

**FAGATELE BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 18, 2010
1:30pm – 3:00pm**

Welcome by Dean Hudson, SAC Chair

Participants:

Dean Hudson, Uiagalelei Lealofi, Mike Reynolds, Ephraim Temple, Sarah Eminhizer, Kevin Grant, Lucy Jacobs, Tumau Lokeni, Fatima Sauafea-Leau, Gene Brighthouse, Bob, Kelly Anderson, Alice Lawrence, Emily Gaskin, Veronika Mortenson, Chuck Birkeland

Minutes from previous meeting:

Dean - Any questions or concerns?

Call for motion to accept previous meeting minutes

Uiagalelei – Move to accept meeting minutes

Mike – Second motion

First item on agenda:

Emily – Council Items/presentation on overview

- SAC Charter Revision

Questions:

Uiagalelei – As CAL rep. do I need to reapply or get someone else to represent my district?

Emily – Need to reapply.

Ephraim – From ASCC, does Seth need to apply or I need to?

Gene – A letter will send to directors to reconfirm nominations to SAC.

Non-gov seats – needs to complete an application

Gov seats – no need to apply just confirmation from directors

Wednesday next week – letters to directors will be going out

FBNMS Highlights of Activities: - Kevin

- Management Plan Review

- Plan is currently in review to get up to date issues
- Potentially open new sites to be part of the sanctuary system in AS

Sanctuary designation process at seven sites:

- No-take research site – not yet determined .The biogeographic info will help to identify the site for research purposes.
- Fagalua Bay
- Fagatele Bay

- Rose
- Swains
- Aunu'u
- Ta'u Manu'a (large coral and yellow water)

Questions:

Netini – About Swains, was the Faipule approached about the whole island?

Kevin – Not yet determined. No boundaries or regulations made on any of these sites. At the moment, the staff are working with the people or community in the process.

Netini – 2008 biogeographic assessment conducted, was there any existing study prior to 2008 in Fagatele?

Chuck – The last one was August 2007 and next on coming up in 2010

Kevin – Chuck has the longest data set from 1982

Kevin – there is also the NOAA CRED that conduct studies every 2 years that also include these sites.

Netini – Is the data consider a public information?

Kevin/Gene – Yes – copies will be on sanctuary websites.

Uiagalelei – Need to convey or dissect the data so it will be easier for the general public to understand.

Kevin – Sanctuary has every intention to do that

Ephraim – NOAA CRED – has the coral reef monitoring books that ASCC is using

Nika - Involving villages in the process

- Use OSA to assist in introducing the program/staff into the village
- Use village strategy to obtain community involvement

Uiagalelei – Pointed out on the map that Larsen area is owned by Futiga village

Dean – Where is the boundary between Vaitogi and Futiga?

Uiagalelei – There's something wrong with the map, there should be two coves – Larsen/Fagalua and Fogama'a.

Met with Aunu'u and questionnaire was given to 9 families.

- Village recommended to conduct awareness and outreach activities
- March 27th scheduled to meet with Aunu'u village

Lucy – Work for DMWR and this has been ongoing problem between DMWR and Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is partnering up with DOC and Governor so they are initiating program within 3 miles zone. If village is being targeted by DMWR then sanctuary will not proceed with that village as she was informed earlier. Upset about not having another SAC meeting since July and yet already there are meetings with communities.

Uiagalelei – Samoans are very sensitive.

Lucy – Should have one agency go in and work with the village. Found out that village is confused because Sanctuary has approached the village. Director has asked to say for the Sanctuary not to go with Aunu'u and let DMWR continue work with Aunu'u. A lot of work have been put into conducting programs in Aunu'u.

Kevin – We are not just a federal program. When did you go into the village?

Lucy – Last year in July (survey) and Sept. (workshop)

Kevin – Disagree on “sanctuary’s fault” when DMWR knew that in the Governor meeting with Sanctuary staff and DMWR Director that Aunu'u was discussed as a potential site for Sanctuary process. Will bring it up at the Directors level.

Mike – Tau village is now confused and I see a parallel situation that seems to be we need more coordination. Like I mention before, anytime you go to Manu'a let us know so we could work together.

Lucy – About Larsen – What is the objective of the Sanctuary site in Larsen?

Nika – It is not yet final.

Kevin – The primary purpose is resource protection

Uiagalelei – Will the areas that village depend on for livelihood, fishing and farming be included in this protection line. Need to consider the people living and fishing in the area

Kevin – Primary objective is resource protection in addition we support any use of those areas that are compatible in resource protection. We encourage partnership and we all have a common goals.

Ephraim – On list of recommended sites, Fagalua was written in as a comment – is Fagalua part of Larsen bay?

Uiagalelei – Fagalua is Larsen

Dean – Recreational use & tourism should be part of the goal

Uiagalelei – Could we have specific goals or sub-goals

Kevin – Presented the summary of Management Plan outline

Uiagalelei – Nice to hear all of these, village communities are very sensitive in these new development...this is all new but we need to get our people involved

Lucy – Should have land-based highlighted in a goal

Dean Hudson – Thank you and closing.