

**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Final Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2013
Half Moon Bay Yacht Club
Half Moon Bay, CA**

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council met on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, with Gulf of the Farallones NMS Advisory Council in Half Moon Bay, California. MBNMS public categories and government agencies were present as indicated:

Agriculture: Kirk Schmidt	CA State Parks: Todd Lewis
AMBAG: Steve McShane – Absent	Conservation: Geoff Shester – Absent
At Large: Margaret “PJ” Webb	Diving: Phil Sammet
At Large: Cynthia Mathews – Absent	Education: Simona Bartl – Absent
At Large: James Panetta	Commercial Fishing: Kathy Fosmark
Business & Industry: Jessica Grigsby	Ports & Harbors: Steve Scheiblaue
CA Coastal Commission: Dan Carl – Absent	Recreation: Gary Pezzi
CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife: Paul Reilly	Recreational Fishing: Rich Hughett
CA EPA: Maria de la Paz Carpio-Obeso	Research: James Lindholm
CA Resources Agency: Valerie Termini	Tourism: Robert Massaro

The following non-voting members were present as indicated:

Monterey Bay NMS – Paul Michel
Gulf of the Farallones NMS – Maria Brown
Channel Islands NMS – Chris Mobley – Absent
Cordell Bank NMS – Dan Howard
National Marine Fisheries Service – Steve Lindley
US Coast Guard – LT Cody Dunagan

Alternates present in audience:

Kris Beal – Agriculture
Gary Hoffman – At Large
Dan Haifley – At Large
Susan Ashcraft – CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jim Moser – Commercial fishing
Brian Nelson – Diving
Barton Selby – Recreation
Robert Chatham – Recreational Fishing
John Hunt – Research

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of February 7, 2013 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

The advisory council approved the February 7, 2013 meeting minutes

MOTION: Passed

Lynn Robinson introduced a motion for approval of the February meeting minutes.

Seconded by James Panetta.

(Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

Approval of the April 18, 2013 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

The advisory council approved the April 18, 2013 meeting minutes

MOTION: Passed

PJ Webb introduced a motion for approval of the April meeting minutes.

Seconded by Steve Scheiblauser.

(Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention)

II. INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Sanctuary Ecologically Sensitive Areas (SESAs) and Collaborative Proposal to Modify Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Karen Grimmer, MBNMS Ecosystem Protection Coordinator, presented the SESA project and the recently submitted EFH proposal. Her presentation is available at

<http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2013/130821/agenda.html>.

Discussion: There was some discussion of using lines to show SESA designation – James Lindholm stated that it can be confusing to designate SESAs with lines on a map because that typically implies regulations for the bound area. He suggests thinking of a different way to visualize SESAs to get the scientific community on board with these areas. Karen asked the Council for an appropriate frequency with which to update the SAC on the progress of EFH designation through the PFMC. Council members suggested a couple times a year, based on if there is something to report. This November, the PFMC will decide if they will amend the EFH Fishery Management Plan, and if so, this item will be brought to the SAC at the December meeting. Paul Michel congratulated the process and those SAC members involved in making this collaboration happen. Steve Scheiblauser added that this proposal is very gear specific, and represents a big shift in fisheries/sanctuaries relationship and that a broad spectrum of groups has stepped in to approve of the process and the product.

III. INFORMATION ITEM: Superintendent Request for SAC Support to Establish Fisheries Working Group and Re-establish Tourism Working Group

Public comment: Duncan MacLean and Mike Ricketts, both commercial fishermen, commented that the fishing community is too diverse and broad to be fully represented by a working group, and they requested that this new group be flexible in membership and structure in a way that reaches out to everyone in the fishing community.

Paul began this discussion by emphasizing that this is about dialogue and building communications and relationships, so he really appreciates feedback from the fishing community. He would like the advisory council to establish two working groups:

- 1) Fisheries Education and Research Working Group: to act as a forum for voices to be heard; to be more proactive in working with fishermen for advice, to hear the issues, generate ideas, and build relationships; and to assist the Sanctuary in implementing the Fisheries Education and Research action plan
- 2) Tourism Working Group: to better connect with the tourism industry

Advisory Council members expressed excitement and enthusiasm for both proposed working groups. Member-specific feedback and interest in involvement was recorded to assist in the convening of the working groups, and these will be further discussed at the October Advisory Council meeting. Kathy Fosmark and Steve Scheiblaue did request time on the October agenda to present to the SAC on the Alliance for Sustainable Communities, which is a collaborative group similar in function to the proposed fishing working group.

ADJOURN

Submitted by Sara Hutto, Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator
Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm