



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: William Douros
Director
West Coast Region

Kevin Grant
Acting Superintendent
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

FROM: Maria Brown *MB*
Superintendent
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

SUBJECT: SAC Resolution Regarding the San Francisco-Pacific
Exclusion Area

DATE: December 11, 2020

At its meeting on November 19, 2020, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) Advisory Council (SAC), following a report from the council's San Francisco-Pacific Exclusion Area (SFPEA) subcommittee, passed a resolution recommending GFNMS consider incorporating the SFPEA into the GFNMS non-contiguously.

The GFNMS will consider this recommendation in consultation with the West Coast Region and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and proposes to include the recommendation in the Notice of Intent to initiate the next GFNMS management plan review scheduled for 2023.

This is for your information and no response is needed at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 254-8747.

Attachments

GFNMS SAC Resolution SAC-163-2020

Resolution of the
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC)

RESOLUTION to recommend the integration of the San Francisco-Pacific Exclusion Area (SFPEA) into Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Whereas, in 1992 the SFPEA was carved out from the initially proposed footprint of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary because of potential concerns at that time about stormwater discharges, dredging and ship traffic incompatible with sanctuary regulations,

Whereas, the SFPEA is an integral part of the San Francisco coastline and the Golden Gate entrance to the San Francisco Bay,

Whereas, the Farallones Islands, the namesake of GFNMS, are an iconic site for local indigenous tribes as well as part of the City and County of San Francisco,

Whereas, the hydrography and ecology of the San Francisco Bay is directly linked to the Gulf of Farallones,

Whereas, the geographical location of SFPEA provides an ideal seascape for the interpretation of the sanctuary waters by (1) GFNMS headquarters & visitor center located on Crissy Field, (2) the San Francisco Zoo (which is in the immediate proximity of Ocean Beach), (3) The California Academy of Sciences (in Golden Gate Park), (4) the Lands End Trail, and (5) other potential partners or “ambassadors” of GFNMS,

Be it resolved, the SAC recommends GFNMS consider incorporating the SFPEA into GFNMS non-contiguously.

Attachments: none

cc:

Maria Brown, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent
Kevin Grant, Acting Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent
William Douros, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, West Coast Regional Director

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 19, 2020 held via Google Meet. SAC discussion regarding this resolution can be found in Meeting Highlights documentation at https://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac_meetings.html.

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