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**NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM
RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 8, 2012 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 Thursday November 8, 2012. The Reserve Advisory Council will: introduce new members; hold a workshop and discussion on the Monument Management Plan review process; receive briefings on conservation and management issues including those relating to Midway Atoll, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wilderness Review and Designation Proposal, and the National Travel and Tourism Strategy; and set the 2013 meeting schedule.

The meeting will be held on O'ahu and is open to the public.

WHAT: NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, November 8, 2012, 9:00am – 5:00pm

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 www.papahanaumokuakea.gov or by calling David Swatland at (808) 694-3925.

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