

**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2003**
Foundation for Deep Ecology, Marin Headlands GGNRA, Sausalito CA

ATTENDING:

Council Members:

Richard Charter	Conservation Seat
Barbara Emley	Maritime Activities Seat/Council Chair
James Kelley	Research Seat
Mick Menigoz	Maritime Activities Seat
Bob Wilson	Conservation Seat
Brenda Donald	Research (Alternate)
Mark Dowie	Public at Large (Alternate)
Gwen Heistand	Education (Alternate)
Karen Reyna	Conservation (Alternate)

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National Marine Sanctuary Staff:

Maria Brown	Acting Sanctuary Manager
Mary Jane Schramm	Advisory Council Coordinator
Ann Walton	Management Plan Review Coordinator
Ruth Howell	Management Plan Review Assistant

Guests:

Dan Basta/Director, NMSP
Margo Jackson/Senior Policy Advisor, NMSP
Sarah Marquis/West Coast Media Coordinator
Julie Barrow/West Coast Community Liaison

Copies To/Absent:

Bob Breen	Education Seat
Brian O'Neill	National Park Service (NPS) Representative
Don Neubacher	NPS (Alternate)

Handouts:

- Cruise Ship Report (Gaffney)
- Maritime Museum handout
- Fisheries article

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

Items 1 through 3:

Call to order by Barbara Emley, Council Chair, 9:15 a.m. (9:15 was the noticed Public Comment Period). No public comment was forthcoming.

Roll call was taken and the agenda reviewed. The agenda was reordered to discuss the Council's concerns about Ed Ueber's detail to Headquarters after Minutes Approval and before Manager's Report.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

MOTION: Richard Charter, seconded by Mark Dowie, unanimously carried.

Council agreed that the written correspondence with Headquarters has not provided a clear picture of the reasons for Ed Ueber's removal as Sanctuary Manager, and future plans. They wished to discuss informally the forthcoming verbal session scheduled with Dan Basta later in the day.

Points brought forth included:

- Headquarters' sudden and dramatic handling of Ed's relocation hints that criminal matters or harassment issues were behind their action, which sullies his and the Sanctuary's reputations.
- Either Dan Basta received poor Human Resources (HR) advice, or is individually responsible for the actions.
- The Council will request that Ed's "gag order" be removed.
- Council acknowledges complexity of human resources matters in government agencies, that Management must at times make difficult personnel decisions. However, no adequate explanation has been forthcoming from Headquarters for their decision. If Headquarters won't be open with the Council now about Ed's reassignment, why would the Council believe Headquarters with regard to anything else?
- In Ed's absence, Dan Basta must be dealt with as the Council's link with the National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP)
- Ed's "institutional memory" regarding general Sanctuary matters and specific issues (fisheries, oil spill, Bolinas Lagoon Technical Advisory Committee (BLTAC), and emergency response were cited as irreplaceable.
- Ed's know-how to get things done under the NOAA system is irreplaceable.
- His ability to form coalitions between unlikely partners was also cited as an invaluable asset.
- Credibility
- Ed's knowledge of regional issues is critical to supplying Headquarters with the information they maintain they want from the site.

Maria assured the Council on several points:

- Speculation that Ed's environmental leanings, or the boundary issue, were not the cause
- She has been assured that Headquarters is not firing Ed. Ed is proposing recommendations for further Sanctuary projects that he will be working on. Dan Basta's goal is to find a win-win solution.
- The joint (with Monterey) boundary issue was addressed during her Hill visit in March, in which Dan Basta stated that three Sanctuaries would go into the Plan Review process and three would come out, each with its own manager (a clarification of an earlier statement).
- No back door discussions or decisions can be made, according to Boundary Internal Team protocols.
- All three managers have agreed to let the data from the Biogeographic Assessment as well as jurisdictional and socioeconomic aspects determine logical boundary options.

MANAGER'S REPORT

REGIONALIZATION: Maria Brown brought the regionalization draft prospectus; it's internal, and cannot be distributed. Each site has boundary-transcendent elements. Some activities can benefit a whole region: Pacific Islands, West Coast to Channel Islands; Southeast: Gulf of Mexico; the Great Lakes. There will be one regional Superintendent and one Coordinator, but until Full Time Employees are in place, the Coordinators will lead development of initiatives and programs for the long term. Todd Jacobs is Regional Coordinator for the West Coast. This is not part of the Joint Management Plan Review (JMPR) discussion because it goes beyond the three sites.

