

SAVE Spectacular

Celebrating 50 Years of National Marine Sanctuaries

MBNMS Advisory Council meeting
August 19, 2022

Lisa Wooninck, Superintendent

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary



What's New



MBNMS hires Haven Parker as Advisory Council Coordinator and Program Support Specialist

- Haven grew up in Aptos, CA, where she enjoyed surfing and SCUBA diving from a young age
- She attended Duke University to pursue a bachelor's in marine science, spending much of her time at the Duke Marine Lab
- After graduating, she interned for then-Senator Kamala Harris in D.C. and worked for Santa Cruz County Parks and the West Coast Regional ONMS



What's New



USPS First Day of Issuance of Forever Stamps Commemorating 50 Years of the National Marine Sanctuary System

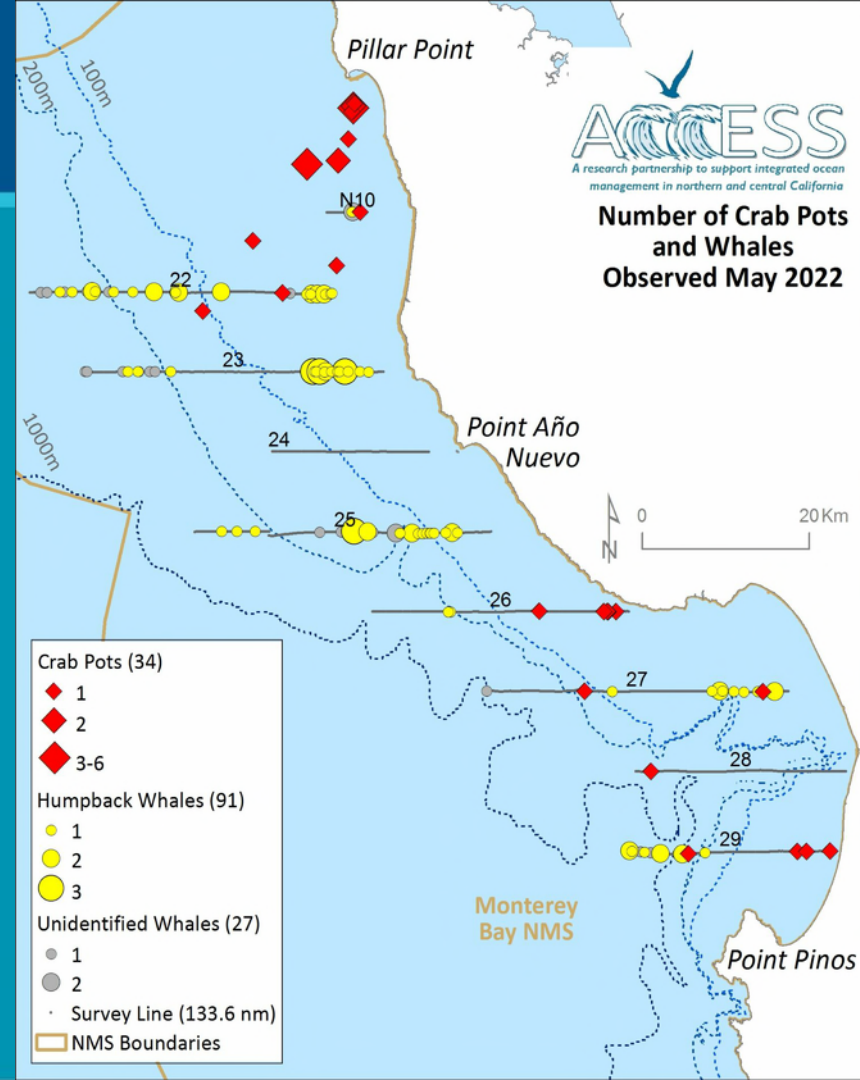
- Ceremony held at Sanctuary Exploration Center unveiling 16 new Forever Stamps that showcase abundant wildlife and diverse ecosystems
- Purchase available at <http://www.usps.com/shopstamps>



Nearshore Marine Mammal/Seabird Survey

ACCESS Cruise on RV Fulmar from Pillar Point to Point Pinos May 3rd - May 12, 2022

