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NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2011 IN HONOLULU

The Reserve Advisory Council for NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (now part of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and World Heritage site) will meet on November 2, 2011. The Reserve Advisory Council will discuss and receive updates on Monument activities, reports on related efforts, including Monument Alliance progress, and reports from the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee, the National Marine Fisheries Service on the Hawaiian monk seal Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), and the Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary's Management Plan Review, as well as subcommittee updates. There will also be a presentation on Marine Debris. The meeting will be held on O'ahu and is open to the public.

WHAT: NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

(any changes in this timing will be circulated in a subsequent advisory)

WHERE: NOAA, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Office

6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Suite 300

Honolulu, HI 96825

WHO: 25 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 at <u>www.papahanaumokuakea.gov</u> or by calling Wesley Byers (808) 694-3920.