The Council stated that coordination can be effective by getting a technical facilitator to bring the managers together, versus supervision from Headquarters.

The question was raised that since regionalization affects all 4 California sanctuaries, will regionalization be addressed in the Management Plan Review NEPA document? Maria believed it would deal with cross-coordination, as there are some differences at various sites.

CAPITOL HILL VISIT: Maria met with Hill staff, updating them on the JMPR process, and answering questions regarding Ed. Susan Andres of the Association had visits on the Hill also, and introduced the proposed Ocean Exploration Center, a visitor center. The potential location for the Ocean Exploration Center includes the Glass Palace at Crissy Field. Tom Martin, a consultant with ConsultCon, Inc., is doing a visitor use survey to evaluate potential Ocean Exploration Center sites.

The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation unveiled the New National Marine Sanctuary exhibit at the National Aquarium in the basement of Department of Commerce building. It is still under construction. There is now a NMSP presence at the Department of Commerce.

The NMSP budget got a 6% reduction; the GFNMS budget is \$1 million now. No full time employees can be hired, the Education Coordinator position is still vacant. NMSP has put out a notice for 2-week details for staff from other sanctuaries to assist the GFNMS during Ed's detail. Robert Kamphaus, Assistant Manager of the Florida Keys NMS, recently came to the GFNMS to help with special projects.

TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY/VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: The Farallones' Beach Watch program marks ten years of Volunteerism for the NMSP. GFNMS has the longest volunteer program in the NMSP, and will be celebrating it on Friday, June 6th. We'll produce a special ten-year Beach Watch Report. Our goal is to raise the profile of Beach Watch in the national program. GFNMS has 435 total volunteers in all programs; 85 are in Beach Watch. June 10th is first training for new recruits. The SEALS program is finishing training, with 35 new volunteers this season.

National Recognition: The NMS Foundation has selected Gordon Bennett from the GFNMS as one of two Volunteers of the Year to be honored in Washington during Oceans Week, June 9-14th.

The Sanctuary is working on the NOAA wide PRT45 initiative; Tampa Bay and the San Francisco areas are the two selected sites. The San Francisco Bay Area will serve as a model for NOAA programs-wide collaboration. GFNMS has proposed a touch-screen computer kiosk with off-site web access to establish a NOAA wide presence in San Francisco.

Tonight/April 22 is Earth Day and the Aquarium of the Bay is hosting a Sustainable Seafood event. Monterey Bay Aquarium will present; the GFNMS will be highlighted.

Coming up: Sanctuary Explorers Camp starts in June, with SF Parks and Recreation Department. Inner city kids will benefit from the programs. Activities expose inner-city kids to the GFNMS.

GFNMS has received \$200k in construction funds to renovate the boathouse at Crissy Field.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Jim Kelley advised that California Ocean Trust met at Scripps Oceanographic Institute, with California Sea Grant, Heal the Bay and others participants. They have \$1 million to spend in the first year, and need guidance on spending it on California ocean issues. They can fund those projects interested in interfacing science and policy. The Trust will meet in June in Long Beach.

Bob Wilson stated that the Marine Life Protection Act process has been stopped due to State budget cuts.

Richard Charter reported that a month ago Santa Rosa rescinded the resolution of the previous Board calling for a 5 ft. sewage outfall on the Sonoma Coast. Thanks to all, including the Sanctuary for attending the meeting. Only one person spoke in favor of the outfall, all else were opposed. The Bodega Marine Lab ran a computer model illustrating where the outfall would go; this should be imitated for future issues. The CODAR image showed sewage going into Bodega Marine Lab water intakes.

Richard also reported on energy exploration: Twenty-two days earlier a US Senate Energy Bill was proposed requiring an inventory of all oil and gas resources in all locations, on shore and off shore, using all available technology to be used for exploratory drilling, even in Moratorium areas. We got exploratory drilling taken out, but not the inventory requirement. Impediments prevent offshore facilities from being built. Senator Lois Capps led the effort. We won in the House. Richard Pombo (R) struck the inventory issue. We will go to the Senate floor on May 12th.

