

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

2015 Sanctuary Advisory Council Recruitment Member Expectations and Requirements

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries regards the involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic as vitally important to successfully conserve sanctuary resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the operation of a Sanctuary Advisory Council. Advisory council members serve as ambassadors between the sanctuary staff and the various communities and users adjacent to its boundary. They actively engage their constituencies and work with sanctuary staff to resolve issues and concerns. As such, we are looking for highly motivated people who are able and willing to volunteer their time to help us reach out and work constructively with the diverse interests, users and communities that have a stake in the resources of Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

General Commitment/Expectations:

- 1) Sanctuary Advisory Council members serve two-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and are not paid.
- 2) Both members and alternates are expected to attend regularly scheduled advisory council meetings. Meetings are typically scheduled every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), and usually last approximately 6 hours during the day on Fridays (9:00 am to 3:00 pm is a common schedule). Occasional evening sessions and additional meetings may also be scheduled. Meetings are held in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Meeting dates remaining in 2015 are scheduled for:
 - Friday, July 17, Oxnard
 - Friday, September 18, Santa Barbara
 - Friday, November 20, Ventura
- 3) Sanctuary Advisory Council representatives are expected to actively reach out and communicate to the various constituencies associated with their seat. This includes communicating sanctuary issues and policies to constituents and bringing issues, questions and concerns to the attention of the advisory council and sanctuary staff.
- 4) Representatives may attend and participate in council Working Group and Subcommittee meetings, as necessary, to gain additional knowledge and discuss specific issues important to their constituencies.

Specific Requirements for Open Seats:

Non-Consumptive Recreation (member and alternate):

- Familiarity and affiliation with the non-consumptive marine recreation industry, groups, and activities in communities near the sanctuary;
- Understanding of the links between non-consumptive marine recreation, sanctuary resources, and human activities; and
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively with key representatives from the non-consumptive marine recreation community in the sanctuary region.

Alternates are encouraged to attend all SAC meetings, and participate in discussions. However, alternates only have voting privileges when the primary representative cannot attend a meeting.