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**NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM
RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD
FEBRUARY 9-10, 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 on February 9 and 10, 2012. The Reserve Advisory Council will discuss and receive updates on Monument activities, reports on related efforts, including Monument Alliance progress, briefings on major initiatives (Big Ocean, Pacific Regional Center), 2011 field season cruises (Mesophotic, RAMP and Intertidal Monitoring) and Japan tsunami 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: Thursday, February 9, 2012, 9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, February 10, 2012, 9:00am – 1:00pm

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 Wesley Byers (808) 694-3920.

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