Given this administration, in 12 to 15 years only the Sanctuaries will be free from drilling activities. Oil companies are in charge of the House and Senate. Alaska is likely to see drilling, and seismic surveys could be conducted around Farallones within a couple of years. Now is the time to think about expanding the Sanctuaries beyond existing boundaries. There are currently 40 leases off Point Conception, and it may be possible to buy them out.

Maria noted that an Internal Team is now looking at the boundary expansion issue.

Barbara Emley reported that the Pacific Fisheries Management Council predicts 1.1 million Central Valley salmon will be available this year. Things are going well for the salmon, and May 1 is the start of the season.

Also, there is a Senate Bill requiring signs warning of methyl mercury in fish be posted in grocery stores. Elemental mercury is not that damaging, but when it mixes with biological activity (e.g. animal waste from dairies) it becomes methyl mercury and catalyses. Fortunately, not much is found in salmon. This is a good angle for the sustainable seafood message; let folks know about this.

Supermarkets and restaurants are targeted which serve the four species (shark, swordfish, tilefish, and king mackerel) most likely to carry methyl mercury. Prop 65 requires the mercury warning.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is taking up a resolution to label seafood, including how and where it was caught, and other general information.

The fact that the red dye used in farmed salmon causes retinal damage is gaining attention. Oregon passed a labeling law; California may pass a labeling law as well.

Item 5: ADVISORY COUNCIL RETREAT:

The purpose of the Council retreat is to review recommendations for JMPR. Part of meeting must be open to the public. The dates are July 21-22; location is Green Gulch Farm/Zen Center on Hwy 1, Sausalito.

Item 6: VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:

Harlan Henderson e-mailed Barbara that he might resign, but was not conclusive. He may become alternate, and Mark may move into the Primary Seat. Harlan must tell us if he can be an alternate.

Brian O'Neill (Primary) and Don Neubacher (Alternate) are the two government positions. Davis Press is an alternate potential for Don Neubacher. David Press can brief Don on the proceedings.

The Conservation seat needs an alternate. Karen is the alternate for both Conservation Primaries.

Maritime Activities: Council needs another maritime activity alternate.

The Council will need to place a Public Notice in the Federal Register that we have two alternate seat vacancies, conservation and maritime. The Council will review applications, pass recommendations to the Sanctuary, and they will forward them to Headquarters.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seat is still under discussion since NMFS is a sister agency.

ITEM 7: JMPR TEAM UPDATE

Working Group Updates: At the completion of Working Group meetings, recommendations will be presented to the Council at the Council retreat in July. Issues will include cross cutting and GFNMS site-specific. Topics include fishing, education, introduced species, vessel spills, water quality, and wildlife disturbance.

FISHING WORKING GROUP:

This Group has had 6 meetings to date. Council representatives include Barbara Emley, Mick Menigoz, Karen Reyna and Richard Charter.

Topics:

1. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) designation,
2. Role of NGOs (non-government organizations) in fisheries management;

3. Report from the water: fishermen's experiences.
4. PFMC's use of data in decision making (science & statistical committee).
5. Zonal management case studies from sanctuaries.
6. Spatial tools for marine conservation and fisheries management
7. Biology of fishery management

Tomorrow: fisheries biologists are to present, one oceanographer on ocean processes, and 9-3:30 April 23rd. The Group will look at biogeographic assessment data. We need to learn more whether fishing activities impact resources. This may become an ongoing Working Group; this will be discussed later.

EDUCATION WORKING GROUP:

This group has had Bob Breen and Gwen Heistand from the Council, with four meetings with Cordell to date, the two sites split off at the last meeting.

Topics:

1. Overview of current programs
2. Overview of other organizations' programs similar to ours (e.g., Pt. Reyes National Seashore Association, The Marine Mammal Center).
3. Summary of Point Reyes National Seashore 2002 Ocean Education meeting
4. NMSP National Education Initiatives.
5. Overview other agencies/partnerships: Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore.
6. Overview of Other Sanctuaries' programs (Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary)
7. Teaching science to multicultural audiences.

The two Breakout groups (GFNMS and Cordell Bank) will take issue-driven topics and incorporate them into the Education Plans of each site.

