

## Media Advisory

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### Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Meeting to Be Held November 13, 2013 In Honolulu

The Reserve Advisory Council for NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (now part of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and World Heritage site) will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. The Reserve Advisory Council will discuss and receive updates on Monument activities and hear briefings on related efforts, including agency updates. The meeting will be held on O'ahu and is open to the public.

**WHAT:** NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council Meeting

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
9:00am – 12:30pm

**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](http://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov) or by calling Katie Gentry at (808) 694-3936.

Established in 2000, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations on managing and protecting the reserve. The council is composed of 15 voting members that represent constituency groups, and 10 non-voting members representing stakeholder federal agencies. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the council members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public.

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument is the single largest conservation area under the U.S. flag, and one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world. It encompasses 139,797 square miles of the Pacific Ocean (362,073 square kilometers) - an area larger than all the country's national parks combined.

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