

**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**FINAL  
April 15, 2010  
Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club  
Carmel Valley, CA**

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council met on Friday, April 15, 2010, in Carmel Valley, California. Public categories and government agencies were present as indicated:

Agriculture: Kirk Schmidt	CA State Parks: Mat Fuzie
AMBAG: Jane Parker	Conservation: Allison Ford
At Large: PJ Webb	Diving: Frank Degnan
At Large: Michael Dawson	Education: Steve Clark
At Large: Dick Ely	Commercial Fishing: Kathy Fosmark
Business & Industry: Jim Weisenstein	Ports & Harbors: Steve Scheiblaue
CA Coastal Commission: Tami Grove	Recreation: Gary Pezzi
CA Dept. of Fish & Game: Paul Reilly	Recreational Fishing: Rich Hughett
CA EPA: Russ Jeffries	Research: Chris Harrold
CA Resources Agency: Amy Vierra-Absent	Tourism: Michael Bekker

The following non-voting members were present as indicated:

Monterey Bay NMS: Paul Michel  
National Marine Fisheries Service: Frank Schwing  
GFNMS Liaison: Bob Wilson

Alternates present in audience:

Agriculture – Traci Roberts  
AMBAG – Lynn Robinson  
At-large – Kortney Leabourne  
At-large – Nancy Selfridge  
At-large – Kurt Schnebele  
Commercial Fishing – Jiri Nozicka  
Diving - Randy Herz  
Recreation – Robert Chatham  
Recreational Fishing – John Klusmire  
Tourism – Bob Massaro  
Monterey Bay NMS – Karen Grimmer

**I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Supervisor Dave Potter welcomed the sanctuary advisory council to Carmel Valley.

Paul Michel, Superintendent, swore in the following new members: Jane Parker, AMBAG primary; Dick Ely, At-large primary; Kurt Schnebele, At-large alternate; Allison Ford, Conservation primary; Traci Roberts, Agriculture alternate; Nancy Selfridge, At-large alternate; Jim Weisenstein, Business/Industry alternate; Robert Chatham, Recreation alternate; John Klusmire, Recreational Fishing alternate.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Paul Michel read the guidance from the advisory council charter regarding officer elections.

There were two advisory council members nominated for Chair. Steve Scheiblauber, Harbors, nominated Kirk Schmidt, Agriculture, as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mat Fuzie, CA State Parks. Paul Reilly, CA Department of Fish and Game, nominated Chris Harrold, Research, as Chair. The nomination was seconded by PJ Webb, Citizen At-large. Kathy Fosmark, Commercial Fishing primary, nominated Steve Scheiblauber as Chair. Steve Scheiblauber respectfully declined the nomination.

Vote: 17-4 in favor of Chris Harrold. Chris Harrold was elected as Chair.

Russ Jefferies, CA EPA, nominated Kirk Schmidt as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Gary Pezzi, Recreation. Kirk accepted the nomination of Vice Chair.

There were two advisory council members nominated for Secretary. Randy Herz, Diving, nominated PJ Webb, Citizen At-large, as Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Allison Ford, Conservation. Russ Jeffries nominated Kathy Fosmark, Commercial Fishing, as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Kirk Schmidt.

Vote: 14-6 in favor of PJ Webb. PJ was elected as Secretary.

## **APPROVAL OF 12/10/09 AND 2/18/10 DRAFT MEETING NOTES**

The advisory council passed the December 10, 2009 meeting minutes without any changes.

### **MOTION: (Passed)**

Motion introduced by Mike Dawson, seconded by Rich Hughett.  
**(Vote: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

The advisory council passed the February 18, 2010 meeting minutes without any changes.

### **MOTION: (Passed)**

Motion introduced by Kirk Schmidt, seconded by Mike Dawson.  
**(Vote: 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions)**

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Paul Michel provided protocol for public comments. All comments will be limited to three minutes per person. No back and forth discussions will occur during public comment. Advisory council members should save their comments for member announcements.

