



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE**  
**Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**  
99 Pacific Street, Bldg 455a  
Monterey, CA 93940

November 3, 2021

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a representative on Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council. Enclosed, please find an application form, the Advisory Council Charter and Protocols, and general information about the Sanctuary.

The Advisory Council was established by the Secretary of Commerce to:

- Help strengthen and provide support for the growth of the Sanctuary;
- Assist in the protection of sanctuary resources by helping identify needed research to rebuild or protect sanctuary resources; and
- Assist in building community support through problem solving, consensus building, new constituency development, increasing opportunities for revenue enhancement and increasing understanding about the Sanctuary.

Since its establishment in March 1994, the Advisory Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary along the central California Coast. The advisory council's twenty voting members represent a variety of local user groups, the general public, and seven local and state governmental jurisdictions. In addition, seven federal government agencies are represented as non-voting members. Members are appointed competitively by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Candidates selected for the Agriculture Alternate and College Alternate seats should expect to serve until February 2024. The Conservation Alternate should expect to serve until February 2025.

Advisory council representatives are expected to attend full advisory council meetings held every other month in full-day open sessions located at various locations along the Sanctuary's 276-mile shoreline. Individual members may also participate in working groups, subcommittees, or special task forces.

Executive Branch Agencies adopt additional vetting responsibilities for boards, commissions, advisory committees, and related entities. Specifically, if an individual candidate has been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before their appointment date, they may not be a member of a board, commission, or advisory committee.

Your completed application, addressing all application elements, **must be received at our office December 10, 2021**. If you feel letters of support would be beneficial, please include them with your application. Please e-mail, mail or fax to:

Dawn Hayes, Acting Superintendent  
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
99 Pacific Street, Bldg. 455A  
Monterey, CA 93940

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Thank you for your interest in serving on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Hayes at (831) 647-4256.

Sincerely,

Dawn L. Hayes  
Acting Superintendent

