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### **NOAA'S Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary seeks advisory council applicants**

NOAA's Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for three seats on its advisory council. The council ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

"Our advisory council members and alternates represent our community, serving as liaisons and providing input regarding sanctuary management," said Dan Howard, sanctuary superintendent. "Their advice is extremely valuable in making informed decisions regarding how to best manage sanctuary resources and they are key in helping our staff get the word out about sanctuary events and activities."

The sanctuary is accepting applications for a primary member representing the education seat, and for alternates for the community-at-large/Marin County seat and the research seat.

Candidates will be selected based on their expertise and experience related to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and knowledge of the protection and management of marine resources. Applicants who are selected serve on a volunteer basis for one three-year term. Terms of appointment may be changed to provide for staggered term expiration dates.

The advisory council consists of 14 primary and alternate non-government members representing a variety of public interest groups. It also includes governmental seats representing the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA Fisheries.

Applications are due Dec. 31. To receive an application kit, or for further information, please contact Lilli Ferguson, advisory council coordinator, by email at [Lilli.Ferguson@noaa.gov](mailto:Lilli.Ferguson@noaa.gov); by phone at 415-663-0314 ext.107; or by mail at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950. Application kits can also be downloaded from the sanctuary's website at <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov>.

Located 42 miles north of San Francisco, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is one of 14 marine protected areas managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Designated by Congress in 1989, the sanctuary's productive waters are a destination feeding area for local and migratory marine life. Its unique undersea topography provides the foundation for a rich and diverse marine community.

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