Subject: IMPORTANT: Seeking New Members for Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

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**Seeking New Members for Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee**

NOAA is seeking nominations to fill ten vacancies on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee for 2017-2020. The Committee advises the Departments of Commerce and the Interior on the development and implementation of a national system of marine protected areas to connect and strengthen the nation's MPA programs. In particular, nominations for representatives of ocean industries, commercial and recreational fishing, Tribal and/or Pacific Islanders, State coastal or ocean agencies, natural and social science, cultural resource management, non-consumptive uses and conservation interests are sought by October 7, 2016.

Nominations should provide: (1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited, and (4) a resume or CV not to exceed four pages in length. Nominations may choose to include letters of support (no more than three) describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are accepted, and emailed nominations are preferred.

Nominations should be sent to Nicole.capps@noaa.gov.

For more information, see [http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/](http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/)

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