

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the availability of final evaluation findings of state coastal programs and national estuarine research reserves. The NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed review of the Coastal Zone Management Program evaluations for the states of New York, New Hampshire, Washington, and Maine. The states were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved Coastal Zone Management Programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards.

The NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed review of the National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluations for South Slough, Jacques Cousteau, Wells, and Narragansett Bay. The reserves were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Copies of these final evaluation findings may be downloaded at [http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation\\_findings/index.html](http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation_findings/index.html) or by submitting a written request to the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Hall, Evaluator, Planning and Performance Measurement Program, Office for Coastal Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, N/OCM1, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or [Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov](mailto:Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)****Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in San Francisco, California.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Friday, January 19, 2018, at 1 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Argonaut Hotel, 495 Jefferson Street at Hyde, San Francisco, CA 94109.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles M. Wahle, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 99 Pacific St., Suite 100–F, Monterey, CA 93940. (Phone: 831–647–6460; Fax: 831–647–1732; email: [charles.wahle@noaa.gov](mailto:charles.wahle@noaa.gov); or visit the National MPA Center website at <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, on marine protected areas (MPAs). The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be accepted from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer by Friday, January 12, 2018.

**Matters To Be Considered:** This meeting will focus on: (i) Refining the Committee's charge and work plans for 2018–2019; (ii) identifying ways to enhance the impact of the Committee's recommendations and products; (iii) engaging with National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Chairs and other MPA programs to explore common approaches to emerging issues facing US MPAs; and, (iv) establishing subcommittees and working groups, as needed, to address the Committee's new charge. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac>.

Dated: December 21, 2017.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserve**

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting to solicit comments for the performance evaluation of the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**DATES:** *Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, and written comments must be received on or before Friday, March 9, 2018.

For the specific date, time, and location of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the reserves and coastal program NOAA intends to evaluate by any of the following methods:

**Public Meeting and Oral Comments:** A public meeting will be held in Mt. Vernon, Washington for the Padilla Bay Reserve. For the specific location, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Written Comments:** Please direct written comments to Ralph Cantral, Senior Advisor, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 1305 East West Highway N/OCM1, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or via email to [Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov](mailto:Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ralph Cantral, Senior Advisor, Policy, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, (240) 543–0729, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405–2413, or via email to [Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov](mailto:Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov). Copies of the previous evaluation findings, Management Plan, and Site Profile may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation