

Quarterly Sanctuary Advisory Council Actions

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

November 15, 2018

Advisory Council Received Final Results from CINMS Condition Report (Vol. 1)

Throughout 2018 the advisory council had been learning about, discussing, and tracking the progress of the developing CINMS Condition Report. At their meeting on November 18, 2018, they received a final detailed presentation from Dr. Jennifer Brown on the major findings contained within Vol. 1 of the completed report. Dr. Brown explained how the primary component of the report is an assessment of the state of sanctuary resources, and described how rankings had been assigned, including scales used to evaluate status and trends. The report uses a new confidence ranking system, and six distinct environments are defined. Dr. Brown highlighted several key findings and important information gaps. She also mentioned several ways in which the condition report can be used, including: updating our understanding of current conditions and recent trends in pressures and resources; updating communications, education and outreach tools and products; identifying knowledge gaps and research priorities; and identifying key areas to focus on during the upcoming management plan review process. Dr. Brown finished by identifying next steps for improving data availability and visualization, including a user-friendly online interface being developed to improve access to data in the condition report and facilitate dynamically updating information about sanctuary status and trends. Vol. 1 of the Condition Report is online [here](#), and Vol. 2 is expected to be published in mid-2019.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

November 14, 2018

Approval of Letter in Support of GFNMS Facilities Master Plan

The GFNMS Advisory Council drafted and approved a letter to ONMS in support of the GFNMS Facilities Master Plan. The advisory council recognizes the need to prioritize investments in rehabilitating the GFNMS campus at Crissy Field and strongly encourages and supports continued funding to help realize the completion of the Ocean Learning Center, a critical mandate in the mission of the Sanctuary to provide outreach and education, as well as a commitment to continued funding of all remaining phases of the Facilities Master Plan.



Resolution on Call for Information and Nominations for Commercial Leasing for Wind Power Development

The GFNMS Advisory Council passed a resolution recommending that GFNMS comment on the Call for Information and Nominations for Commercial Leasing for Wind Power Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Offshore California. The GFNMS Superintendent will consult with the West Coast Regional Director on the course of action on submitting comments from GFNMS.

Approval of Recommendations of the Bull Kelp Recovery Working Group

The GFNMS Advisory Council voted to approve the monitoring and research, site-selection process, and community engagement recommendations of the Bull Kelp Recovery Working Group, as outlined in the Working Group's final recommendations to the advisory council.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

December 4, 2018

The MBNMS Advisory Council voted to reject the GFNMS Advisory Council resolution proposing changes to MBNMS' regulations for motorized personal watercraft Zone 1 in MBNMS' northern management area and instead adhere to the Management Plan update currently underway.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

