

Community Announcement

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Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council to hold virtual meeting on August 20

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council will meet virtually on August 20, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM HST. The meeting will be held via GoToWebinar and can be accessed via the link posted below. The public is invited to attend.

Public comment will be taken at approximately 12:15 PM HST. If you would like to comment during the virtual meeting, please sign up in advance by selecting "yes" during the online registration. The order of comments will be based on your date and time of registration. Please note, no public comments will be audio or video recorded.

Please register in advance at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2054632497858505742>

Webinar ID: 531-092-315

If you cannot participate in the virtual meeting, you may send comments to hawaiiireef@noaa.gov

With the exception of the public comment portion of the meeting, the NWHI CRER Advisory Council Meeting will be audio recorded for the purposes of accurately developing meeting minutes. All public comments received, including any associated names, will be captured and included in the written meeting minutes, will be public, and will be maintained by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries as part of its administrative record.

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.

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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