

H.2. Greater Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries Coral Restoration and Research Plan - Scoping

Council Action:

Adopt the Scope of Fisheries and Areas to be Closed to Promote Coral Restoration and Research within the Greater Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries.

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I move the Council proceed with developing the possible closure of the Año Nuevo and Ascension Canyon Complex sites and the Sur Ridge site as shown in Agenda Item H.2.a, ONMS Report 1 Scoping Document, to promote deep sea coral restoration and research within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Ask National Marine Fisheries Service to explore use of its discretionary regulatory authority to ensure fisheries closures would be applicable to all bottom contact gears.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Second by Marc Gorelnik

Motion passed. Mr. Lockhart (NMFS) abstained.

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