INTRODUCED SPECIES WORKING GROUP:

Has held six meetings to date; the Council member is Karen Reyna. Topics included:

1. How NMFS assesses invasive species issues
2. California Invasive Species Legislation
3. State of California Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan.
4. Elkhorn Slough "Least Wanted Aquatic Invaders" outreach program
5. Sea Grant Ballast Water outreach Program
6. UC Davis Extension Invasive Species program (eradication, outreach)
7. Introduced plankton species in SF Bay Estuary
8. USDA's principles, practices and responses to established invasive species, including a model for response.

This group will prioritize options in a couple of weeks.

One outcome of the meetings is the realization of decentralization of information or responsibility. The Sanctuary needs a cohesive strategy to make a plan work in Sanctuary waters.

Australia has a model for using a coordinated system for addressing these issues, and maybe the Sanctuary can take a coordinator role.

VESSEL SPILLS WORKING GROUP:

Council representative is Jim Kelley. Three meetings were held to date. Topics included:

1. Office of Spill Prevention and Response role in the plan
2. Incident Command and oil spill response
3. West Coast offshore vessel traffic risk assessment
4. Improvement of maritime and environmental safety at Olympic Coast NMS through its "Areas to be Avoided" program

WILDLIFE DISTURBANCE:

Council representatives are Mick Menigoz and Bob Wilson. Two meetings have been held to date. Topics included:

1. White shark research at SE Farallon Island
2. Ecotourism and white shark interactions
3. Human disturbance to seabirds
4. Marine Mammals/fisheries interaction and entanglement issues
5. Trampling in Intertidal at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

WATER QUALITY WORKING GROUP:

Brenda Donald is the Council representative. The Group has held seven meetings to date. Topics included:

1. Volunteer monitoring programs and the Surfrider Foundation
2. Presentation and tour of Oceanside Treatment Facility
3. Mariculture in GFNMS (Tomales Bay)
4. California Coastal Commission and water quality issues
5. Hog Island Oyster Farm operations
6. Tour of Crissy Field restoration project
7. Marine debris (ICC and Algalita Foundation)
8. Other Sanctuary's water quality programs (MBNMS)
9. GFNMS Beach Watch data
10. Urban impacts
 - a. Region 2 water resources control board
 - b. Watershed issues
 - c. Santa Rosa ocean outfall proposal
 - d. STRAW – teacher and student restoration projects
 - e. Discussion: public-owned treatment plants and sanctuary (Santa Rosa related)
11. Agricultural runoff:
 - a. SW Regional Water Quality Control Board: Current activities and projects in watershed
 - b. Tomales Bay draft watershed protection plan
 - c. PRNS water quality and restoration programs
 - d. Agricultural industry and best management dairy farms at Tomales Bay
 - e. Tour of Giacomini Dairy Farm
 - f. Coastwide monitoring: There are five Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) in Central California; they are critical coastal areas.

12. Mining and mercury contaminants

ADMINISTRATION INTERNAL TEAM (consists of GF staff and/or HQ staff)

Held five meetings to date. Topics included:

1. Overview of areas to address
2. Partnerships/physical plant (Visitor Center, the education and research facility at Point Reyes, SE Farallon Island facilities, pier and boathouse at GFNMS Headquarters, etc.)
3. Regulations and permitting (included a conference call with NOAA Council Ted Beuttler; may include proposed regulatory action).
4. Staffing and budgets: the staffing chart to fully implement revised management plan.
5. Enforcement and enforcement issues

BOUNDARY INTERNAL TEAM (Site specific):

Three meetings were held regarding boundary expansion north and west of GFNMS. Topics included:

1. Reviewed areas of concern and special consideration
2. Reviewed technical changes and areas in question with the General Counsel and a Geographic Information System (GIS) expert
3. Field trip to determine locations of technical boundaries and areas in question

ECOSYSTEM MONITORING CROSS CUTTING WORKING GROUP

GF Council Representatives are Jim Kelley and Gwen Heistand

This group held two meetings, the first one on April 17th. Because this is a cross cutting issue, all three sites should have had a Council member present. However, Gwen Heistand of GFNMS was the only council member at the meeting. Carol Keiper from CB will participate in the May 7th meeting. It was determined that a definition of ecosystem monitoring should be clarified.

