



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE  
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary  
113 Harbor Way, Suite 150  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a representative on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. We are currently recruiting representatives for the following positions: Non-consumptive Recreation and Business member positions. Please see the attached document that describes the qualifications for each seat.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council was established to provide advice on:

- Protecting natural and cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emerging issues;
- Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives;
- Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment;
- Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary System.

The Council has played a vital role in decisions affecting the Sanctuary by providing advice on marine reserves (no-take zones) around the Channel Islands, the development of a new Sanctuary management plan, protection of large cetaceans in the Santa Barbara Channel, and ocean acidification.

The Council's twenty-one members and twenty-one alternates represent a variety of local user groups, the general public, and ten local, state and Federal governmental jurisdictions. In addition, the respective superintendents for three of the four California National Marine Sanctuaries (Channel Islands, Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay) participate as non-voting members. Members are appointed competitively by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and serve voluntary two-year terms.

Council representatives are expected to attend advisory council meetings held every other month in full-day public sessions located at various locations in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Generally, the meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. The schedule for meeting remaining in 2013 is below.

- Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Ventura
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Santa Barbara
- Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Ventura
- Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Santa Barbara
- Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Ventura

Individual members may also participate in Working Groups, Subcommittees, or special task forces. For more information about requirements and expectations, please refer to the enclosed information.

Your completed application form, addressing all eight of the questions, **must be received at our office no later than March 1, 2013**. Please e-mail your application to: [Danielle.Lipski@noaa.gov](mailto:Danielle.Lipski@noaa.gov).

Appointments will be announced in late April 2013. The intended first meeting for new members and alternates is May 17th 2013 in Ventura. Thank you for your interest in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 884-1464.

Sincerely,

Michael Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs

