocean acidification; marine debris on CINMS shorelines; and offshore oil platform decommissioning. In addition, council members also identified a variety of issues suggested for further investigation during the CINMS management plan revision process.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

February 27, 2019

Approval of Comment Letter to Sonoma Coast Marathon Organizers and Permitters
The GFNMS Advisory Council passed a resolution recommending that GFNMS send a comment letter to Sonoma Coast Marathon organizers and permitters informing them of related Sanctuary regulations and requesting their plan to mitigate environmental impacts, including marine debris and disturbance to wildlife by low-flying aircrafts affiliated with the event.

Resolution Recommending MBNMS Include MPWC Regulatory Options for Zones 1 and 5
The GFNMS Advisory Council passed a resolution recommending Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary include in their updated draft Management Plan alternative motorized personal watercraft (MPWC) regulatory options for Zones 1 and 5 off Pillar Point Harbor: The alternatives might include but are not limited to: 1) From December–February MPWC are permitted in Zone 5 during surf advisory days only and permitted in Zone 1 during non-surf advisory days; from March–November Zone 1 is open and Zone 5 is closed. 2) Permanently close Zone 1.
New Advisory Council Executive Officers
The GFNMS Advisory Council elected a new slate of executive officers for the 2019-2021 term: Dominique Richard (Chair), Abby Mohan (Vice-Chair), and Barbara Emley (Secretary).

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.