

**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL – EMERGENCY MEETING #2**

**Final Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2017  
MBNMS Large Conference Room  
Monterey, CA**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

Agriculture: absent  
AMBAG: absent  
At Large: Gary Hoffmann  
At Large: Dan Haifley  
At Large: PJ Webb  
Business & Industry: absent  
CA Coastal Commission: absent  
CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife: absent  
CA EPA: absent  
CA Resources Agency: Cyndi Dawson

CA State Parks: absent  
Conservation: Katherine O’Dea  
Diving: Brian Nelson  
Education: absent  
Commercial Fishing: Kathy Fosmark  
Harbors: Steve Scheiblaue  
Recreation: Gary Pezzi  
Recreational Fishing: Rich Hughett  
Research: Steve Haddock  
Tourism: absent

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Channel Islands NMS: absent  
College: Clifton Herrmann  
Cordell Banks NMS: absent  
Elkhorn Slough NERR: absent  
Greater Farallones NMS: absent  
Monterey Bay NMS: Dawn Hayes  
National Marine Fisheries Service: absent  
U.S. Coast Guard: absent

Alternates present in audience:  
Christina McGinnis – At Large  
Keith Rootsart – Diving  
Bart Selby – Recreation

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was delayed by 30 minutes waiting for a quorum. At 1:30pm some discussion occurred prior to the addition of one more AC member, creating a quorum. Chair PJ Webb called the meeting to order and took roll. Eleven voting members were present.

**II. ACTION ITEM: A letter of public comment to Regulations.gov on the President’s Executive Order on National Marine Sanctuaries**

The council immediately started discussion as the letter was introduced at the prior emergency meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Advisory Council Member Comments:

Gary Hoffmann – in support of the letter with minor edits.  
Dan Haifley – in support of the letter with minor edits.

PJ Webb – in support of the letter with minor edits submitted by John Hunt.

Kathy Fosmark – in support of the letter.

Brian Nelson – in support of the letter with minor edits.

Bart Selby – in support of the letter.

Katherine O’Dea - in support of the letter with minor edits.

Rich Hughett - in support of the letter.

Steve Haddock – in support of the letter.

Cyndi Dawson – in support of the letter.

Steve Scheiblaue – in support of the letter.

Christina McGinnis – in support of the letter with some suggestions.

Keith Rootsart – in support of the letter with some suggestions.

PJ read comments from John Hunt, who couldn’t be at the meeting. He opposed edits that might lesson sanctuary protections.

The letter was amended to change:

Gulf of the Farallones was amended to Greater Farallones in second to last paragraph

Gary Hoffmann: in the second to last paragraph, add in expansion of Davidson Seamount “to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary”. Also suggested adding we “strongly” support and “vehemently” oppose.

Kathy Fosmark: questions the socioeconomic value of Davidson. Discussion followed supporting keeping it as is.

There was discussion about replacing the term Davidson Seamount “expansion” to “inclusion into MBNMS”, which was accepted.

Christina McGinnis: suggested including the role of the SAC in the letter.

PJ Webb: Since this is the Dept. of Commerce, there is knowledge of the councils

Brian Nelson: wanted to clarify wind energy from oil/gas/mineral by adding in “extractive” energy exploration.

Bart Selby echoed this.

Kathy Fosmark was opposed to all energy exploration – including wind and wave, as the benthos will be disturbed and there would be a buffer around these further limiting fishing.

PJ Webb suggested the change: “We oppose extractive energy exploration, minerals mining or benthic habitat disturbance....”

Changes were made to clarify the area to Davidson Seamount (not entire MBNMS).

A motion was made to approve the letter.

**MOTION: Dan Haifley, Gary Hoffmann seconded.**

(Vote: 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention)

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.