



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950
Ph: (415) 663-0314 Fax: (415) 663-0315
dan.howard@noaa.gov

August 15, 2013

Dear Friend of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary:

We are in the process of filling vacant seats on our Advisory Council for Fishing, Primary and Alternate, and Education, Alternate. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications and nominations for council membership.

The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Council seats are occupied by members representing research, conservation, maritime activity, fishing, education, Sonoma and Marin county community at-large, as well as federal agency partners. Individual council members act as liaisons between the Sanctuary and their constituent groups. The council holds a minimum of four regular meetings per year, and an annual retreat in the summer.

Enclosed is our sanctuary advisory council application kit, which includes a copy of the Council Charter and an application form, as well as some information about the sanctuary. Council members serve a term of three years.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at our office, attn. Kaitlin Graiff, PO BOX 159, Olema, CA 94950; or 415-663-0315 (fax), attn. Kaitlin Graiff; or kaitlin.graiff@noaa.gov; by **September 30, 2013**. Applications will be reviewed by a review panel consisting of myself and the advisory council's executive committee. The panel will help us narrow down the number of candidates for each seat to the top three. Of these, a council member will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

If you have any questions concerning the council, feel free to contact Kaitlin Graiff, Advisory Council Coordinator, at 415-663-0314 x105 or kaitlin.graiff@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan Howard
Sanctuary Superintendent

