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Meeting June 27, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members Present: Gail Grabowsky (Education); Linda Paul (Conservation, Vice-Chair); Don Schug (Research); Rick Gaffney (Recreational Fishing); Richard Lee (Ocean-Related Tourism); Solomon Kaho'ohalahala (Native Hawaiian Elder); Judith Cucco (Conservation Alternate for Wooley)

Voting Members Absent: Bill Gilmartin (Research); Pelika Andrade (Native Hawaiian); Geoffrey Walker (Commercial Fishing); Cindy Hunter (Research); Tim Johns (State of Hawai'i, Chair); Kem Lowry (Citizen-at-Large, Secretary); Carol Wilcox (Conservation Alternate for Vacant Seat); Tammy Harp (Native Hawaiian).

Non-Voting Members Present: Eric Kingma (Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council [WPFMC]); Athline Clark (Office of National Marine Sanctuaries [ONMS] / Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument [PMNM]).

Non-Voting Members Absent: Michael Lesser (National Science Foundation); Allen Tom (Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary); Hoku Ka'aekuahiwi-Pousima (National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS]); Matt Brown, (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS] National Wildlife Refuge System, Pacific Marine National Monuments); Maria Carnevale (State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources [DLNR] Division of Aquatic Resources); Janice Fukawa (Department of Defense); David Laist (Marine Mammal Commission); Brandon JimOn (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement); Eric Roberts (U.S. Coast Guard [USCG]).

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Staff: Nicole Evans (ONMS-PMNM)

Members of the Public: Teresa Dawson (Environment Hawai'i)

I. CALL TO ORDER (Paul)

Vice-Chair Linda Paul called the meeting to order. Roll call followed. The advisory council must have more than half of its members present (eight members) to take action. With only six members present at this meeting, the Council does not have quorum and cannot take any actions.

RAC members asked for a review of the last meeting minutes to seek clarification on if quorum is needed and any action can be taken. Wording of the letter can be

worked on during this call without quorum. RAC can hold another teleconference meeting before the public comment ends to take action to adopt the letter and then submit.

ONMS Action: Review audio of May 4 meeting to determine what was voted on regarding letter.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Paul)

There were no changes to the published agenda. The council has not yet approved the meeting minutes from the May 4, 2017 meeting. The meeting minutes will be on the July 13 agenda.

III. REVIEW OF RAC COMMENTS AND BULLET POINT LIST (PAUL)

The bullet point list has been incorporated into the letter. No need to review the bullet point list.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAFTING OF LETTER (RAC MEMBERS)

The letter includes an introduction, conclusion, and responds to the Department of Interior's (DOI) request for comments on the seven criteria outline in Executive Order 13792. The councilmembers reviewed the letter page-by-page for grammatical, spelling errors and fact checking.

ONMS Action: ONMS will do final formatting edits and fact checking of the letter.

The councilmembers review the letter page-by-page for content. A suggestion was made to add something to the introduction regarding international recognition of PMNM and an explanation of who/what the RAC is. Councilmember Kaho'ohalala will provide the Council with language regarding the Native Hawaiian significance of PMNM and balancing the smallest-possible area which should be recognized. Members also suggested adding in some recognition of the importance of the Battle of Midway 75th Anniversary. There were several suggestions to move sections of the document to other areas for example to move the description of the threats in section (i) to section (vii). Members suggested revisions to section (vi) and deletion of several paragraphs as well as all mention of the management framework. Continued discussion regarding the content by the Councilmembers occurred.

There is clarification on who the letter is going to; the letter will be submitted to DOI's public comment web portal with an accompanying cover letter. The same letter will be addressed to ONMS Director John Armor with an appropriate cover letter.

ONMS Action: OMNS will provide the Council with list of PMNM partner groups not currently listed in the document.

ONMS Action: ONMS will put out a public notice for a follow-up teleconference before the public comment period closes. Councilmembers will revise the letter and a completed draft will be circulated to the Council prior to the teleconference. The follow-up teleconference will serve as an opportunity for the Council to vote on the letter and submit to DOI and ONMS Director John Armor.

ONMS Action: ONMS will provide the Council with a total number of public comments received.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.