Become a Sanctuary Volunteer and Ocean Steward of our Coast

NOAA’s Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and Greater Farallones Association needs community scientists to help collect data on the condition of our sanctuary shores in North-Central California. Beach Watch volunteers monitor an assigned beach segment and collect data to support conservation and management of our sanctuary’s wildlife, habitats, and ecosystem.

- Identify, count, and photo-document living and dead birds and marine mammals;
- Human uses of the coast in partnership with MPA Watch; and
- Document and collect oil pollution samples as evidence.

It is a top goal of our programs to reflect the demographics of the greater Bay Area. People of all backgrounds and life experience are welcome and encouraged to apply.

To become a Beach Watch volunteer you must:
- Attend one of three orientations and complete an application.
- Be 18+ years old, with a passion or interest in coastal ecology and learning.
- Attend all required trainings
- Commit to surveying your beach once every four weeks, for a minimum of one year.

**2021 Orientation Dates:**
- Online via Zoom (please attend one of the following)
  - August 7, 2021 10 a.m.
  - August 24, 2021 6 p.m.
  - August 26, 2021 6 p.m.

Register for orientation at: www.beachwatch.farallones.org - click on Get Involved!

*Orientation attendance, application, and confirmed acceptance into program is a prerequisite to attend training.*

Training will be online via Zoom in the evenings, and in-person training on weekend days along the North-Central coast, San Francisco through Sonoma Counties, October 2021 – March 2022.

To view training dates, visit: www.beachwatch.farallones.org

For more information contact: Dru Devlin, ddevlin@farallones.org

Please note this call for volunteers is for the Beach Watch project within Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; a different project than COASST, which is looking for shoreline surveyors in northern Mendocino County to Del Norte County.