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Dominique Richard/George Clyde

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California Resources Agency

Mark Gold/Michael Esgro

Commercial Fishing

Barbara Emley/Sarah Bates

Conservation

Richard Charter, Bruce Bowser
/Francesca Koe, Kathi George

Education

Bibit Traut/Mary Miller

Maritime Activities/Commercial

John Berge/Julian Rose

Maritime Activities/Recreational

Abby Mohan/Joshua Russo

National Marine Fisheries Service

Jennifer Boyce

National Park Service

Craig Kenkel/Ben Becker

Research

John Largier/Jaime Jahncke

United States Coast Guard

LT Chris Bell/LT Lelea Lingo

US Fish and Wildlife Service

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Sanctuary Advisory Council

GREATER FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

August 18, 2021

Maria Brown, Sanctuary Superintendent

Dear Maria Brown,

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (GFNMS/SAC) would like to request and express support for holding the October retreat in person. The initial part of the day when we conduct our workplan can be held indoors in a space that allows for plenty of ventilation and social distancing and can be masked, while the other activities can be held outdoors. These measures would reduce the spread of Covid. The council is entering a period of change with many new members joining for the first time on this day and we feel that an in-person event would facilitate a greater discussion of the topics and challenges facing the sanctuary in the coming year and would allow the new members to become familiar with the group. The delta variant is expected to peak by early mid-September and return to a baseline by mid-October when the retreat is planned for. While we understand if covid or facilities prevent this we do request that the Sanctuary investigate the feasibility of this, perhaps with a hybrid option for virtual attendance in the morning and a presentation available to view later. We recommend looking into managing risk in the most appropriate way.



Sincerely,

Abby Mohan, Chair
Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Attachment: none

The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter/publication do not necessarily reflect the position of the sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.