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2017 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council

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- Rick Gaffney (Secretary)
- Carol Wilcox
- Jessica Wooley
- Tammy Harp
- Pelika Andrade
- Geoffrey Walker
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- Athline Clark
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- Marine Mammal Commission
- National Science Foundation
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- Conservation
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- Native Hawaiian
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Establishment of RAC

In 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000.

Section 5.(f), of the EO directed the Secretary to establish the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council and dictated what constituencies and agencies are represented on the council.
From Reserve to Monument

In 2006, Presidential Proclamation 8031 established Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument under the authority of the Antiquities Act. The monument overlaid the existing conservation areas, incorporating the reserve into the larger monument.

Despite the establishment and expansion of the monument over time and the complex management regimes, the role of the reserve advisory council has remained consistent: to provide consensus advice to ONMS regarding the management of the reserve portion of the monument.
Notable Recent RAC Accomplishments:

• Management Planning and Evaluation
• Support of Pacific Islands Region Education Plan
• Visitor Center Analysis
• New Charter adopted July 2017
Recent RAC Actions:

July 26, 2017
Public Comment Submission from the RAC Regarding Executive Order 13795 - Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy

July 10, 2017
Public Comment Submission from the RAC to Secretary Zinke Opposing Monument Review, MS-1530

July 12, 2016
Letter from the RAC to John Armor Supporting the Proposed Expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

May 12, 2016
Letter from the RAC to John Armor Requesting Information on the Sanctuary Designation Process
Current Goals:

- Develop workplan, revitalize subcommittees
- Recruitment for new members

*PMNM Education Specialist Kaliko High leads the RAC members on a tour at Mokupāpapa Discovery Center Hilo, Hawaiʻi in July 2017*