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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2023

TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives

FROM: Mike Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs *Mike Murray*

RE: **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, January 20, 2023**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet on Friday, **January 20th**, 2023 from **9:00 am to 12:45 pm**. Additionally an optional group lunch will follow. We are very excited to welcome you to an **IN-PERSON** advisory council meeting located at the beautiful Santa Barbara Zoo (Discovery Pavilion, 500 Ninos Drive, Santa Barbara). For those that can't be there in person, we will also offer a **remote participation option** (details below). Please join us! A draft meeting agenda and meeting materials will be sent as email attachments and web links, and will be posted a few days prior to the meeting at http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting_announcements.html.

At this meeting, you can expect highlights to include:

- Recognition of outgoing and incoming Council members
- Council member announcements
 - *Written Council member announcements are encouraged to be submitted via [this fillable Google Doc](#) by 12pm on Thursday, January 19. If you are unable to view and/or edit the document, or if you need more time, please email samantha.cook@noaa.gov.*
- The sanctuary superintendent's report, to end with a brief celebration of [recently adopted protections for endangered whales](#) during which cake will be provided
- An overview of **recent and ongoing projects, activities, and future priorities for the CINMS Education and Outreach Program** by [Julie Bursek](#) (Education and Outreach Team Lead) and [Shauna Fry](#) (Outreach Coordinator), including community engagement and events, citizen science, signs and exhibits, education cruises, media, and blue economy
- Goals of a new [National Science Foundation Accelerator Program](#)-funded project to support **development of ocean-safe bioplastics for use in the marine environment** by [Nereid Biomaterials](#) team members [Ryan Freedman, Ph.D.](#) (Research Ecologist, NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary) and [Alyson Santoro, Ph.D.](#) (Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara)
- A reflection on the Advisory Council's accomplishments in 2022 and outlook for 2023

COVID Safety. Sanctuary staff are closely monitoring the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level for Santa Barbara County, which as of January 12th was LOW; if it changes to HIGH by the week of the council meeting, we may switch to an online only format, in which case sanctuary staff will send updated meeting announcements. In the meeting room, masks may be worn at the discretion

of each individual, and surgical face masks and hand sanitizer will be available. While in-person attendance is encouraged, if you feel sick, please stay home and consider joining the meeting online.

To Participate In Person:

- Onsite parking is free at the Santa Barbara Zoo. Please arrive a little before 9:00 am.
- Come to the Discovery Pavilion, the entry to which is over the bridge, past the Gift Store on your left and the Ridley-Tree House Restaurant on your right. The room will be on your left.
- **Lunch Option:** When you RSVP, please let us know if you'd like to have lunch together after the meeting from the Ridley-Tree House Restaurant at the Santa Barbara Zoo. Sanctuary staff will collect food orders and payments the morning of the meeting.

To Participate Remotely:

- Please RSVP via an email to samantha.cook@noaa.gov.
- At the date and time of the meeting, click on the following **Google Meet video call link**, or copy and paste it into your web browser: <https://meet.google.com/zsj-nthh-zna>
 - No advance registration is required, nor is there a cap, for online attendance
 - Computer access is preferred so that you can view presentation slides. If that's not an option, it is possible to join by phone and listen-in: dial +1 (414) 909-4207 PIN: 663 928 635#
- Audio and Video quality: We will be using an Owl Meeting Pro system. We expect that microphone system will allow remote participants to hear those in the room, but we apologize in advance if the sound quality isn't as clear as we'd like, or if the camera angles are not optimal.
- Important: when using Google Meet, please be careful to keep your connection muted until it's time for you to speak. We thank you for your cooperation!

Please review emailed materials prior to the meeting, and **please RSVP to samantha.cook@noaa.gov**.

We look forward to seeing you in person or online!