

**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**FINAL
April 21, 2011
Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club
Carmel Valley, CA**

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council met on Thursday, April 21, 2011, in Carmel Valley, California. Public categories and government agencies were present as indicated:

Agriculture: Kirk Schmidt	CA State Parks: Mat Fuzie - Absent
AMBAG: Lynn Robinson	Conservation: Geoff Shester
At Large: PJ Webb	Diving: Frank Degnan
At Large: Cynthia Mathews	Education: Simona Bartl
At Large: Richard Ely	Commercial Fishing: Jiri Nozicka
Business & Industry: Cindy Walter	Ports & Harbors: Steve Scheiblauber
CA Coastal Commission: Charles Lester – Absent	Recreation: Gary Pezzi
CA Dept. of Fish & Game: Susan Ashcraft	Recreational Fishing: Rich Hughett
CA EPA: Russ Jeffries	Research: Chris Harrold - Absent
CA Resources Agency: Brian Baird - Absent	Tourism: Bob Massaro

The following non-voting members were present as indicated:
Monterey Bay NMS - Paul Michel
National Marine Fisheries Service – Steven Bograd

Alternates present in audience:
At-large – Kurt Schnebele
At-large – Kortney Leabourne
Conservation – Lauren Gilligan
Recreation - Robert Chatham
Monterey Bay NMS – John Hunt

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, SWEAR IN AND MEETING MINUTES

Paul Michel, Superintendent, introduced and swore in Cynthia Mathews, new At-large member.

APPROVAL OF 12/09/10 AND 2/18/11 DRAFT MEETING NOTES

The advisory council approved the December 9, 2010 meeting minutes with the following substantive changes:

Under item VIII (Member Announcements), revise the comment made by PJ Webb regarding San Luis Obispo County.

MOTION: (Passed)

Motion introduced by Richard Ely, seconded by Gary Pezzi.

(Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)

The advisory council approved the February 18, 2011 joint GFNMS/MBNMS meeting minutes with the following substantive changes:

Under item II (Public Comment), Steve Scheiblauber proposed modifications to reflect the concerns expressed about the motorized personal watercraft rule and safety considerations.

Under item IV (Enforcement Update), Steve Scheiblauber proposed modifications to reflect that the public was allowed to comment during this item.

MOTION: (Passed)

Motion introduced by Lynn Robinson, seconded by Russ Jeffries

(Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 8 abstentions)

Paul Michel introduced John Hunt, new MBNMS Deputy Superintendent.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public were present to provide comments.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Paul Michel provided updates on several important sanctuary related items such as the Sanctuary Currents Symposium, the sanctuary budget situation for the next two years, a State Parks grant for \$500,000 for the Sanctuary Exploration Center, the Japan Tsunami, Highway 1/Big Sur closures and working with Caltrans, a successful mission to look at the Med Taipei container, a National Geographic grant to conduct outreach to the recreational boating community, the MBNMS staff retreat focusing on the budget situation and priorities for the next year.

IV. SANCTUARY EXPLORATION CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Mark DiOrio, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation Capital Campaign Director, provided a brief presentation on the status of the capital campaign for the Sanctuary Exploration Center. Mr. DiOrio sought the help of the sanctuary advisory council in helping to meet the goal of \$3 million for exhibits within the Sanctuary Exploration Center. Mr. DiOrio's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

V. CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT UPDATE

Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game, provided a presentation on the status of the California Marine Life Protection Act. Ms. Ashcraft's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

VI. MBNMS/MBARI SHIPPING CONTAINER RESEARCH

Dr. Andrew DeVogelaere, MBNMS Research Coordinator, provided a presentation on the recent trip by MBNMS and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) to characterize the Med Taipei shipping container that MBARI found within the Sanctuary in 2004. Dr. DeVogelaere's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

VII. "RECONNECTING WITH YOUR SANCTUARY": SEABIRDS

Josh Adams, United States Geological Survey, provided a presentation on seabirds along the west coast, particularly in the MBNMS. Mr. Adams powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

VIII. OCEAN ACIDIFICATION TASK FORCE ACTION PLAN

Dr. John Hunt, MBNMS Deputy Superintendent, provided a presentation on the West Coast Acidification Task Force action plan. Dr. Hunt's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

IX. LUNCH

X. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Robinson, AMBAG, encouraged everyone to visit the Sanctuary Exploration Center in Santa Cruz to see the work that has been completed so far on the building.

