CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

February 26, 2018

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council to meet in Honolulu

The Reserve Advisory Council for NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (now part of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument) will meet on Thursday, March 15, 2018on O'ahu. The meeting is open to the public.

The Reserve Advisory Council will discuss and receive updates on monument activities and hear briefings on related efforts, including agency updates. A copy of the meeting agenda will be available before the meeting on the RAC website or by calling Nicole Evans, RAC coordinator, at 808-725-5818.

WHAT: NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, March 15, 2018

9:30am - 4:30pm

WHERE: Inouye Regional Center, Ford Island, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 175, Honolulu, HI

96818, Training Room 1653

WHO: Twenty-five 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.

Monument staff will be in a blue van at the USS Arizona Memorial commercial vehicle passenger drop off area (1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu, HI 96818) between 9:00-9:15 a.m. and 12:45-1:00 p.m. for members of the public who wish to attend the meeting. A valid picture ID is required for clearance onto Ford Island. Parking is free at the USS Arizona Memorial and nearby Rainbow Marina.

Established in 2000, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations on managing and protecting the reserve. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the council members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public.

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