

# CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

## Sanctuary Advisory Council 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 the successful conservation of sanctuary resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the operation of a sanctuary advisory council. Advisory council members serve as liaisons between sanctuary staff and various communities and users connected to the sanctuary environment. 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 on the third Friday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), and usually last approximately 6 hours (9:00 am to 3:00 pm is a common schedule). Additional meetings may also be scheduled. Meetings are held in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Meeting dates are posted online at: [https://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting\\_announcements.html](https://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting_announcements.html)
- 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) Council members 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.

### Seat-Specific Expectations of Council Members:

#### **Business Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- Familiarity and affiliation with the local businesses in communities near to the sanctuary;
- Understanding of the links between local businesses, sanctuary resources, and human activities; and
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from ocean-dependent and ocean-associated businesses.

**Non-Consumptive Recreation Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- 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.

**Commercial Fishing Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- Knowledge of and/or experience with commercial fishing within the sanctuary region;
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various commercial fishing activities, organizations and businesses in the sanctuary region;
- Knowledge of laws, policies, and practices affecting commercial fishing within the sanctuary;
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from local commercial fishing communities; and
- Commitment and availability of time to serve as Chair of the Advisory Council's Commercial Fishing Working Group.

**Research Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- Affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in the sanctuary region;
- Ability and willingness to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and scientists;
- Direct experience with marine research programs;
- Experience, ability and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the research goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the SAC; and
- Commitment and availability of time to assist with development and operation of a Research Working Group.

**Conservation Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- Familiarity with marine conservation issues and management approaches affecting the sanctuary;
- Experience working with or representing conservation or environmental organizations, especially those involved with marine conservation;
- Ability to communicate effectively with the broader conservation community in the sanctuary region; and
- Commitment and availability of time to Chair and assure the continued operation of the SAC's Conservation Working Group.

**Tourism Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- 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 Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- 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.

**Public At-Large (Two Seats)** (member and alternate positions):

- Familiarity with communities close to the sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding marine management and resource protection issues in the sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities in the sanctuary; and
- Freedom to express views and cast votes independent of the expectations held by an employer, constituency or other organization to which the member is affiliated.

**Recreational Fishing Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- Knowledge of and/or experience with recreational and sport fishing within the Sanctuary region;
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various recreational and sport fishing activities, organizations and businesses in the Sanctuary region;
- Knowledge of laws, policies and practices affecting recreational and sport fishing within the Sanctuary;
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from recreational and sport fishing communities.

**Chumash Community Seat** (member and alternate positions):

- Affiliation with Chumash community members, groups and organizations in the Sanctuary region;
- Experience, ability and availability to conduct outreach with multiple individuals and groups within the Chumash community consistent with the goals of the Sanctuary and the mission of the SAC;
- Knowledge and understanding of Chumash cultural heritage, especially as relates to the Channel Islands and surrounding waters;
- Commitment and availability of time to assist with the development and operation of a SAC Chumash working group;
- Knowledge and/or interest in marine resource management, public use and resource protection issues in the Sanctuary.

*Alternates are highly encouraged to attend **all** advisory council meetings and participate in discussions. Attending alternates also have voting privileges when the primary representative cannot attend a meeting.*