

**Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
FY15 (10/1/14-9/30/15) Sanctuary Advisory Council Work Plan SUMMARY**

MP Program-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
1. Education and Outreach						
a Youth Involvement in SAC process	Youth Involvement Subcommittee will recruit and assist in selection of youth seat (primary and alternate). They will also support mentoring of youth members	created a list of youth contacts and youth "blurb" to assist with recruitment of youth seat	Ongoing Youth -alternate recruitment ongoing, with primary recruitment to begin in Spring 2016	No working group established.		
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2. Conservation Science						
a Beach Watch	Annual Report provided to SAC	SAC remain informed on Beach Watch program				
b ACCESS	Update on ACCESS cruises		SAC heard			
c Beyond the Golden Gate Symposium	Update on symposium		SAC Lead: John Largier			
d MPA monitoring- see 9b. Marine Life Protection Act						
e Black and White Abalone (OA)	lower priority					
d Essential Fish Habitat Designation- see 9a. Ecosystem Protection- Fishing Activities	Updates as needed	Update on EFH status provided by Karen Reyna in May 2015.	no outcomes			

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3. Resource Protection						
a Sanctuary Permits	Standing updates provided to members at each meeting	Advisory Council is informed on permitted activities	Ongoing			
b Emergency Response- see 6a. Impacts from Vessel Spills						
c Estuaries and Lagoons			SAC Lead: Richard Charter			
d Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts- see 7c. Wildlife Disturbance	SAC briefed on the issue at May 2015 meeting as well as at August 2015 joint meeting with MBNMS	SAC voted to reinvigorate 2012 JWG to reexamine this issue	1) Presentation from Leslie Abramson regarding Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts at May 2015 meeting in Bodega Bay	May-15		Jackie Dragon
				2) Presentation from Angela Szesciorka at August 2015 joint meeting		
d	Ocean Climate Initiative	1) Green Operations: Review of GFNMS annual emissions audit				

		3) Climate Change Indicators					
		4) Climate-Smart Adaptation Plan	Advisory Council is informed on Climate-Smart Adaptation Plan through updates	Sara Hutto presented on the Plan in February 2015; update from the working group provided in December 2015.			

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3. Resource Protection (Continued)						
e Boundary Modifications- see 12d Northern Management Area						
f Ecosystem Restoration (Bolinás) see 8f. Introduced Species						
g Enforcement	Standing updates on enforcement issues	Advisory Council is informed on enforcement activities	Dayna Matthews presented in February 2015 and attended both May and August 2015 meetings to provide enforcement updates.			
h Emerging Issues	SAC will be informed of any emerging issues and given the opportunity to provide feedback on	Advisory Council is informed on emerging issues				
4. Administration						
a Sanctuary Advisory Council	1) Maintain Advisory Council	Four meetings and one retreat per year; Council resolutions and correspondence; annual workplan	Ongoing recommendations on Climate Change Initiative, Enforcement, Emergency Response, Visitor Centers, Boundary Modifications and Vessel Traffic.			
	2) Participate in National Chairs and Coordinators meeting		Ongoing , Summit scheduled for January 11th, 2016.			

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4. Administration (Continued)						
	3) Maintain Executive Committee	Develop meeting agendas and recommend new members to sanctuary superintendent	Complete. Meet four times per year by phone.			
	4) Alternating years Council Meetings with MB and CB		Complete. Aug 19- Joint meeting with MB.			
	5) SAC member training and internal process clarification		Complete. SAC training held September 2015.			
b Operations - See 3c.1) Green Operations						

MP Issue-Based Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
5. Water Quality						
a Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan	Plan launched in Summer 2015; SAC briefed at August 2015 meeting	Advice on implementation of plan	Superintendent's report update in August 2015			
d Plastics in food chain-						
e Marine Debris	Updates to SAC on derelict fishing gear from SeaDoc	SAC stays informed on GFNMS activities	Presentation from SeaDoc in May 2015			
6. Impacts from Vessel Spills						
a Emergency Response						
7. Wildlife Disturbance						
a White Shark Stewardship Project	Annual updates provided to Council	Advisory council is informed on white shark PEA and ESA listing activities	No presentations/updates in FY 15. Sent draft PEA to SAC via email for public comment.			
b Seabird Protection Network	Annual update at GFNMS council meeting on program activities	SAC informed of GFNMS activities in May 2015, including low overflight regs	Ongoing: Voted to create a working group to further study low overflight and seabird disturbance	May-15		George Clyde

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7. Wildlife Disturbance (Continued)						
c Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts		Comprehensive approach to whale conservation in west coast sanctuaries				
8. Introduced Species						
a Kent Island Restoration and Bolinas Lagoon	Updates to SAC on project	SAC stays informed on project	Updates as needed			
c Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan- see 5a. Water Quality						
d Sanctuary permits- see 3a. Resource Protection						
e Aquaculture		Revised aquaculture introduced species language				
f Mouse Eradication at SEFI						
9. Ecosystem Protection- Fishing Activities						
a Essential Fish Habitat	Standing updates provided to members on reasons/data for proposals to PFM. Meeting with fishermen.					
b MPA Monitoring	Standing updates provided to members on MLPA implementation	Advisory Council is informed on MLPA activities				

MP Cross-Cutting Action Plans	SAC Activities	Outputs/Outcomes	Status	WG Began	WG Expires	WG Chair
10. Community Outreach						
a	Youth Involvement in SAC process- see 1a. Education and Outreach					
11. Ecosystem Monitoring						
a	See 9b. Marine Life Protection Act					
12. Maritime Heritage						
a	Boundary Modifications- see 13d Northern Management Area					
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a	Maverick's Surf Contest	Updates provided to members on the contest	Informational updates as needed.			
b	Biennial Joint Council Meeting	GFNMS and MBNMS Advisory Councils meet once every other year ("odd" years) in Half Moon Bay. Exec committee meet "even" years.	Increased coordination and information exchange between GFNMS and MBNMS Advisory Councils	Complete: Joint meeting with MB held in August 2015.		
c	Boundary Modifications (SF-Pacifica Exclusion Area)	SAC will receive updates and have opportunity to provide feedback to Superintendent during MBNMS Management Plan Review scoping meetings	Potential expansion of sanctuary boundaries to include the San Francisco-Pacifica Exclusion Area	Issue discussed at August 2015 joint meeting with MBNMS as part of the MBNMS Management Plan Review process.		
d.	SMC Water Quality Protection Efforts			Updates as needed IF a SAC Action is appropriate. SAC Lead: Kellyx Nelson		