

RESOLUTION of the
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (the council)

to Establish a Subcommittee on the San Francisco-Pacifica Exclusion Zone in the Northern Management Area
(aka "Exclusion Zone", aka "Donut Hole")

Whereas, following a presentation from the San Francisco Zoo on their proposed plans to incorporate a coastal conservation zone into the zoo park (attachment), which sits adjacent to the San Francisco-Pacifica Exclusion Zone; and a presentation from San Francisco State University graduate student, Alyssa Ells (attachment), on outcomes and recommendations from the Symposium on the Connections between the San Francisco Bay and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, including a recommendation for expanding sanctuary boundaries to include the Exclusion Zone (noting that the area is an important habitat for humpback whales and other marine life); the council discussed the need for more information on the topic in order to make any potential recommendation to the sanctuary on the matter.

Whereas, the council has discussed this topic in the past and passed two resolutions in 2012 and 2016 related to the possible closure of the Exclusion Zone (attachments), the council expressed the need to revisit the matter as it stands today.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will form a Subcommittee on the Exclusion Zone. The objective of the subcommittee is to research past information presented to the council, past actions taken by the sanctuary and current information related to the Exclusion Zone; and report back to the council for further discussion and potential action. Dominique Richard, Bruce Bowser, Jaime Jahncke, and Joe Fitting will sit on the subcommittee.

cc:

Maria Brown, Superintendent, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Attachments:

- 2012 GFNMS SAC Resolution: In response to the Federal Register Notice 15 CFR Part 922.
- 2016 GFNMS SAC Resolution: Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council Recommends NEPA Process for Pacifica Exclusion Area
- Links to presentations:
 - SF Zoo Strategic Plan Coastal Connection [[view PDF](#)]
 - Outcomes and Recommendations from the Symposium on the Connections between the San Francisco Bay and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary [[view PDF](#)]

This resolution was passed with majority vote by a quorum of primary members (or alternate members serving in place of primary members) at a public meeting on November 13, 2019 in San Francisco.

The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter/publication do not necessarily reflect the position of the sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

FINAL RESOLUTION

8/23/12

In response to the Federal Register Notice 15 CFR Part 922.

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby adopts this resolution in support of a proposed boundary revision of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include the San Francisco-Pacifica Exclusion Area in the Northern Management Area.



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GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council Recommends NEPA Process for Pacifica Exclusion Area

At its March 2nd, 2016 meeting, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended that Greater Farallones NMS proceed with an open, transparent National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process to address San Francisco Pacifica Exclusion Area (closure of the Donut Hole).



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