

## Community Announcement

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### **NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve appoints new advisory council members**

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries announced two new primary members and five alternate members to serve on the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council. The appointees bring a valuable range of knowledge and experience to the council, a community-based body that provides sanctuaries staff with input and recommendations on programs and management.

"Community representatives on our advisory council are an extremely important part of our team," said Athline Clark, NOAA's superintendent for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. "Their advice is an integral part of understanding the community perspective to manage this special place."

Newly appointed advisory council members are:

- Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner, Education Primary
- Mark Hixon, PhD, Research Primary
- Doug Fetterly, Conservation Alternate
- Bill Walsh, PhD, Research Alternate
- Haunani Kane, PhD, Research Alternate
- Neal Langerman, PhD, Research Alternate
- Paul Badgley Jr., Ocean-Related Tourism Alternate

For information on newly appointed members, visit <https://www.papahānaumokuākea.gov>.

Established in 2001, the Reserve Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations on managing and protecting the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. The council is composed of nine government and 14 non-governmental representatives. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the council members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public. Reserve Advisory Council primary and alternate members serve three-year terms and meet four times per year in public sessions.

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