

# CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

## Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, September 18th, 2020

9:00 am - 12:15 pm

Online Webinar Session

### FINAL Key Meeting Outcomes

*These notes were approved by vote of the advisory council on November 20, 2020. This online public advisory council meeting was not video or audio recorded. To request a copy of any of the presentation slides shown, contact [claire.nasr@noaa.gov](mailto:claire.nasr@noaa.gov).*

#### **Administrative Business and Announcements**

California Sea Grant Fellow Claire Nasr oriented attendees and advisory council members with introductions regarding sign-in and audio/video set-up, with help from staff member Lizzie Duncan and Senior Policy Analyst Katie Denman. Nasr then went over the protocol for how to participate appropriately. Sanctuary deputy superintendent Mike Murray conducted a roll call resulting in the presence of 36 council members representing 20 voting seats (see Appendix 1). In addition, 25 non-member public attendees participated in the Webinar. In total, 74 individuals registered for the virtual meeting, and 61 individuals attended the webinar.

#### ***Member appointments***

Council Chair Phyllis Grifman announced 11 recent member appointments to the advisory council. This included: Giles Pettifor, Paul Amaral, Dr. Kim Selkoe, Tim Athens, Samantha Macks Franz, Ben Pitterle, Dr. Tony Knight, Dr. Stuart Kasdin, Douglas Williams, Phyllis Grifman, and Dr. Robert (Bob) Miller. Murray also recognized and thanked outgoing council member Richard Block for his many years of service on the council.

#### ***Council Member Brief Announcements***

Council members shared a variety of announcements about recent events from their respective agencies and groups.

#### ***July 18th, 2020 Draft Key Outcomes***

By unanimous voice vote led by Chair Phyllis Grifman, the council approved the draft key outcomes from the July 18th, 2020 advisory council meeting. A copy of this document is available upon request to [claire.nasr@noaa.gov](mailto:claire.nasr@noaa.gov).

#### ***Sanctuary Superintendent's Report***

Sanctuary superintendent Chris Mobley began by addressing the impacts of COVID-19, explaining how it is continuing to affect activities at the sanctuary including mandatory telework and a lack of field work and dive operations. Mobley acknowledged NOAA

Office of Law Enforcement representatives from the West Coast Region in attendance, Andrew Torres and Kimberly Bell, who introduced themselves. Mobley also provided a brief announcement that students from CSU Channel Islands enrolled in a Land Use Management course led by former council member Russell Galipeau, as well as graduate students from a UC Santa Barbara Bren School course in Ocean and Coastal Policy, may be contacting council members to better understand policy issues and gain insight on management. Mobley acknowledged the one-year anniversary of the dive vessel *Conception* tragedy, and shared information on the newly placed ‘memorial stone’ at Platt’s Harbor, Santa Cruz Island. Mobley’s presentation also included highlights from a successful marine debris clean up at Yellowbanks on Santa Cruz Island, and staff efforts on sound monitoring and other acoustic deployments occurring within the sanctuary. Following Mobley’s remarks, a brief staff update was provided by Chris Caldow and Dr. Jennifer Selgrath about new work starting up focused on better understanding human use within the sanctuary. In addition, a brief announcement was made by guest Morgan Visalli regarding the UCSB Benioff Ocean Initiative’s new “Whale Safe” web portal. Claire Nasr closed out this portion of the meeting by sharing highlights from a recent member questionnaire pertaining to online advisory council meeting productivity and participation.

### **Vandenberg Air Force Base Spacelift Mission**

Walter Schobel, the Chief of Airspace and Offshore Management Section at Vandenberg Air Force Base, and a Sanctuary Advisory Council Member, provided an overview of the Spacelift Mission at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The briefing was designed to provide the council with an overview of Vandenberg Air Force Base operations. Schobel presented information pertaining to Western Range operations, host base services, missions and launches. His presentation concluded with future Spacelift projects, and taking questions from the audience. For a copy of the presentation slides, contact [claire.nasr@noaa.gov](mailto:claire.nasr@noaa.gov).

### **Public Comment Period**

Russell Galipeau described a project for the Land Use Management course he is teaching at CSU Channel Islands, inviting council members to participate in upcoming interviews that will be requested by students.

### **CINMS Management Plan Update Process**

Mike Murray presented information about the current status of the management plan revision process, showing and explaining a process roadmap. Special care was given in providing slightly more background information due to the high number of ‘first time’ attending members. Murray provided an overview of priority topics for which staff will develop issue-based action plans: Climate Change, Vessel Traffic, Introduced Species, Marine Debris and Marine Zoning. Murray also explained that the next management plan will also contain programmatic action plans for key sanctuary functions: Education & Outreach, Research & Monitoring, Resource Protection, Maritime Heritage, and Operations & Administration. Murray concluded by reminding the council that there will likely be special topic webinars in the near future focused on select high

priority issues and outlined the next steps in the revision process. Finally, council members were invited to provide feedback and ask questions, including after the meeting. Presentation slides are available upon request to [michael.murray@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.murray@noaa.gov).

### **Meeting Close Out**

Council Chair Phyllis Grifman thanked everyone for attending, and by unanimous voice vote the advisory council adopted the following 2021 public meeting schedule:

- Friday, November 20, 2020 (online, or Ventura County)
- Friday, January 22, 2021 (online, or Santa Barbara)
- Friday, March 19, 2021 (online, or Ventura County)
- Friday, May 21, 2021 (online, or Santa Barbara)
- Friday, July 16, 2021 (online, or Ventura County)
- Friday, September 17, 2021 (online, or Santa Barbara)
- Friday, November 19, 2021 (online, or Ventura County)

**APPENDIX 1: Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting Attendance Roster for September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Advisory Council Seat</b>  | <b>Attendance</b> |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Michael Cohen                | Tourism member  | Yes               |
| Morgan Coffey                | Tourism alternate   | Yes               |
| Ben Pitterle                 | Non-Consumptive Recreation member                                   | Yes               |
| Anthony (Tony) Knight, Ph.D. | Non-Consumptive Recreation alternate                                | Yes               |
| Giles Pettifor               | Business member   | Yes               |
| Paul Amaral                  | Business alternate  | Yes               |
| Kristen Hislop               | Conservation member   | Yes               |
| Samantha Macks Franz         | Conservation alternate  | Yes               |
| Kim Selkoe, Ph.D.            | Commercial Fishing member   | Yes               |
| Timothy Athens               | Commercial Fishing alternate  | Yes               |
| Capt. David Bacon            | Recreational Fishing member   | Yes               |
| Merit McCrea                 | Recreational Fishing alternate                                      | Yes               |
| Cliff Rodrigues              | Education member  | Yes               |
| Andrea Mills                 | Education alternate   | No                |
| Phyllis Grifman              | Research member   | Yes               |
| Robert Miller, Ph.D.         | Research alternate  | Yes               |
| Douglas Williams, Ph.D.      | Public-At-Large member  | Yes               |
| Mary Byrd                    | Public At-Large alternate   | Yes               |
| Stuart Kasdin, Ph.D.         | Public-At-Large member  | Yes               |
| Amanda Allen                 | Public At-Large alternate   | Yes               |
| Eva Pagaling                 | Chumash Community member  | Yes               |
| Tano Cabugos                 | Chumash Community alternate   | Yes               |
| Daniel Studt                 | National Marine Fisheries Service member                            | Yes               |
| <vacant>                     | National Marine Fisheries Service alternate                         | --                |
| Ken Convery                  | National Park Service member  | No                |
| <vacant>                     | National Park Service alternate                                     | --                |
| CDR Justin Noggle            | U.S. Coast Guard member   | Yes               |
| LDCR Lee Crusius             | U.S. Coast Guard alternate  | No                |
| Donna Schroeder              | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management member                            | Yes               |
| Jeremy Potter                | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management alternate                         | No                |
| Walter Schobel               | Dept. of Defense member   | Yes               |
| Greg Sanders                 | Dept. of Defense alternate  | Yes               |
| Carlos Mireles               | California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife member                          | Yes               |
| John Ugoretz                 | California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife alternate                       | No                |
| Jenn Eckerle                 | California Natural Resources Agency member                          | No                |
| Paige Berube                 | California Natural Resources Agency alternate                       | Yes               |
| Cassidy Teufel               | California Coastal Commission member                                | Yes               |
| Jacqueline Phelps            | California Coastal Commission alternate                             | Yes               |
| Erin Briggs                  | County of Santa Barbara member                                      | No                |
| David Villalobos             | County of Santa Barbara alternate                                   | Yes               |
| Danielle Tarr                | County of Ventura member  | No                |
| Mark Sandoval                | County of Ventura alternate   | Yes               |
| <vacant>                     | Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary member (non-voting)          | --                |
| Karen Grimmer                | Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary alternate (non-voting)       | No                |
| Maria Brown                  | Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary member (non-voting)    | No                |
| Brian Johnson                | Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary alternate (non-voting) | No                |

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| Chris Mobley        | Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary member (non-voting)    | Yes |
| Mike Murray (staff) | Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary alternate (non-voting) | Yes |