

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

To establish a council subcommittee on derelict and abandoned vessel debris

During its meeting on February 18, 2021, the SAC discussed the need for heightened cleanup efforts at abandoned vessel sites along the sanctuary coast. Members cited recent incidents where they felt sanctuary and other agency efforts to clean up debris were not sufficient. One member cited instances wherein they have conducted hands-on cleanup efforts as members of the public, picking up substantial amounts of debris from a grounded vessel in the sanctuary.

The council concluded that a subcommittee should be formed to consider solutions and/or consider establishing a council working group to dive deeper into the topic and prepare recommendations for the council.

The following council members indicated interest in serving on the subcommittee: Cea Higgins, CAL Sonoma/Mendocino; George Clyde, CAL Marin; Kris Lannin Liang, CAL San Francisco/San Mateo. Sanctuary staff will not be available at this time to support subcommittee logistics, because the Advisory Council Coordinator is supporting two existing subcommittees, a Recreation and Tourism Blue Economy Subcommittee and a Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, as well as the pending Vessel Strikes working group. It is the SAC policy to stand up a maximum of two groups, working groups and/or subcommittees, at a time. If more than two groups are desired by the SAC, then the SAC will need to coordinate the subcommittee or working group meeting logistics. The SAC Coordinator may be able to support this Subcommittee in the future, when the other two Subcommittees are completed.

Attachments: none

cc: Maria Brown, Superintendent, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

This resolution was passed with majority vote by a quorum of voting members at a public meeting on February 18, 2021 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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NON-GOVERNMENT SEATS

Commercial Fishing

Barbara Emley (Secretary)/Primary
Sarah Bates/Alternate

Community-at-Large San Francisco/San Mateo

Joe Fitting/Primary
Kris Lannin Liang/Alternate

Community-at-Large Marin

Dominique Richard (Chair)/Primary
George Clyde/Alternate

Community at-Large Mendocino/Sonoma

Cea Higgins/Primary
Nancy Trissel/Alternate

Conservation

Richard Charter/Primary
Bruce Bowser/Primary
Francesca Koe/Alternate
Kathi George/Alternate

Education

Bibit Traut/Primary
Vacant/Alternate

Maritime Activities - Commercial

John Berge/Primary
Julian Rose/Alternate

Maritime Activities - Recreation

Abby Mohan (Vice Chair)/Primary
Joshua Russo/Alternate

Research

John Largier/Primary
Jaime Jahncke/Alternate

Youth

Ezra Bergson-Michelson/Primary
Owen Youngquist/Alternate

GOVERNMENT SEATS

California Department of Natural Resources

Mark Gold/Primary
Michael Esgro/Alternate

National Marine Fisheries Service

Jennifer Boyce/Primary
Vacant/Alternate

National Park Service

Cicely Muldoon/Primary
Ben Becker/Alternate

U.S. Coast Guard

LT Jacob Joseph/Primary
LTJG Chris Bell/Alternate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chris Barr/Primary
Gerry McChesney/Alternate

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Chris Mobley/Primary
Mike Murray/Alternate

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Dawn Hayes/Primary
Vacant/Alternate

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Dan Howard/Primary
Michael Carver/Alternate

SANCTUARY SUPERINTENDENT

Maria Brown, Superintendent
Brian Johnson, Deputy Superintendent

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