

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Model Oath

I *[speak name]* as a duly appointed member (or alternate) of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council established under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act hereby promise to assist in achieving the sanctuary program mission to conserve, protect and enhance the biodiversity, ecological integrity, and cultural legacy of this special place.

I promise to assist the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to enhance public awareness, understanding and wise use of the marine environment.

I recognize my responsibility to serve as a knowledgeable trustee of the sanctuary's resources and will always be protective of the public interest in those resources. I commit myself to uphold the provisions and standards set forth in the council charter, and shall conduct myself accordingly.

Therefore, I promise to serve as a faithful and responsible representative of my constituents and the Sanctuary Advisory Council, being careful to balance competing interests towards the comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.