

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

January 22, 2016

Possible defunding of local marine weather buoys prompts letter of concern from Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

At the January 22nd CINMS Advisory Council meeting, Mark Jackson, meteorologist with the National Weather Service (NWS), informed the advisory council of two local marine weather buoys that may be taken out of the water due to possible funding reductions. Weather and ocean data collected by the buoys are frequently used by the NWS, as well as by local businesses, ports, harbors, researchers, and the general public. Some members of the advisory council stated that they will be negatively impacted if the buoys are removed. The advisory council made a motion to draft a letter of concern regarding the buoy situation, which will be reviewed at a future advisory council meeting.

March 8, 2016

CINMS Advisory Council Receives Final Report from Marine Shipping Working Group

At their March 18, 2016, public meeting, members of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council received a final report from their Marine Shipping Working Group, a diverse stakeholder group consisting of representatives from the conservation and research communities, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Coast Guard, the shipping industry, local air pollution control districts, and the tourism industry. The report -- which includes a robust suite of ideas for management, research, and outreach -- represents the culmination of over a year of collaborative research and discussion focused on addressing regional shipping-related concerns, including ship strikes on endangered whales, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, navigational safety, and conflicts with ocean users. The advisory council will consider options for forwarding on, and/or adding to, this final working group report at their next public meeting in May 2016.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

March 2, 2016

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary had several actions at the March 2nd meeting.

- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended that
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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary articulate a definition of beneficial reuse of clean dredged materials from harbors or other appropriate materials from other sources at the San Mateo County Surfer's Beach site. The advisory council urged an expeditious response to this because of community concerns.

- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended maintaining the existing permitting process regarding seabirds and the continued discharge regulations chumming for seabirds.
- 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).
- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended that GFNMS continue to prioritize the training of public safety personnel with Motorized Personal Water craft and have the MBNMS subcommittee present its outcomes to the GFNMS advisory council and have a discussion about public usage.
- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the "Alleviate Climate Impacts" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

Climate Smart Adaptation Working Group Action Items

- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the "Alleviate Climate Impacts" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
 - The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the "Dynamic Management" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
 - The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended recommend the consideration of the "Education" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
 - The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the "Habitat Protection and Restoration" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
 - The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the "Human Disturbance" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for
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the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the “Invasive Species Management” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the “Landward Migration” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the “Invest in Science Needs” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the “Species Protection” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.
- The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommended the consideration of the “Water Quality Management” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the advisory council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

June 17, 2016

Advisory Council Creates Two Management Plan Review Working Groups

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council created a Management Plan Review working group for approach/disturbance of whales. The working group Chair is Gary Hoffman and Vice Chair is Christina McGinnis.

A Management Plan Review working group for harmful ocean noise was also created. The working group Chair is Bart Selby.

April 21, 2016

Letter Requesting ONMS Attention to Issues Regarding CEMEX Sand Mine

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council approved a letter to be signed by Margaret (P.J.) Webb (Advisory Council Chair) to John Armor (Acting Director, ONMS) requesting that ONMS look into legal and jurisdictional issues regarding the CEMEX sand mine.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.
