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Dear Friend of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve:

We are in the process of recruitment for vacant seats on our reserve advisory council. Beginning immediately, we will accept applications for council membership.

The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (NWHICRER) Advisory Council was established in December 2000 under Presidential Executive Order 13178, to ensure continued public participation in the management of the NWHICRE Reserve 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.

Enclosed is our sanctuary advisory council application kit, which includes a copy of the council charter and an application form, as well as some information about the sanctuary. Council terms will be for 3 years. State employees should consult their employer for specific guidance on eligibility.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications emailed to Camille Jones, Advisory Council Coordinator, at camille.harte.jones@noaa.gov by December 1, 2021. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel compromised of the RAC selection subcommittee. The panel will help to narrow down the number of candidates for each seat to the top three. Of these, a member and an alternate will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will not allow you to serve on the council, please notify Camille Jones at camille.harte.jones@noaa.gov. Also, feel free to contact Camille if you have any questions about the reserve, the council, or the council member selection process.

Sincerely,

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