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NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
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November 30, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR: John Armor,
Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

THROUGH: Kristina Kekuewa, Regional Director
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FROM: Eric Roberts, Acting Superintendent
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

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SUBJECT: NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Letter with recommendations regarding draft non-fishing regulations for sanctuary designation

At their November 18, 2022 meeting, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council (RAC) finalized a letter with recommendations on draft non-fishing regulations for the proposed national marine sanctuary. These recommendations were drafted for the original monument waters and Expansion Area waters (MEA) by the RAC's Planning, Evaluation, and Sanctuary Designation (PES) subcommittee after thorough analysis of the permit process outlined by key regulation and guiding documents. These recommendations were discussed and deliberated on by the PES subcommittee before being presented to the full RAC for discussion and approval.

The RAC has requested that their recommendations be transmitted to the ONMS Director. Acting Superintendent Eric Roberts concurs, and supports the process moving forward.

The site requests receipt and acknowledgment of the communication via the Advice Acknowledgement continued on the next page.

Issue Synopsis & Superintendent's Request of the Council

The NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council (RAC) developed draft non-fishing recommendations for the proposed sanctuary to be further considered in the designation regulation package. The RAC requests acknowledgment of the recommendations by ONMS.

Necessary Attachments: (1) NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Letter with recommendations regarding draft non-fishing regulations for sanctuary designation

Council's Majority Opinion

The RAC unanimously approved a letter to ONMS outlining the recommendations after discussion and voting.

Council's Minority Opinion

N/A

Recommendation Made to Sanctuary Superintendent

The RAC recommends that the Superintendent support the draft recommendation as provided and concur with our decision to share with the ONMS director.

Sanctuary Superintendent's Final Decision

Concurs with Council ___X___ Disagrees with Council _____

Manager's Reasons for Disagreement: N/A

Signature of Transmittal of Information to ONMS Director

Acknowledges what has transpired:

_____ 1/5/22

John Armor Date

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

ONMS Director Comments: