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Enforcement Cases Updates

1. Bonanza Plane Crash in HMB

Date of Incident: 8/21/2019

Status as of April 2020: NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) case under investigation

2. F/V Marian in Tomales Bay

Date of Incident: Ongoing since 5/16/19

Status as of April 2020: OLE case under investigation

3. SUV Crash into Whale Cove (HMB)

Date of incident: 12/30/19

Status as of April 2020: Case closed

4. F/V Mandy Jane

Date of Incident: 12/18/19

Status as of April 2020: OLE case under investigation



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Enforcement Case Updates, cont'd

5. F/V Miss Haley

Date of Incident: 11/13/2020

Status as of April 2020: OLE case under investigation

6. F/V Blind Faith

Date of Incident: 5/10/2020

Status as of April 2020: OLE case under investigation

7. Wetland Vandalized

Date of Incident: 5/13/2020

Status as of May 19, 2020: Referring case to OLE

8. S/V Freedom

Date of Incident: 5/19/2020

Status as of May 19, 2020: Referring case to OLE



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Permit Type	Organization	Project	Effect. Date
Research	Bodega Marine Laboratory	Larval fish foraging in a mosaic of nearshore productivity hotspots and consequences for survival (offshore, Sonoma Co.)	Apr 2020 – Sep 2020
Education	Surfrider Foundation, Sonoma Coast Chapter	Temporary Course Marker Buoys at One-Day Paddle Race and Education Event (Doran Beach, Sonoma Co.)	Oct 3-4, 2020
Letter of Authorization (LOA) under Super's Permit	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Coast Guard	Southeast Farallon Island Mooring Installations; East Landing and Fisherman's Bay (North Landing)	Feb 2020 – Dec 2020
Under Review			
TBD	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	Coastal Data Information Program - Sonoma Buoy (offshore of Jenner, Sonoma Co.)	TBD
TBD	Moss Landing Marine Labs	EPA National Coastal Condition Assessment (NCCA) – 2020 (In Tomales Bay, Marin Co.)	TBD
Research	Bodega Marine Lab	Tomales Bay Water Quality Buoy (in Tomales Bay, near Chicken Ranch Beach, Marin Co.)	TBD
Research	Bodega Marine Reserve	Programmatic Research Permit for Bodega Marine Reserve (offshore, various locations along Sonoma Co.)	TBD

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MULTI- PERMITS ISSUED BY OTHER ONMS SITES FOR WORK WITHIN GFNMS MANAGEMENT AREA (all reviewed by GFNMS permit coordinator prior to issuance)

Research	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Aerial surveys for sea otters in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Within NOAA Regulated Overflight Zones throughout MBNMS)	May 2020 - Jul 2022
Research	U.S. Geological Survey	Assessing sediment dynamic changes from human activities & storm impacts to the shoreline/sea cliffs of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	Jul 2020 – Jul 2023
Education/ Special Use Permit	Wild Space Productions	Netflix series on National Parks (Within MBNMS, at various NOAA Regulated Overflight Zones)	Feb 2020 - Feb 2021

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COVID-19 Impacts: Operations

- All staff are teleworking until further notice.
- The facilities and Visitor Center are closed to the public.
- All site-based operations have been put on hold.



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COVID-19 Impacts: Ecosystem Protection

- Tomales Bay mooring surveys prior to the June inspections have been cancelled.
- The Seabird Protection Network's major outreach events for both pilots and boaters have been cancelled. The team is pivoting to online events and presentations.
- The Kent Island volunteer invasive species removal program is on hold until at least September. The Green Crab removal program in Seadrift Lagoon is being modified to a 2-person operation and may be able to occur over the summer.



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COVID-19 Impacts: Conservation Science

- All Beach Watch surveys are cancelled. Waiting for approval for staff surveys. Beach Watch staff have increased virtual training and enrichment information.
- Working on COVID-19 alternative scenario planning, PPE procurement, and impact reports to HQ and funders.
- May ACCESS cruise is cancelled. Status of future cruises unknown.



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COVID-19 Impacts: Education

- All school and public in person programs have been cancelled.
- Due to program cancellations, about 30-40% of GFA education budget was impacted from loss of program fees.
- School and public programs, plus volunteer and docent programs, have been moved to an online format.

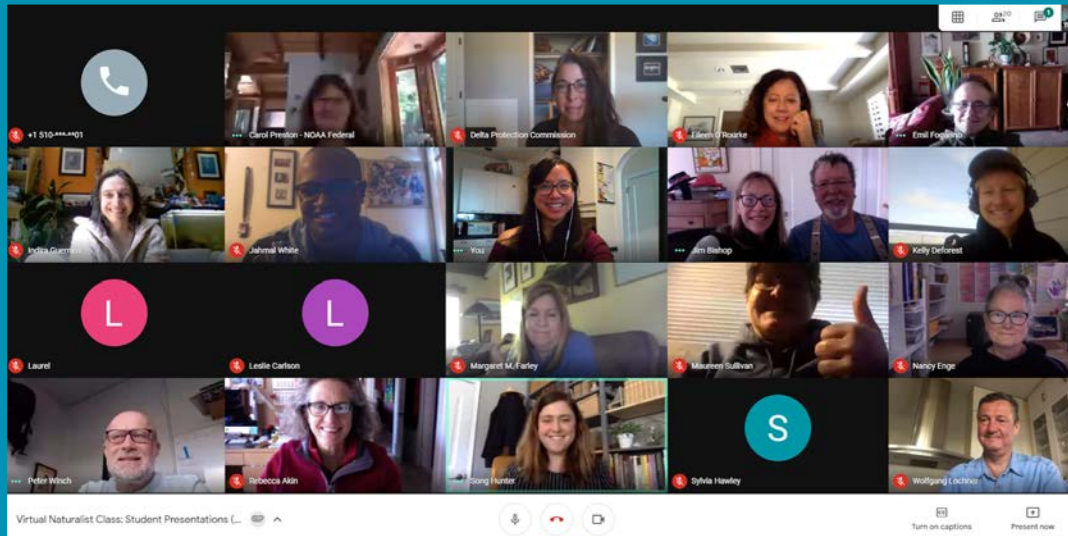


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New Online Educational Programs

- Graduated 23 new sanctuary naturalist volunteers
- Hosting virtual Visitor Center field trips.
- Developing virtual family programs.



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Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Highlights

- Chumash Heritage NMS nomination five-year review. Public comment period closes June 15.
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Flower Garden Banks expansion. Public comment period closes July 3.
- Capitol Hill Ocean Week 2020 virtual conference Tuesday, June 9 (capitolhilloceanweek.org).

