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NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary seeks advisory council applicants

NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for one public at-large alternate seat on its advisory council. The council ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

"The members of our advisory council represent an extremely important voice in our community," said Chris Mobley, sanctuary superintendent. "Their input, experience and expertise assist the sanctuary in making informed decisions on how to best manage the conservation and use of marine resources surrounding the Channel Islands."

Public at-large representatives are selected based on geographic diversity, breadth of experience and knowledge regarding marine issues, policies and practices. An applicant who is chosen as a public at-large alternate should expect to serve a two-year term.

The advisory council consists of 21 voting representatives and 21 alternates, representing the general public, a variety of public interest groups and county, state and federal agencies.

Applications are due September 30. Application kits can be downloaded from the sanctuary's website at http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/council_news.html. For further information, please contact Michael Murray via email at michael.murray@noaa.gov; by phone at 805-893-6418; or by mail at NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Ocean Science Education Building 514, MC 6155, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, 93106.

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1980 to protect marine resources surrounding San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa and Santa Barbara islands. The sanctuary spans approximately 1,470 square miles, extending from island shorelines to six miles offshore, and encompasses a rich diversity of marine life, habitats and historical and cultural resources.

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