

New Recommendations from the Working Group to the Advisory Council

From 2/03/09 Working Group Meeting:

The Working Group developed the following recommended language to the GFNMS Advisory Council regarding historical mooring areas:

“Areas that have historically had moorings based on a composite of the best available aerial photos and agency boat-based surveys as referenced in Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan.”

In addition to the historical mooring area language, the working group also drafted the following recommended language regarding littoral properties on Tomales Bay:

“Up to two moorings are allowed offshore of developed littoral properties for the use of the owner or the lessee of the property, unless existing commercial operations justify a greater number, and subject to maximum distance from shore.

And subject to other mooring criteria as established in the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan.”

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From 4/29/09 Working Group Meeting:

Maximum Number of Moorings for Tomales Bay:

Historically it has been established that the average number of moorings on the bay has been between 130 and 150. The Working Group recommends to the SAC that the maximum number not exceed the historic number by more than 100 percent, appropriately balanced between public moorings and littoral property moorings.

Recommended language regarding Littoral Properties:

“A mooring is allowed offshore of developed littoral properties for the use of the owner or the lessee of the property, unless commercial needs or legitimate private needs justify a greater number”.

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From 4/29/09 Working Group Meeting:

Tomales Bay Mooring Zones:

- For all existing moorings on the bay there should be a process to permit them in one group.
- Public mooring zones be large enough to accommodate the existing moorings in the historical mooring areas, and that those existing moorings that fall outside the zones or those that do not meet mooring criteria should be relocated within these zones on a priority basis as a part of an initial batch application.
- The boundaries for mooring zones should be lines extending approximately perpendicular from the shoreline.

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From 4/29/09 Working Group Meeting:

- Mooring zones 3, 4, 5, 8, 12 and 13 as depicted in the PDF Map from the 4/29/09 Working Group meeting be recognized as historically used private mooring areas, and should not be recognized as public mooring zones.
- At mooring zone #6 the public mooring zone should end at the northern boundary of the Vilicich family property and the area northwest of that is recognized as a historically used private mooring zone.
- The rights of littoral property owners should be considered in establishing public mooring zones.

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From 4/29/09 Working Group Meeting:

- The southern boundary for mooring zone #8 as depicted in the PDF map (a private mooring area) should be adjusted further east to accommodate existing commercial fishing boat moorings.
- Mooring zone #9 should be expanded since it is a potentially valuable public mooring area. The northern boundary should be the new line between zones 8 and 9 located to the south of Fisherman's Town. The southern boundary should be extended to the mariculture lease area.
- Merge mooring zones #10 and 11. The southern boundary should be at the yacht club, northern boundary at Teacher's Beach. Investigate whether or not the cable area shown on the PDF Map should be an excluded area.