The following members of the public provided comments to the advisory council: Bonnie VanHise, Bob Wilson, Steve Scheiblauber, Sean VanSommeran, and Bob Scoles.

### **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Paul Michel provided several timely updates on sanctuary activities. These activities include: the Sanctuary Currents Symposium, the 2009 MBNMS Accomplishments Report, Snapshot Day, Capitol Hill Oceans Week in Washington D.C., the US Open, Sanctuary Exploration Center groundbreaking, and the BLUE Ocean Film Festival.

### **IV. INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT (IEA)**

Frank Schwing, National Marine Fisheries Service, provided a presentation on Integrated Ecosystem Assessment. Dr. Schwing's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2010/041510/agenda.html>

### **V. ARTIFICIAL REEFS IN SANCTUARIES**

Paul Michel provided information on artificial reefs, one of the management plan's "emerging issues".

After some discussion, the advisory council felt it would be a good idea to learn more about artificial reefs. Randy Herz, Diving alternate, proposed inviting someone to present on artificial reefs.

### **VI. LUNCH**

### **VII. UPDATE: ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE**

Dayna Matthews, NOAA Office for Law Enforcement, provided a regular update on the meetings of the Enforcement Task Force.

### **VIII. SALMON RECOVERY EFFORTS**

David Boughton, National Marine Fisheries Service, provided an informational presentation on salmon recovery efforts by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Dr. Boughton's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2010/041510/agenda.html>

### **IX. "RECONNECTING WITH THE SANCTUARY": WHITE SHARKS**

Salvador Jorgensen, Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University, provided an informational presentation on white sharks within the sanctuary. Dr. Jorgensen's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2010/041510/agenda.html>

## **X. BLUE OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL**

Debbie Kinder, Executive Director for BLUE Ocean Film Festival, provided a brief video and presentation on the various events related to the BLUE Ocean Film Festival. The festival will take place at various venues in Monterey, CA, August 24-29.

## **XI. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PJ Webb, At-large primary, announced that the Coastal Discovery Center has had great attendance for Spring Break. She also announced that she has brought an emerging issue to the sanctuary regarding a historic mine and how it relates to water quality.

Steve Clark, Education alternate, thanked Chris Harrold and Mike Bekker for their efforts in organizing the Sanctuary Currents Symposium. The Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP) held a meeting last month and heard from a speaker with California Academy of Sciences regarding climate change. MERITO received a \$60,000 grant and the Coastal Discovery Center received a Bureau of Land Management grant for school kids. The Sanctuary Exploration Center will have a ceremonial groundbreaking in July. The Voices of the Bay curriculum has been sent to teachers and is being classroom tested and revised. The Wildflower Show will be this weekend at the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum.

Jim Weisenstein, Business and Industry alternate, commented on what a great learning experience this first meeting has been for him as a new advisory council member.

Kirk Schmidt, Agriculture primary, announced the Central Coast Vineyard Team will be having their annual Food and Wine Festival this month.

Chris Harrold, Research primary, announced the Monterey Bay Aquarium opened a new exhibit on climate change, "Hot Pink Flamingos". The Outer Bay exhibit is coming down after Labor Day 2010. There will be major repair work to the in the Outer Bay exhibit and gallery. The exhibit will reopen in July 2011.

Paul Michel announced the Coastal Discovery Center will hold a coastal fair in San Simeon, CA on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Allison Ford, Conservation primary, echoed the statements made by Jim Weisenstein. She asked everyone to please support sea otters during tax time.

Dick Ely, At-large primary, announced that he was glad to be a part of the advisory council. He would like to meet with each seat over the next few months to get to know everyone better.

**XII. ADJOURN**

**NEXT MEETING: June 17, 2010 in Santa Cruz**

Submitted by Nicole Capps, Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator  
Adjourned at 4:03 p.m.