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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 community seat positions: **Tourism** (member and alternate), and **Education** (member and alternate). Please see enclosed listing of basic member requirements for these council positions (pages 3-4, below).

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 advising on issues and decisions affecting the Sanctuary. The council has become knowledgeable about and raised their voice on a variety of important issues, including but not limited to: the establishment and management of marine reserves (no-take zones) around the Channel Islands; the development of a new Sanctuary management plan; protection of endangered whales in the Santa Barbara Channel; ocean acidification; and marine shipping.

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. Council representatives are appointed competitively by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and serve voluntary two-year terms. Alternates play an important role on the council, and are urged to attend and participate at every meeting.

Council representatives are expected to attend advisory council meetings held every other month in full-day public sessions (usually 9:00 am to 3:00 pm) located at various locations in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Generally, the meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month. The schedule for remaining meetings in 2016 is below:

- Friday, September 16, Santa Barbara
- Friday, November 18, Ventura

Individual members may also participate in Working Groups, Subcommittees, or special task forces.

Your completed application form, addressing all of the short answer/essay questions, **must be received at our office no later than August 31, 2016.**



Completed applications can be submitted as follows:

By email to: jessica.morten@noaa.gov

By fax to: 805-893-6438 (ATTN: Jessica Morten)

By mail to:

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Appointments are expected to be announced in November 2016. The intended first meeting for new members and alternates will be November 18 in Ventura.

Thank you for your interest in Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Jess Morten at (805) 893-6433.

Sincerely,

Michael Murray
Deputy Superintendent for Programs

Enclosure: **2016 Sanctuary Advisory Council Recruitment: Member Expectations and Requirements**

ENCLOSURE*August 2016***CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY****2016 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 2016 are scheduled for:
 - Friday, September 16, Santa Barbara
 - Friday, November 18, 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 Currently Open Seats:

Tourism (member and alternate):

- Familiarity and affiliation with the coastal and marine tourism industry in communities near the Sanctuary
- Understanding of the links between tourism, Sanctuary resources and human activities
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the coastal and marine tourism industry.

Education (member and alternate):

- Affiliation with educational institutions or organizations in the Sanctuary region;
- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple educational institutions and educators;
- Direct experience with marine education programs;
- Experience, ability and availability to conduct educational outreach consistent with the goals of the Sanctuary and the SAC; and
- Commitment and availability of time to chair a SAC Education Working Group.