

NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM RESERVE  
**RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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*Research*  
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*Conservation*  
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*Conservation*  
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**Meeting October 22, 2020**  
**9:00am – 1:00pm**  
**Via GoToWebinar**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

**Brief Review & Summary of Previous Issues and Action Items (Clark)**

- Fall Recruitment – Applications due October 31 [update: ONMS is extending application period to November 15 to allow more time for additional interest]
  - Open seats include 7 alternate seats (3 Research, 1 Conservation, 1 Ocean-related Tourism, 1 Commercial Fishing, and 1 Native Hawaiian); and two Primary seats – 1 Research and 1 Education.

**Actions/Decision-Making**

**RAC Resolution honoring members**

Judith Cucco, Citizen-At-Large Representative, introduced the “Resolution Honoring Dr. Gail Grabowsky for Her Service on the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve”

- ***The Council unanimously voted to approve the Resolution.***

Don Schug, Research Representative, introduced the “Resolution Honoring Dr. Cynthia “Cindy” Hunter for Her Service on the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve”

- ***The Council unanimously voted to approve the Resolution.***

**National Marine Sanctuary designation process next-steps**

The council motioned and approved to form a writing team that will provide the council a draft letter to ONMS supporting moving forward with Sanctuary designation. This team will be meeting within the next month and presenting their recommendations to the full council at the December 9 meeting for a vote on the letter.

*Note: The writing team is comprised of Linda Paul, Don Schug, Solomon Kooalahala and Halealoha Ayau.*

**Fall Meeting Date:**

**The next Reserve Advisory Council Meeting will be held on December 9, 2020**