



PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA
Marine National Monument

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve seeks advisory council applicants

NOAA's Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is seeking to fill 10 primary and alternate seats on its advisory council. The council ensures public participation in reserve management and provides advice to the NOAA superintendent.

The Reserve Advisory Council is accepting applications for the following seats:

- Native Hawaiian seat- primary
- Research seat- primary
- (2) Conservation seats- primary
- Commercial Fishing seat- primary
- (2) Native Hawaiian seats- alternates
- Native Hawaiian Elder seat- alternate
- Citizen-at-Large seat- alternate
- and Commercial Fishing seat- alternate

Candidates will be selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat(s) for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and views regarding the protection and management of reserve resources. Selected applicants should expect to serve as a volunteer for a three-year term. Please note that several of the above-listed seats have reached a term-limit point at which the incumbent representatives are ineligible to reapply.

The advisory council consists of 15 voting primary members and 15 non-voting alternate members representing a variety of public interests. It also includes 10 non-voting governmental members representing federal and state agencies.

Applications are due by **December 17, 2021**. Application kits can be downloaded from the website at papahanaumokuakea.gov/new-about/council/apply/. For further information, please contact Camille Jones, Advisory Council Coordinator, via email at camille.harte.jones@noaa.gov

The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve was established in December 2000 by Executive Order 13178 signed by President Clinton, which directed the establishment of a Reserve Advisory Council, in accordance with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. The Reserve Advisory Council (RAC) is a community-based advisory group consisting of representatives from various constituencies, providing a public forum for community consultation and deliberation on resource management issues affecting the Reserve.

The advisory council actively recruits for new members and alternates when positions are available. Check our website for updates on when to apply, and to request an email notification:

NOAA Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument: <https://www.papahanaumokuakea.gov/>
NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>