The following revisions are made to the charter as signed on September 26, 2019, which is hereby amended on the date of amendment indicated below.

The noted parts of the “Members, Alternates, and Officers” section are revised to read as follows:

3. There are two categories of seats for which non-voting members are appointed or selected:

   (a) To ensure relevant information exchange among national marine sanctuaries, the superintendent of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary shall sit on the council as a non-voting member.

5. Council Officer Elections and Terms:

   (b) A chair or vice-chair may leave his/her term to run for the other council officer position if desired. If the chair or vice-chair is elected to a new position, the council shall nominate and elect a new representative for the vacated officer position. Council members, including non-voting members (except the superintendent of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and/or his/her designee), may nominate individuals for the council officer positions. Any primary member of the council, including government seats and non-voting seats (with the exception of the superintendent of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary) may be nominated and elected as a council officer. Election for all positions is by majority vote of all council members, including the non-voting members, and votes shall be made by written ballot. Alternates may nominate and vote during an election only when the alternate is filling the seat in the absence of the primary member. Members who will not be present at the time of the election may submit their votes in writing to the sanctuary superintendent prior to the meeting.

All other terms of the charter remain in full force and effect.

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