UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a representative on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (advisory council). Enclosed, please find an application form, the Advisory Council Charter and Protocols, and general information about the Sanctuary.

The Advisory Council was established by the Secretary of Commerce to:

- help strengthen and provide support for the growth of the Sanctuary;
- assist in the protection of sanctuary resources by helping identify needed research to rebuild or protect sanctuary resources; and
- assist in building community support through problem solving, consensus building, new constituency development, increasing opportunities for revenue enhancement and increasing understanding about the Sanctuary.

Since its establishment in March 1994, the Advisory Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary along the central California Coast.

The advisory council's twenty voting members represent a variety of local user groups, the general public, and eight local, state and federal governmental jurisdictions. In addition, the respective managers for the California National Marine Sanctuaries (Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary), the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the United States Coast Guard sit as non-voting members. Members are appointed competitively by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Candidates selected for these seats should expect to serve until February 2014. The Research alternate and Agriculture alternate should expect to serve until February 2013 because the seats were vacated prematurely.

Advisory council representatives are expected to attend full advisory council meetings held every other month in full-day open sessions located at various locations along the Sanctuary's 276-mile shoreline. Individual members may also participate in working groups, subcommittees, or special taskforces.

The White House has requested that Executive Branch Agencies adopt additional vetting responsibilities for boards, commissions, advisory committees, and related entities. Specifically, if an individual candidate has been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before their appointment date, they may not be a member of a board, commission, or advisory committee.

Your completed application, addressing all of the eight elements in the application guidelines, **must be received at our office no later than Friday, April 29, 2011.** Please send or fax application to:

Nicole Capps, Advisory Council Coordinator, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 299 Foam Street, Monterey, CA 93940
Fax: 831-647-4250

Thank you for your interest in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Capps at (831) 647-4206.

Sincerely,

Paul Michel
Superintendent

Enclosures