

GULF OF THE FARALLONES AND CORDELL BANK
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY BOUNDARY EXPANSION

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is proposing an expansion of the boundaries of Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS and GFNMS), pursuant to section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. On April 14, 2014, four documents were published in the *Federal Register*: the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 4), the proposed rule (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 5), and the draft revised management plans for each sanctuary (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachments 6 and 7). The comment period on these documents is open through June 30, 2014. Other background materials are also included in the briefing book: an informational flyer (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1), a list of Frequently Asked Questions (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 2), and the Executive Summary excerpted from the DEIS (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 3).

Ms. Maria Brown, Superintendent of the GFNMS, will be present to describe the need and plan for the proposed expansion; to summarize the draft EIS and proposed rule; and to answer questions from the Council.

Council Action:

1. Consider materials related to the proposed expansion.
2. Provide comments on the proposed expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1: Informational flyer.
2. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 2: Frequently asked questions.
3. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 3: Draft EIS on expansion of National Marine Sanctuaries, Executive Summary.
4. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 4: Draft EIS on expansion of National Marine Sanctuaries, ***(Electronic Only)***.
5. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 5: Proposed rule regarding plans for expansion of National Marine Sanctuaries ***(Electronic only)***.
6. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 6: Draft Gulf of the Farallones Revised Management Plan ***(Electronic Only)***.
7. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 7: Draft Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Revised Management Plan ***(Electronic Only)***.
8. Agenda Item C.2.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview

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- b. Report from the National Marine Sanctuaries Maria Brown and Dan Howard
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Provide Comments on the Proposed Expansion of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Boundaries

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