

Joint Management Plan Review Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones & Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries

Scoping Meetings

What are scoping meetings?

At the onset of a management plan review, the National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) holds public meetings to “scope out” or get input from resource users, interest groups, government agencies, and other members of the public on resource management issues. This input will help define the range of issues that the program needs to address during the management plan review.

What kind of comments are we looking for?

Scoping meetings provide an opportunity for people to make direct comments to the NMSP and the local sanctuary on issues related to management of the sanctuary’s natural and cultural resources and overall administration. We encourage interested members of the public to participate in the management plan review and welcome any comments related to the sanctuary. In particular, we are interested in hearing about the public’s view on:

- effectiveness of the existing management plan in protecting sanctuary resources
- emerging sanctuary resource management issues
- implementation of regulations and permits
- resource protection programs (such as water quality and enforcement)
- research and monitoring programs
- education, volunteer, and outreach programs
- adequacy of existing boundaries, including zones, to protect sanctuary resources
- assessment of the existing operational and administrative framework (staffing, offices, vessels, etc.).

How can you provide input?

The NMSP and the local sanctuaries encourage interested members of the public to participate and provide comments at one of the 20 scoping meetings held in communities throughout the three-sanctuary region, from Gualala in Sonoma County to Cambria in San Luis Obispo County, and one each in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. (see reverse side for meeting dates, times, and locations). Each meeting is equally important. During the meetings, participants may comment on issues related to the three individual sanctuaries or all three sites together. Those unable to attend the scoping meetings in person can mail or fax written comments directly to one of the management plan review coordinators. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail at jointplancomments@noaa.gov or directly on the project website at <http://sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/jointplan/>. The public comment period remains open until January 31, 2002.

What can I expect at the scoping meetings?

Scoping meetings provide a forum for the public to provide comments to sanctuary staff on one or all of the three sanctuaries. They are not decision making meetings. Meetings will generally follow a similar format, but they will be flexible enough to accommodate the number of people in attendance and the physical constraints of each location. At the beginning of each scoping meeting, sanctuary staff will provide all the participants with a summary of the Joint Management Plan Review, detail the scoping meeting format, and answer any questions. Following the introduction, the group will break up into discussion groups consisting of 10 to 12 people. A group leader will help guide the discussion and ensure everyone has the opportunity to provide comments. Each group will have a recorder who will summarize each of the comments on a chart so the group can see their comments are being recorded.

What’s next after scoping?

Comments from each of the scoping meetings, as well as written comments and e-mail, will be summarized and posted on the NMSP website. The individual sanctuaries will work with their respective Sanctuary Advisory Councils and other members of the public to help prioritize issues to be addressed during this management plan review and later to develop a draft management plan.

Where will the meetings be held?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Nov. 28, Wednesday	Santa Cruz, CA*	1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Santa Cruz Civic Center 307 Church Street
Nov. 29, Thursday	Monterey, CA*	1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Monterey Conference Center One Portola Plaza
Dec. 1, Saturday	Salinas, CA*	1:00 p.m.	Hartnell College 156 Homestead Avenue
Dec. 3, Monday	San Luis Obispo, CA	6:30 p.m.	San Luis Obispo Public Library 995 Palm Street
Dec. 4, Tuesday	Cambria, CA	6:30 p.m.	Cambria Grammer School 1350 Main Street
Dec. 5, Wednesday	Big Sur, CA	6:30 p.m.	Big Sur Lodge at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park 47225 Pacific Coast Highway One
Dec. 6, Thursday	Half Moon Bay, CA	6:30 p.m.	Ted Adcock Community Center 535 Kelly Avenue
Dec. 7, Friday	Half Moon Bay, CA	8:30 a.m.	MBNMS Advisory Council Meeting, Douglas Beach House, 311 Mirada Road
Dec. 11, Tuesday	Sacramento, CA	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sheraton Grand Sacramento, Compagno Room 1230 J Street
Dec. 14, Friday	Washington, D.C.	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Herbert G. Hoover Bldg. 14th and Constitution Ave. NW, Room 6800 & 6802
Jan. 7, Monday	Gualala, CA	6:30 p.m.	Gualala Arts Center 46501 Old State Highway
Jan. 8, Tuesday	Bodega Bay, CA	6:30 p.m.	Bodega Marine Laboratory 2099 Westside Road
Jan. 9, Wednesday	Pt. Reyes Station, CA	7:30 p.m.	Point Reyes Dance Palace, Main Hall 5th and B Street
Jan. 10, Thursday	San Rafael, CA	6:30 p.m.	Marin Center, Hospitality Room and Six Meeting Rooms Avenue of the Flags, North San Pedro Road
Jan. 14, Monday	Rohnert Park, CA (near Santa Rosa)	6:30 p.m.	Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park, Salons 3 & 4 1 Doubletree Drive
Jan. 15, Tuesday	San Francisco, CA	6:30 p.m.	Marina Middle School 3500 Fillmore Street
Jan. 16, Wednesday	Pacifica	6:30 p.m.	Oceana High School 401 Paloma Avenue
Jan. 17, Thursday	San Jose*	6:30 p.m.	Santa Clara County Office of Education 1290 Ridder Park Drive

* Spanish Translation available

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For more information, visit the Joint Management Plan Review website at <http://sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/jointplan>

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