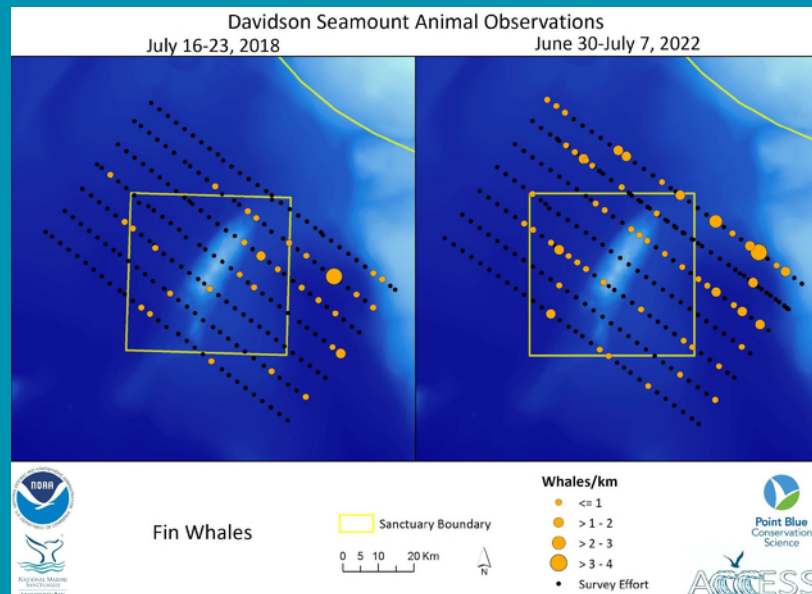
- 120 whales and 34 crab pots (off season) and numerous seabirds on 134 linear nautical miles
- 20 CTD casts, 20 nutrient samples collected
- 9 phytoplankton samples collected
- 20 hoop net samples, 4 Tucker trawl collected
- Crab pot locations were shared with CDFW



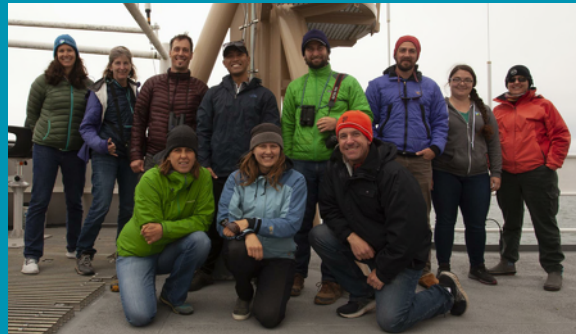
Marine Mammal/Seabird Survey at Davidson Seamount



- June 28 - July 8, 2022
- 2,869 marine mammals and 513 seabirds were counted on 350 linear nautical miles
- 39 CTD deployment to depths of up to 2,000 meters, collecting water that will be analyzed for environmental DNA, nutrients, and microplastics
- 23 tucker trawls and 18 hoop net casts provide a sampling of the available prey over the seamount



Observations from Davidson Seamount



Dr. Rick Starr to be Honored



Ed Ricketts Memorial Award and Lecture Honoring Dr. Rick Starr

- October 26, 2022 at the Sanctuary Exploration Center
- Nominated and selected by MBNMS Research Activity Panel



Shared Adventure GIYS



Get Into Your Sanctuary/Day on the Beach

- Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Santa Cruz Wharf and Cowell Beach
- > 300 individuals with diverse special needs
- adaptive sports: recreational fishing, kayaking, outrigger canoeing, SCUBA, and beach wheelchair rides/floats
- Advisory Council members Jose Montes and Adam Helm fished with 40 participants from the Santa Cruz Wharf



Sea Star Gala, September 17



- MBNMS Foundation is hosting
- Formal Blue Tie event
- Cocoanut Grove Ballroom at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
- Sea Star Awards Presentation
- More information and tickets available at <https://montereybayfoundation.org/event/sea-stars-gala-2022/>



Sanctuary Fest - Sept 18, 2022



Sunday, September 18, 2022
Santa Cruz Wharf,
Exploration Center, and
Cowell Beach

9:00 am-12:00 pm: Aloha Outrigger Races

10:00 am-3:00 pm: Free ocean paddleboarding, kayaking, and guided wildlife tours (pre-registration required)

10:00 am-3:00 pm: Partner exhibitor fair, short ocean films, science talks, virtual scavenger hunt, sand castle building, and fish printing!

