



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE  
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
99 Pacific Street, Bldg 455a  
Monterey, CA 93940

May 1, 2017

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a representative on Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's 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 California National Marine Sanctuaries (Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary), National Marine Fisheries Service, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and 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 August 31, 2020.

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 Wednesday, May 31, 2017**. If you feel letters of support would be beneficial, please include with your application. Please e-mail, mail or fax to:

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

Sincerely,

Paul Michel  
Superintendent

