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Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Scheduled for Sept. 9 – 11, 2009 in Anchorage



The Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Federal Advisory Committee, which advises the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Interior, will hold its 14th meeting on September 9 - 11, 2009, at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda is available on the MPA Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov/mpafac/fac.html> .

The Committee will hear two expert panel presentations. The first presentation will examine how the National System of Marine Protected Areas can contribute to ecological resilience in the face of climate change. The second presentation will focus on including management agencies and stakeholders in marine protected areas in Alaska. The meeting will concentrate on the completion of draft recommendations developed by the Scientific & Technical, and Review & Evaluation, Subcommittees for deliberation and action by the full Committee.

WHAT: 14th meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. Attendance is open to any interested individuals. Two public comment periods are scheduled: Wednesday, September 9, 2009 from 4:30-5:15 p.m. and Friday, September 11, from 8:45-9:30 a.m. Panel discussions are

scheduled for September 9 and 10. Subcommittee meetings are scheduled on all three days.

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.
9:00 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday; 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday; 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

WHERE: The Hilton Anchorage, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

WHO:

- Laura Furgione, Assistant Administrator, NOAA's Office of Program Planning and Integration.
- David Kennedy, Director, NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.
- 30 members of the Federal Advisory Committee and 10 representatives of other federal agencies.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting NOAA's Lauren Wenzel, designated federal official, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center at (301) 713-3100 ext. 136 or Lauren.Wenzel@noaa.gov . The committee meets in coastal locations across the country to learn more about regional issues and perspectives on marine conservation.

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