MARITIME HERITAGE RESOURCES CROSS CUTTING WORKING GROUP

GF Council representative is Barbara Emley. One 2-day meeting was held.

The group set up strategies, and the topic expanded and title changed to include fishing communities, Native American communities, not just submerged ancient resources. Topics included:

1. Develop, implement and maintain a submerged site inventory for GF and MB
2. Assess pre-existing shipwrecks and other submerged structures for potential hazards
3. Develop and implement education and outreach programs
4. Staff and fund a maritime heritage resources program in the west coast sanctuaries.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CROSS-CUTTING WORKING GROUP:

Council representatives include Mark Dowie, Brenda Donald, and Bob Breen. They have held four meetings. Topics included:

1. Strategies: Stewardship Circle (continuous cycle of outreach, education and stewardship about ocean and coasts)
2. Defined and created activities for
 - a. Outreach
 - b. Ocean/coastal education
 - c. Stewardship

People can come into the Stewardship Circle in any of the above areas, through volunteering through environmental groups or individual voices for change.

BOUNDARY INTERNAL TEAM CROSS-CUTTING/ALL 3 SITES.

GFNMS Council representatives were Jim Kelley (primary) and Richard Charter (alternate). All three Councils are to have representatives present. The Group held two meetings:

1. A two-day meeting with Mitchell Tartt from the NMSP Headquarters. The data should disclose a better boundary option, and the group believes it will be an unbiased, nonpartisan process. It may yield a range of possible boundary suggestions. The objective was to delineate the science-driven process as well as involve political and socioeconomic aspects.

In the past, individual Congressional representatives drove the process, but no hard data were available around which to formulate any biogeographical bounds. This Assessment can be a useful model for designating other sanctuaries.

Anne Walton can email her presentation to council members not present as well as talk to the webmaster regarding tracking the number of hits to the website to determine public interest.

JMPR TIMELINES:

June 2003: all working group and Internal Team recommendations complete
July 2003: Council Retreat: Groups to present recommendations to full Council.
September 2003: Draft Plan presented to Council
Late fall 2003: Draft plan released
Fall/winter 2003: Public comment
Fall 2004: Final Revised Management Plan

For more information, visit website nos.noaa.gov/jointplan

Council suggested that the Sanctuary publicize the website locally, not just in the Federal Register.

Item 8. EMERGING ISSUES WORKING GROUP:

Vessel/Cruise Ship Waste:

Monterey Bay is working on a cruise ship discharge regulation proposal. If MBNMS bans discharge, GFNMS should do the same. Kaitlyn Gaffney from the Ocean Conservancy can give the Council more background.

The cruise ship terminal in San Francisco Bay may be expanded. Existing regulations allow “normal” ship discharge, but 22 years ago floating cities were not intended. According to Dianne Feinstein’s office, 3,000 people are a normal discharge from a cruise ship. MBNMS may review its language for potential change and redefine normal ship discharge.

Hawaii has extreme cases already of cruise ship discharge problems, and a recent Seattle prosecution revealed widespread mismanagement practices, intentional mislabeling of pipes, and industry noncompliance.

San Francisco Bay is currently a “no discharge” zone, and ships must use holding tanks and barges to offload waste. The Sanctuary should begin an investigation at once into existing regulations and enforcement issues.

The question of Navy sewage was raised, since carriers have 5,000 people aboard. It was suggested we look into whether the Sanctuary could use the Navy as an example to the cruise ship industry (if they are doing well).

RADIOACTIVE WASTE WORKING GROUP:

The question arose whether the radioactive waste working group ever convened. A team of government agencies was already in place, and the schedule would not fit within the JMPR time frame. Council may refer to the USGS publication “Beyond the Gate” for the most current information on radioactive waste in the Sanctuary.

A better public relations effort is needed with solid information to back it up.

Item 9: DAN BASTA ADDRESS TO COUNCIL:

Council spoke with Dan Basta concerning Ed Ueber’s reassignment.

The Council spoke as constituent representatives and working group participants, as well as long time individual associates.

