

Comment on the proposed expansion of Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries Attachment 1
June 2014

NOAA is proposing to expand the boundaries of Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS) and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) to an area north and west of their current boundaries, as well as to amend existing sanctuary regulations and add new regulations. NOAA is also proposing to revise the corresponding sanctuary terms of designation and management plans. The purpose of this action is to extend sanctuary protections to an area that has nationally significant marine resources and habitats and is ecologically linked with existing sanctuaries. NOAA is soliciting public comment on the proposed rule, draft environmental impact statement, and revised CBNMS and GFNMS management plans.

For more information and to download the documents visit:

http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/expansion_cbgf.html

Provide Public Comment (Comment Deadline June 30, 2014)

There are three ways to submit your comments:

1. Electronic Submission: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.Regulations.gov and search for docket NOAA-NOS-2012-0228. Click on the appropriate “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. If you have comments on more than one of the documents, you can record them by individual document (preferred) or as a combined comment on any of the four documents. All comments will be considered.

2. Mail: Maria Brown, Sanctuary Superintendent, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, 991 Marine Drive, The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129. If you wish to remain anonymous on comments submitted via mail, please state so at the beginning of your comments.

3. Attend a Public Hearing:

Sausalito, CA Thursday, May 22, 2014 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model Visitor Ctr. 2100 Bridgeway Blvd., Sausalito, CA 94965 6 pm	Gualala, CA Tuesday, June 17, 2014 Gualala Community Center 47950 Center St., Gualala, CA 95445 6 pm
Point Arena, CA Monday, June 16, 2014 Point Arena City Hall 451 School St., Point Arena, CA 95468 6 pm	Bodega Bay, CA Wednesday, June 18, 2014 Grange Hall 1370 Bodega Ave., Bodega Bay, CA 94923 6 pm

PROPOSED EXPANSION

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

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