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Dear Friend of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument:

The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is in the process of recruiting for seats on the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council, which is a part of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM). Beginning immediately, we will accept applications for council membership. Please note, under federal law (18 U.S.C. § 208), federal employees are prohibited from serving in a personal capacity in a non-governmental seat on a sanctuary and/or reserve advisory council. State employees registered as a federal lobbyist in the past two years should consult their employer for specific guidance on eligibility.

When the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve was established in December 2000, the Executive Order signed by President Clinton directed the establishment of a Reserve Advisory Council, in accordance with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. The Reserve Advisory Council 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 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve.

Enclosed is our Reserve Advisory Council application kit, which includes a copy of the council charter and an application form. Initial council terms will be for 3 years, with the ability to serve for consecutive terms, if reselected.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications via email by October 31, 2020. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of current conservation, research, citizen-at-large, and Native Hawaiian representatives of the Reserve Advisory Council. The panel will help PMNM leadership narrow down the number of candidates for each seat to the top three, before the final selection is made by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. All candidates will be officially notified of their status, upon approval by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will not allow you to serve on the Council, please notify Jennifer Crawford, Reserve Advisory Council Coordinator, at jennifer.crawford@noaa.gov. Also, feel free to contact Jennifer if you have any questions about the Northwestern Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, the Reserve Advisory Council or the council member selection process.

Sincerely,

Athline Clark,
Superintendent

Enclosures