Concerns raised were:

1. The Fishing Working Group needs Ed’s knowledge base in the working group process to be incorporated in final recommendations. The level of trust among the fishing community hinges on Ed. When the Sanctuary was formed the community believed it was to protect the Sanctuary from petroleum exploration and development, not fisheries management. To bring someone else in now, it will take much time to develop that level of trust. Ed knows the fishing industry, techniques, and gives us the straight scoop. At the first Working Group meeting we discussed the consensus process. Ed was to guide us in the event the consensus process didn’t lead us to agreement.
2. Whatever role the agency finds for him, even as a consultant, let him talk to the Council. The gag order is draconian, and gives rise to speculation. For the good of the NMSP, it should not continue. The Sanctuary needs his advice and information.
3. The Council must keep the “process” going, whatever the outcome of this issue, and respects Dan’s right as Director to call things as he sees them. A constructive solution may be to bring in an HR person from outside the agency and office, to improve communication and provide mediation services.
4. Over 25 years with federal and other agency procedures and politics, and several GFNMS managers, Ed emerges as one who can work across all spectra. The NMSP should protect the human resources of NOAA as stewards, not just natural resources. His experience in emergency response and in remedial work is a public trust, especially as the working groups are getting into the recommendation process.

5. Ed's local knowledge and his knowledge of NOAA politics, is a rare set of talents that enabled him to work effectively.
6. Trust between the Council and Headquarters is an issue here. What does one say to volunteers when Ed is yanked out of the process without explanation?
7. The question arose if this was an outcome of the Monterey Bay/Farallones Boundary Issue.
8. Under the Federal labor system, taking someone physically and administrative out of position implies criminal activity, sexual harassment, corruption, or theft. There were rumors were that he was engaged in these activities. These actions, occurring just before the Leadership Team meeting sullied his reputation, effectively "gagging" him about combining sanctuaries. There is also a perception that the Bush Administration is using political appointees to rid itself of civil service members with the "wrong" political agenda.
9. Because of this inappropriate handling, the NMSP must give Ed his reputation back with full title in his GFNMS office, maybe with a transition plan from his old position. Re-detailing him downtown is not acceptable. Looking to his strengths in making the transition plan, it may be possible to achieve this.
10. Council pointed out that language changes in Jmpr documents stimulated some of its "maturing" as a Council, when corrections were made only after they asserted themselves and pulled together in the group process. Don't underestimate how much Ed's "disappearance" can unify this Council.
11. This Council salutes a "participatory democracy." If the federal government abdicates some of its mandate of protection, citizens must become empowered, like this Council. If ignored or overruled, the participatory democracy is damaged.
12. The Council does not expect that Headquarters will adopt all its recommendations, but the Council will give its best, carefully considered and accurately reflected recommendations.

Dan's comments and responses:

The Farallones/Monterey boundary was approved ten years ago, before Dan came on duty. The boundary is determined by law, and is not changeable except by law. The issue will be examined from oceanographic and biological viewpoints.

The boundary issue has now become a polarized, lose/lose point. We need a clear process with public interaction to explain any decision. If it stays the same or changes, the criteria must be explained.

Once an activity is elevated to a certain level in the Personnel System, one loses the ability to explain the reasons for actions.

Dan is committed to working with Ed to find the right middle ground, and to continue this process.

MARITIME HERITAGE CONCEPT:

The NMSP goal is to develop ownership of our maritime heritage among 300 million Americans. Our objective is to affect their ethics, behavior and conservation focus to be stewards of the ocean. Maritime Heritage is about people who came here by sea, indigenous people or immigrants.

Three Sanctuary sites still need Advisory Councils: America Samoa with its village chieftain; Flower Garden Bank 100 miles offshore, and the Monitor wreck. The Program has added 7 Councils since Dan has been here. There should be a national meeting in a few years of Advisors.

Dan encouraged the Council to persevere if it runs into rough waters. A constituency of ownership is essential. He recommends expanding the Council, and working with a larger constituency. This should come out in the JMPR. Working groups have helped this Council expand already, but not any one model fits all sites.

The three sites initially resisted the JMPR process. By using a knowledge based process, bringing the best thinkers and most active citizens into the process, the sites got a strong start in the JMPR process.

Dan thanked the Council members for giving their time and dedication to the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

If you have any questions or comments on these notes, please contact Mary Jane Schramm, 4154/561-6622 ext. 205, or email to maryjane.schramm@noaa.gov.