1:00 pm: Recognition Ceremony of MBNMS and HIHWNMS 30th/ONMS 50th Anniversaries

1:30 pm: Aloha Outrigger Race Awards Ceremony

MBNMS Education



Sanctuary Exploration Center Changes

- **Becky Gustafson** (Volunteer Coordinator/Education Specialist)
- **Christina Funck** (Gift Store Manager/Facility Rental Coordinator)
- Now open 5 days/week (Wednesday-Sunday)

Coastal Signage Plan

- Completed 10 new signs to be installed along Ocean View Blvd, Pacific Grove
- Completed 2 new signs to be installed on the Santa Cruz Wharf
- In development new MPWC signs to be installed at 4 harbor boat ramps

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Pacific Harbor Seals
Harbor seals can be seen year-round along the coast. They spend hours resting on rocks to conserve energy, regulate their body temperature, and avoid predators.

Each February to June, females gather on sheltered beaches to give birth and nurse their pups for four to six weeks. Pups are then weaned to forage and survive on their own.

Wildlife Viewing

- Give Wildlife Space**
Use binoculars to observe close up.
- Watch Quietly**
Loud noises can frighten animals.
- Keep Hands and Food Away**
Never feed animals, or attempt to touch.
- Keep Pets on a Leash**
Pets may chase wildlife, which can carry and transmit infectious diseases.
- Report Wildlife Disturbances**
NOAA Enforcement Hotline: (800) 853-1964
CDFW CalTIP Hotline: (888) 334-2256
Or text "CalTIP [your message]" to 847411
- Abandoned or Sick Wildlife**
The Marine Mammal Center: (415) 269-SEAL
Monterey County SPCA (bards): (831) 264-5427
- Drone or Fishing Violations**
Pacific Grove Police Department: (831) 648-3143
CDFW CalTIP Hotline: (888) 334-2256

PG Municipal Code § 11.72.010, 14.04.020, & 10.10.010
California Code of Regulations Title 14 §632

Seals haul out on rocks to rest during the day. A pup is often left behind while its mother feeds offshore. Unlike sea lions, harbor seals are true seals and lack visible ear flaps.

MBNMS Resource Protection



MB SAC Vessel Incident Subcommittee has met 4 times plus 4 additional joint meetings with GF SAC VI Subcommittee

- Chair Hoffman will provide an update today

33 ft Sailboat ran aground at Capitola beach, July

- Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department took responsibility and paid a contractor to tow the vessel off the beach



MBNMS Resource Protection



- Redeployed all 9 MPWC buoys at new locations for zones after full servicing and maintenance performed
- Submitted comment letter to BOEM on the Morro Bay Proposed Sale Notice for leases
- Coordinating with NOAA Office of Law Enforcement on distribution of flyers: requirements to use sewage pump out at harbors



AC Recruitment



Haven reaching out week of August 22

Announcements public week of Aug 29

Recruiting for 9 seats

- Agriculture (alternate)
- At-large positions (2 primary)
- College (primary & alternate)
- Conservation (alternate)
- Recreation (primary & alternate)
- Research (primary)



Email Haven.Parker@noaa.gov with ideas for recruitment opportunities

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Administration and Operations

- COVID 19
 - ◆ GFNMS/CBNMS are moving to in-person operations
- 22' Zodiac Hurricane to support operations in Tomales Bay



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Conservation Science

- Successful completion of two ACCESS cruises
- CBNMS Condition Report out for peer review
- GFNMS Condition Report Status & Trends Workshops completed



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Education and Outreach

- GFNMS/CBNMS held two “Get Into Your Sanctuary” crab fishing family workshops
- Staff participate in Sonoma County teacher workshop
- Sharktoberfest to be held September 24, 2022
- GFNMS Visitor Center scheduled to reopen to the public on Wednesday, August 24



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Resource Protection

- Seabird Protection Network trains U.S. Coast Guard aircrews on reducing wildlife disturbances
- Staff working with State/NPS regarding new CA Fish and Game Commission aquaculture lease in Tomales Bay
- Staff engage K-6 students on Vessel Speed Reduction efforts inspiring action from global shipping lines
- American Challenger response



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