

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Extension of Application Period for Seats for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of extension for application period and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The ONMS is extending the deadline and seeking applications for the following vacant seats on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Commercial Fishing. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen should expect to serve until February 2016.

**DATES:** Applications are due by May 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from 99 Pacific Street, Bldg. 455A, Monterey, CA 93940 or online at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/>. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline Sommers, 99 Pacific Street, Bldg. 455A, Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 647-4247, [Jacqueline.Sommers@noaa.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.Sommers@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MBNMS Advisory Council is a community-based group that was established in March 1994 to assure continued public participation in the management of the Sanctuary. Since its establishment, the Advisory Council has played a vital role in decisions affecting the Sanctuary along the central California coast.

The Advisory Council's twenty voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public, plus seven local, state and federal governmental jurisdictions. In addition, the respective managers or superintendents for the four 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) and the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve sit as non-voting members.

Four working groups support the Advisory Council: The Research Activity Panel ("RAP") chaired by the Research Representative, the Sanctuary Education Panel ("SEP") chaired by the Education Representative, the Conservation Working Group ("CWG") chaired by the Conservation Representative, and the Business and Tourism Activity Panel ("BTAP") co-chaired by the Business/Industry Representative and Tourism Representative, each dealing with matters concerning research, education, conservation and human use. The working groups are composed of experts from the appropriate fields of interest and meet monthly, or bi-monthly, serving as invaluable advisors to the Advisory Council and the Sanctuary Superintendent.

The Advisory Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and federal management agencies, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the central California coastal and marine ecosystems.

The Advisory Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent and is instrumental in helping develop policies, program goals, and identify education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection, and revenue enhancement priorities. The Advisory Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program within the context of California's marine programs and policies.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, et seq. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Notice of Availability for Public Comment on the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee; Committee Proposed Draft "IOOS Vision"**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Program in NOAA publishes this notice on behalf of the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee (the Committee) to announce a 30-day public comment period for the draft "IOOS Vision" statement. The Committee and U.S. IOOS stakeholders will use the "IOOS Vision" to provide clear, consistent messaging on U.S. IOOS to public sectors on the mission and value of U.S. IOOS.

**DATES:** Written, faxed or emailed comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. eastern daylight time on May 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft "IOOS Vision" and additional background material on the Committee is available for review from the U.S. IOOS Web site URL:

<http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/advisorycommittee>. For the public unable to access the Internet, printed copies can be requested by contacting the U.S. IOOS Program Office at the address below. The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically to [ioos.advisorycommittee@noaa.gov](mailto:ioos.advisorycommittee@noaa.gov). If you are unable to access the Internet, comments may be submitted via fax or regular mail. Faxed comments should be sent to 301-427-2073 with Attn: IOOS Advisory Committee. Comments may be submitted in writing to the U.S. IOOS Program Office Attention: IOOS Advisory Committee, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1225, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about this notice, please contact the Jessica Snowden, Alternate DFO for the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, telephone: 301-427-2453; Email: [Jessica.snowden@noaa.gov](mailto:Jessica.snowden@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On 30 March 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (ICOOS) Act of 2009 (the Act). Among the