

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
FY13 (10/1/12-9/30/13) 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	Youth SAC seat and mentoring program created to involve youth in SAC process	No youth seats selected in FY 13.	No working group established.		
b Increased outreach to general public			Ongoing			
c Crissy Field Campus Exhibits	Council members may be contacted to help advise on new exhibits as part of the GFNMS Facilities Master Plan.	Crissy Field Campus Exhibit Concept Plan	Presentation on 65% concept design postponed until FY 14	No working group established.		
2. Conservation Science						
a Beach Watch	Annual Report provided to SAC	SAC remains informed on Beach Watch program	Ongoing: last update given Aug-12. Presentation to SAC postponed until FY 14 (retreat)			
b ACCESS	Update on ACCESS cruises		no presentation to SAC in FY 13			
c Beyond the Golden Gate Symposium	Update on symposium		Summary presented to SAC in FY 13 by John Largier			
d MLPA monitoring- see 9b. Marine Life Protection Act						
e Black and White Abalone (OA)			no presentation to SAC in FY 13			
d Essential Fish Habitat Designation see 9a. Ecosystem Protection-Fishing Activities						

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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 will consider forming a working group or subcommittee- SAC took no action in FY 13				
d Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts- see 7c. Wildlife Disturbance							
d	Ocean Climate Initiative	1) Green Operations: Review of GFNMS annual emissions audit	Ensure GFNMS conducts and reports on annual emissions audit	GFNMS staff will present an emissions audit and progress on the Green Operations Plan annually to the SAC. Postponed until FY 14			
		2) OCOF Workshops	Advisory Council is informed on OCOF Workshop final outcomes	Demonstration of the management tool postponed until FY 14			
		3) Climate Change Indicators	Inform SAC on project; Form a working group to define monitoring goals, develop monitoring strategies based on the final monitoring indicators and for each monitoring strategy, determine implementation timelines, partners involved and funding requirements	Nov-12 SAC presentation by Benet Duncan- COMPLETE	WG Began April-13	Recommendations expected November- 13	Jaime Jahncke

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3. Resource Protection (Continued)						
	4) Ocean Acidification, HABS and Anoxia		OST OA work (Skyli MacAfee), WCR OA Action Plan. Presentation given May-13			
e Boundary Modifications- Northern Expansion (see also 12d Northern Management Area)	SAC workshop on Northern Expansion. Issues: Aquaculture, Alternative Energy, and Research	GFNMS Northern Boundary Expansion Scoping Comments	Updates at meetings			
f Ecosystem Restoration (Bolinas) see 8f. Introduced Species						
g Enforcement	Standing updates on enforcement issues	Advisory Council is informed on enforcement activities	Ongoing			
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	EFH, Deep Sea Coral Cruise, NOAA Habitat Blueprint, Sanctuary Nomination Process and Sanctuary Expansion emerged on FY 13 as important SAC issues			

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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		Meeting was held December 2012. Webinars in March-13 and July-13			
	3) Maintain Executive Committee	Develop meeting agendas and recommend new members to sanctuary superintendent	Meet four times per year by phone. Complete.			
	4) Alternating years Council Meetings with MB and CB		Joint workshop with CB was held Jan-13. Joint meeting with MB was held Aug- 13.			
	5) SAC member training and internal process clarification		Discussion on how SAC and indiv members may provide input into sanctuary topics- ??			
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	Individual feedback from expert SAC members; Presentation to SAC on final plan	Advice on implementation of plan	Presentation given Aug-13. Distribute final TBVMP FY14			
b Pescadero TMDL			SAC letter/comment and presentation (Feb 13). SAC took no action FY 13.			
c Pillar Point Harbor Study			SAC letter/comment and presentation (Feb 13). SAC took no action FY 13.			
d Plastics in food chain-	Update on state of knowledge of plastics in food chain- possible briefing or ID need for project	Understand influence of this on sanctuary resources	SAC took no action FY 13.			
e Marine Debris	Updates to SAC on Marine Debris monitoring	SAC stays informed on GFNMS activities	Presentation postponed until FY 14			
6. Impacts from Vessel Spills						
a Emergency Response	SAC will receive updates in FY 13 on progress of GFNMS towards SAC JWG recommendations	Enhanced emergency response plan for GF and CB. Letter in support of ERMA. Presentation.	Ongoing			
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	Presentation of programmatic EA postponed until FY 14; informational items on ESA listing as necessary. 3 year summary of GFNMS/PRBO research postponed until FY14			
b Seabird Protection Network	Annual update at joint GF/MB council meeting on program activities	Sac stays informed on GFNMS activities	Presentation on seabirds and human uses- SFSU graduate research on Nov-12			

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7. Wildlife Disturbance (Continued)						
c Vessel Strikes and Acoustic Impacts	SAC will receive updates in FY 13 on progress of GFNMS towards SAC JWG recommendations	Comprehensive approach to whale conservation in west coast sanctuaries	Presentations on Nov-12, Aug-13			
8. Introduced Species						
a Kent Island Restoration and Bolinas Lagoon	Updates to SAC onproject	May or Aug 13 update	Ongoing			
c Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan- see 5a. Water Quality						
d Sanctuary permits- see 3a. Resource Protection						
e Aquaculture		Revised aquaculture in invasive species language	Presentation given on May-13			
9. Ecosystem Protection- Fishing Activities						
a Essential Fish Habitat	Standing updates provided to members on reasons/data for proposals to PFMC. Meeting with fishermen.	Advisory council is informed on PFMC process in relation to GFNMS	Presentations given May-13, Aug-13			
b Marine Life Protection Act	Standing updates provided to members on MLPA implementation	Advisory Council is informed on MLPA activities	SAC will receive informational briefing on MPA Monitoring Enterprise from CA OPC and FMSA in Oct-13	No working group established.		

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						
b SAC Challenge 2012- see 1b. 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.	Contest will be held between Nov 12-March- 13	No working group established.		
b Annual 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	Joint meeting with MB held Aug-13. Presentation on activities in the NMA			
c Boundary Modifications (SF-Pacifica Exclusion Area)	SAC will receive updates and have opportunity to provide feedback to Superintendent as preparation of DRAFT EIS continues	Potential expansion of sanctuary boundaries to include the San Francisco-Pacifica Exclusion Area	GF SAC has voted three times for the GFNMS to move forward with this proposed action. Bren final project conclusions presented May-13	No working group established.		