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Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

991 Marine Dr., The Presidio
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Dear Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicant:

We are in the process of filling the vacant seats of Conservation Primary (1) and Alternate (2), Education Primary and Alternate, Community-at-Large San Francisco/San Mateo Primary and Alternate, Community-at-Large Marin/Sonoma Primary, Research Primary and Alternate, Maritime Activities Commercial Primary and Alternate, and Maritime Activities Recreation Primary and Alternate on our sanctuary advisory council. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications and nominations for council membership.

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Specifically, the council's role is to provide advice on: (1) protecting sanctuary wildlife and habitats, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving sanctuary ecosystems and cultural resources; (2) identifying and realizing the sanctuary's research objectives; (3) identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the sanctuary environment; and (4) assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the sanctuary and NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS).

Enclosed is our sanctuary advisory council application kit, which includes a copy of the Council Charter and an application sheet, as well as additional information about the sanctuary. Please note, Council members serve a 2 or 3 year term.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at **GFNMS, attn. Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129; or 415-561-6616 (fax), attn. Kelley Higgason; or kelley.higgason@noaa.gov; by March 1, 2010.** Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of members from the advisory council. The panel will help us narrow down the number of candidates to the top three. Of these advisory council members will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

If you have any questions concerning the council feel free to contact Kelley Higgason, Advisory Council Coordinator, at 415-561-6622 ext. 202 or kelley.higgason@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Maria Brown
Sanctuary Superintendent

