

Greater Farallones Expansion Area

Resource Protection Programs



Protecting against threats to sanctuary resources from human activities, such as pollution, harm to wildlife or destruction of ocean habitat, while allowing people to enjoy the sanctuary responsibly.



SEABIRD PROTECTION NETWORK



Program Goal



Improve the survival of California's seabirds by reducing human disturbances at their breeding and roosting colonies.



Addressing sources of Disturbance through:

- **Education & Outreach**
- **Enforcement & Coordinated Management**
- **Monitoring**



Activities in Expansion Area:

- **Partnership with Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods**
 - Updated outreach materials and distribution plan
 - Use of Coordinated Messages
 - Integration of Disturbance Reporting Form
 - Building a Database and data integration plan
- **Fundraising Partnership**
- **Coordinated Enforcement Planning**

Project Planning: Sanctuary Enforcement=Partnership

- Focus on educating partner agencies on expansion of regulations in region.



Certifications, Existing Uses and Permits

Currently Reviewing Certification Requests for the following existing uses:

- Submarine cables north of Point Arena
- Research uses and infrastructure at Bodega Marine Reserve
- Mooring at Gerstle Cove
- Diving buoy on the USS Pomono at Fort Ross State Park
- shoreline protection at Goat Rock State Beach
- Boat launch ramps (Timber Cove and Ocean Cove)

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In addition, we have received letters from 3 tribes acknowledging the expansion and indicating they will work with us to determine if a Certification is needed:

- Kashia Band of Pomo Indians (salt-gathering, possibly other activities)
- Federate Indians of Graton Rancheria (activity still unknown)
- Manchester Band of Pomo Indians (activity still unknown)

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Permit Categories Applicable to Expansion Area

Research



Salvage



Education



Management



Special Use



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In 2016 we will be reaching out to research institutions and reviewing current research permits to determine if permits need amendments to cover the expansion area.



Outstanding Issues from the Final Rule

Most comments focused on the regulatory aspects of the proposed action, including concerns about the proposed authorization authority, motorized personal watercraft use, and the proposed Special Wildlife Protection Zones (*Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 48, Page 13089*).

Motorized Personal Watercraft

A handout of comments and responses excerpts from GFNMS Boundary Expansion Final Rule has been provided.

Summary: Comments ranged from Support for Total Allowance (i.e. No Regulation), to Conditional MPWC Use, to prohibition of all MPWC. Comments also covered the following topics:

- Socioeconomic Impacts of Regulating MPWC
- MPWC Enforcement
- MPWC Use Liability
- MPWC Rulemaking Process
- MPWC Definition

Recommendation: A step-wise process to collect data and evaluate MPWC use and disturbance in the expansion area.

Authorizations

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Recommendation: Advisory Council can establish a Working Group or Subcommittee “to conduct a separate process with sanctuary advisory councils and public input to consider authorization authority.”

Special Wildlife Protection Zones

The majority of comments related to Special Wildlife Protection Zones were focused on low overflights.

Recommendation: Continue to staff the Overflight Working Group for 2016 with scheduled proposed recommendations.

