

# Sanctuary Advisory Council

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July 8, 2019

Resolution of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Supporting the GFNMS Rapid Management Plan Review Process

At its February 27, 2019 meeting in Bodega Bay, CA, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council heard a presentation from Superintendent Maria Brown on the sanctuary's Rapid Management Plan Review process, the difference between a "rapid" and "comprehensive" management plan reviews, and a summary of implementation of management plan activities. Following the presentation, the Council voted to send a letter to Office of National Marine Sanctuary (ONMS) leadership expressing its support for and recognizing the effectiveness of the "Rapid Review" of the Management Plan.

The letter, signed by GFNMS Advisory Council Chair, Dominique Richard, was sent to ONMS Director John Armor on July 8, 2019.

Attachment

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Mr. John Armor

Director

NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

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Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Armor,

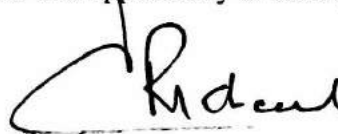
As you know, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (GFSAC) provides ongoing guidance and multidisciplinary technical support to our Sanctuary Superintendent on matters related to site planning and resource management.

Our GFSAC is writing at this time to express support for the effective "Rapid Management Plan Review" recently undertaken for our site by Superintendent Maria Brown. The essential foundation of the underlying Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan (Plan) provides an invaluable mechanism for long-term navigation of overarching principles with which to deal with the myriad of issues that present themselves to our site over time. This particular application of the Rapid Review approach has accomplished the desired interim goals while avoiding the time-consuming process of a comprehensive re-evaluation of the Sanctuary Management Plan itself. Periodically, the traditional process of a full Plan review and update will likely still be necessary in the future as various circumstances change in the longer term, but for less-demanding periodic updates of the Plan, the Rapid Review protocol provides an effective tool.

For these reasons, we support the "Rapid Management Plan Review" completed in 2019.

Thank you for this opportunity to convey our views.

Sincerely,



Dominique Richard, Chair, Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council

cc:

Maria Brown, Superintendent, GFNMS

William Durous, West Coast Regional Director, ONMS

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