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9:00 GoToWebinar Dashboard Orientation and Audio Checks (Umholtz)

9:05 Welcome (Ailā, Jr.)

Protocol (Evans)

Roll Call (Jones)

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9:20 Research Subcommittee Update (Hixon, Schug, and Langerman)

9:50 PESS Sanctuary Boundaries (& Related) Discussion

10:50 BREAK

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<https://nmssanctuaries.blob.core.windows.net/sanctuaries-prod/media/docs/onms-environmental-compliance-handbook.pdf>

The process of designating a national marine sanctuary is closely integrated with the NEPA process. By NMSA requirement, any national marine sanctuary designation...must have an EIS level of analysis under NEPA, regardless of the context and intensity of the anticipated impacts to relevant resources. Development of the EIS enables ONMS to fully analyze alternatives and potential impacts to make an informed decision.

CEQ Guidance

National Environmental Policy Act Regulations

<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2018/06/f53/G-CEQ-40Questions.pdf>

The phrase "range of alternatives" refers to the alternatives discussed in [the EIS]. It includes all reasonable alternatives, which must be rigorously explored and objectively evaluated, as well as those other alternatives, which are eliminated from detailed study with a brief discussion of the reasons for eliminating them.

In determining the scope of alternatives to be considered, the emphasis is on what is "reasonable" rather than on whether the proponent or applicant likes or is itself capable of carrying out a particular alternative. Reasonable alternatives include those that are practical or feasible from the technical and economic standpoint and using common sense, rather than simply desirable from the standpoint of the applicant.

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- **Scoping: NOAA announces its intent to designate a new national marine sanctuary and asks the public for input on potential boundaries, resources that could be protected, issues NOAA should consider and any information that should be included in the [EIS] resource analysis.**
- **This is done by issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register and hosting public meetings in the local area of the proposed designation.**
- ***Fed. Reg. 86(221), November 19, 2021— “The NEPA process will include preparation of a DEIS to consider alternatives and to describe potential effects of the proposed sanctuary designation on the human environment. The DEIS will evaluate a reasonable range of action alternatives that could include different options for management goals or actions, sanctuary regulations, and potential boundaries.”***

PESS Consensus Recommendations on Sanctuary Boundaries

1. No action (no sanctuary, no boundary).
2. Only the original Monument area waters, no state waters (& not Midway).
3. Original Monument area waters plus state waters (& not Midway).
4. Original Monument area waters plus state waters plus MEA (& not Midway).

PESS Non-Consensus Items Related to Sanctuary

5. Boundary: original area, state waters, MEA (& not Midway), and some larger portion of Middle Bank.
6. Recommendation that the biological, cultural & historic significance of Middle Bank be explored and documented by the Co-Trustees and appropriate partners to develop clear recommendations for effective management of important Middle Bank resources.
7. We strongly recommend that sanctuary planning examine opportunities for comprehensive management inclusive of Midway due to its connections as a critical part of the ecosystem and archipelago; and explore the feasibility of including Midway in the new sanctuary.



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11:00 PUBLIC COMMENT
Barbara “Barb” Mayer
Chris Kelley

11:15 WRAP UP
Decision Making
2022 RAC Meeting Planning
Closing Remarks

12:00 PAU





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