PJ Webb, At-Large, announced that San Luis Obispo County suffered extensive damage from the Japan tsunami damage in the harbors of Morro Bay and Port San Luis. PJ also announced that there had been another landslide on Highway 1, closing down access to Big Sur from the south. The closure was estimated to take a month to clear. PJ announced there was an auto club magazine article highlighting beaches in our area that also highlighted the MBNMS Coastal Discovery Center and proper tidepool etiquette. She thanked Carolyn Skinder, MBNMS Education and Outreach Specialist, for her input on this article. Additionally, PJ announced that there is a Speakers Bureau series presenting sanctuary information and updates to the community in the southern region. This series has provided valuable outreach, education and support for the Coastal Discovery Center. PJ congratulated Chris Harrold, Sanctuary staff, and volunteers for the very successful Sanctuary Currents Symposium. Lastly, the Coastal Discovery Center recently finished a new docent training program, adding fresh new faces to the visitor center.

Simona Bartl, Education, announced that Moss Landing Marine Laboratories will have their open house April 30th and May 1st from 9 am to 5 pm. She encouraged everyone to attend and

bring his or her family. As the new chair of the Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP) she wanted to let everyone know that the SEP had not met for a while and they are now meeting again. The SEP talked about changing their website to provide resources to the education community, particularly formal educators. The SEP would like to add calendar of events online. They are also trying to see what other educators they can bring to the SEP.

Paul Michel reminded the advisory council that there would not be a June advisory council meeting due to budget cuts. He announced that World Oceans Day is in early June.

Kortney Leabourne, At-Large, announced that TeamOCEAN, the MBNMS volunteer naturalist kayak group, will be kicking off their season on Memorial Day weekend.

Geoff Shester, Conservation, announced that Oceana is sponsoring the California forage bill AB1299 that was authored by Assemblyman Jared Huffman.

XI. DESALINATION

Brad Damitz, MBNMS Environmental Policy Specialist, provided a presentation on existing and proposed desalination projects within the MBNMS. Mr. Damitz's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

PJ Webb, At large primary, provided comments from members of the Cambria community regarding the project in Cambria.

XII. ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT (EBM) INITIATIVE

Dr. Rikki Dunsmore, MBNMS Resource Protection Specialist, provided an update on the MBNMS EBM Initiative. Dr. Dunsmore's powerpoint presentation may be viewed at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2011/042111/agenda.html>.

XIII. MAY 3-4, 2011 SAC SUMMIT IN SAVANNAH, GA

This item was cancelled because the presenter was unable to attend the meeting.

XIV. LOCAL SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAG BAN

Geoff Shester, Conservation primary, provided a presentation on single use plastic bags and provided a draft resolution for review and adoption by the advisory council. The draft resolution sought support from the sanctuary advisory council for the ban of single use plastic bags at the local, state, and federal level.

MOTION: (Passed)

Motion introduced by Lynn Robinson, seconded by Cynthia Mathews.
(Vote: 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

XV. SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Nicole Capps, MBNMS Advisory Council Coordinator, reviewed the sanctuary advisory council agenda calendar. At the next meeting Advisory council members are interested in receiving an update on the Sanctuary Exploration Center, a report on the EBM Initiative's Unique and/or Rare Features workshop, information on beach closures and water quality in the nearshore, an update on Santa Cruz Harbor rebounding from the tsunami, and an update on the Alder Creek closure.

XVI. ADJOURN

Submitted by Nicole Capps, Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator