Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
Expectations for Advisory Council Representatives

Fall 2021 Recruitment

The National Marine Sanctuary System regards the involvement of communities and the
development of a stewardship ethic as vitally important to successfully conserve sanctuary
resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the formation of a sanctuary
advisory council. Advisory council members serve as ambassadors between the sanctuary staff
and the various communities and users adjacent to its boundary. They actively engage their
constituencies and work with the sanctuary staff to resolve issues and concerns. As such, we are
looking for highly motivated people who are able and willing to volunteer their time to help us
reach out and work constructively with the diverse interests, users and communities that have a
stake in the resources of the sanctuary.

Commitment/Expectations:
1) Advisory council members serve three-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and are not paid. If necessary, travel expenses to and from
meeting locations may be reimbursed.
2) Attend regularly scheduled advisory council meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled
every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December), and usually last all day
on the third Friday of the month. An additional annual retreat may also be scheduled.
Meetings are held at different regions throughout the almost 300-mile boundary of the sanctuary.
3) Advisory council members are expected to actively reach out and communicate to the various
constituencies and groups they represent within and adjacent to the sanctuary. This includes
communicating sanctuary issues and policies to constituents and bringing issues and concerns to
the attention of the advisory council and the sanctuary.
4) Attend and participate in advisory council working group and subcommittee meetings, as
necessary, to gain additional knowledge and discuss specific issues important to their
constituencies.

1College seat will serve a two-year term.
2Alternates are encouraged to attend all advisory council meetings, and participate in discussions.
However, alternates only have voting privileges when the primary representative cannot attend a
meeting.