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**NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM
RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
June 27, 2017 IN HONOLULU**

The Reserve Advisory Council for NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (part of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument) will meet on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. The Reserve Advisory Council will discuss action items from the May 4, 2017 meeting. The meeting will be held as a teleconference and is open to the public.

WHAT: NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: June 27, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE: Conference line: 1-888-942-7309
Participant Code: 985-3691

WHO: Twenty-five Advisory Council members representing broad stakeholder constituencies, including Native Hawaiian, research, conservation, commercial and recreational fishing, ocean-related tourism, education, and state and federal agencies. The Reserve Advisory Council is an advisory body to NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

A copy of the meeting agenda will be available before the meeting at <http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/new-about/council/> or by calling Nicole Evans at 808-725-5818.

Established in 2000, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations on managing and protecting the reserve. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the council members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public.

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