Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Diver Newsletter

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Dear MBNMS,

In the previous diver newsletter we wrote about a World Heritage nomination discussion for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The meeting resulted in a discussion of both procedure and relevancy regarding the nomination and how the the process works and what does it mean to our Sanctuary. The day following the December 8th meeting we were notified about the open comments period posted in the Federal Register came earlier than expected. Paul Michel, MBNMS Superintendent, has asked the Sanctuary Advisory Members to reach out to their constituencies and ask for their input during the open comment period. As always we thank you for your help on these important questions we face as your representatives.

Definition of World Heritage Site:
A World Heritage Site is a landmark which has been officially recognized by the United Nations, specifically by UNESCO. Sites are selected on the basis of having cultural, historical, scientific or some other form of significance, and they are legally protected by international treaties. UNESCO regards these sites as being important to the collective interests of humanity.

More specifically, a World Heritage Site is an already classified landmark on the earth, which by way of being unique in some respect as a geographically and historically identifiable piece is of special cultural or physical significance (such as either due to hosting an ancient ruins or some historical structure, building, city, complex, desert, forest, island, lake, monument, or mountain) and symbolizes a remarkable footprint of extreme human endeavour often coupled with some act of indisputable accomplishment of humanity which then serves as a surviving evidence of its intellectual existence on the planet. MORE

Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has become a premier diving destination, offering some of the most beautiful and pristine diving areas in the country. The City of Pacific Grove, on the Monterey Peninsula, has provided medical treatment to injured divers with its hyperbaric chamber since 1963. While the City of Pacific Grove provides for many of the chamber's operation needs, the diver donations support the continued ongoing operations that offset needed repairs that occur from time to time. Please consider a donation to help this much needed, important resource for the local dive community.

Donate to the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber Fund

MBNMS DIVER SURVEY

We need your input. Our annual Diver survey was recently published and over 2000 people opened but we have had 97 responses. Each of these are very valuable, but having more responses would be a nice Holiday Gift. If you have not please take a few moments and help us help you. Thank you, Brian and Phil Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber

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Federal Register Website

ADDRESSES:
Please provide all comments directly to Jonathan Putnam, Office of International Affairs, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street NW. (0050), Washington, DC 20005 or by Email to: jonathan.putnam@nps.gov. Phone: 202-354-1809. Fax 202-371-1446.

Comments: Comments on whether to nominate any of the properties on the Tentative List must address:

(i) How well the property(ies) would meet the World Heritage nomination criteria, requirements for authenticity, integrity, legal protection and management. Information on these criteria and requirements can be found on the Web site noted below; and

(ii) The readiness and ability of the property owner(s) to prepare a satisfactory nomination document.

Documents in PDF Format

Thank you for taking some time and reviewing this important diver issue.

Happy Holidays,

Brian and Phil

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2017 SAC Meeting Schedule

February 17, 2017 - Moss Landing
April 21, 2017 - Santa Cruz
June 16, 2017 - Cambria
August 16, 2017 - Half Moon Bay
October 20, 2017 - Salinas
December 15, 2017 - Monterey

For more information go to 2017 Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting dates and Information
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) is a Federally protected marine area offshore of California's central coast. Stretching from Marin to Cambria, MBNMS encompasses a shoreline length of 276 miles and 6,094 square miles of ocean. Supporting one of the world’s most diverse marine ecosystems, it is home to numerous mammals, seabirds, fishes, invertebrates and plants in a remarkably productive coastal environment. MBNMS was established for the purpose of resource protection, research, education, and public use of this national treasure. MBNMS is part of a system of 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and one marine national monument, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.