

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

January 22, 2016

2016 Work Topics and Potential Activities Prioritized by CINMS Advisory Council

At their January 22nd meeting, the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council contributed to the development of a prioritized list of work topics and potential activities for 2016. At the top of the list are several high priority topics related to shipping issues, science and research, marine protected areas, and climate change. This year the council will consider and take action on a report from their Marine Shipping Working Group. The council will also receive presentations from experts on ocean acidification and biological and socioeconomic monitoring of Channel Islands marine protected areas. Fishing representatives on the council expressed interest in arranging educational talks to the council designed to elevate the council's understanding of Channel Islands-based fishing opportunities, practices, and resources. Other council work topics will be addressed as time allows or circumstances require.

March 18, 2016

CINMS Advisory Council Receives Final Report from Marine Shipping Working Group

At their public meeting on March 18th 2016, members of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council received a final report from their Marine Shipping Working Group, a diverse stakeholder group consisting of representatives from the conservation and research communities, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Coast Guard, the shipping industry, local air pollution control district, and the tourism industry. The report -- which includes a robust suite of ideas for management, research, and outreach -- represents the culmination of over a year of collaborative research and discussion to develop a suite of ideas for addressing regional shipping-related concerns, including ship strikes on endangered whales, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, navigational safety, and conflicts with ocean users. The advisory council discussed the report, and at their May 2016 council meeting they will contemplate moving it forward to the Sanctuary Superintendent as an advice package. The working group's report will be posted on line soon at http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/group_meetings_archives.html, or can be requested from jessica.morten@noaa.gov.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

March 2nd, 2016

GFNMS Advisory Council Makes Recommendation Regarding Beneficial Reuse of Clean Dredged Sediment in the Northern Management Area of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

The GFNMS Advisory Council voted and approved a recommendation regarding beneficial reuse of clean dredged sediment in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which includes that MBNMS articulate a definition of beneficial reuse of clean dredged materials from harbors or other appropriate materials from other sources at the San Mateo County Surfer's Beach site. The SAC urges an expeditious response to this because of community concerns.

GFNMS Advisory Council Makes Recommendation Regarding Discharge Regulations in the Northern Management Area of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

The GFNMS Advisory Council recommends maintaining the existing permitting process regarding seabirds and the continued discharge regulations chumming for seabirds.

GFNMS Advisory Council Makes Recommendation Regarding the San Francisco-Pacific Exclusion Area

The GFNMS Advisory Council recommends that Greater Farallones NMS proceed with an open, transparent National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process to address San Francisco Pacifica Exclusion Area (closure of the Donut Hole).

GFNMS Advisory Council Makes Recommendation Regarding Motorized Personal Watercraft

The GFNMS Advisory Council recommends that Greater Farallones NMS continue to prioritize the training of public safety personnel with MPWCs and have the MBNMS subcommittee present its outcomes to the SAC and have a discussion about public usage.

GFNMS Advisory Council Makes Recommendations Regarding Strategies from the Climate-Smart Adaptation Working Group

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the "Alleviate Climate Impacts" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the "Dynamic Management" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the "Education" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the "Habitat Protection and Restoration" strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the “Human Disturbance” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the “Invasive Species Management” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the “Landward Migration” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the “Invest in Science Needs” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the “Species Protection” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

The GFNMS Advisory Council votes to recommend the consideration of the “Water Quality Management” strategies identified for the sanctuary, and for the strategies identified for other agencies, the Council recommends that the sanctuary superintendent forward them to the appropriate agency.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

January 22, 2016

OCNMS Advisory Council Holds Annual Joint Meeting with Intergovernmental Policy Council

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hosted a joint meeting with Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council (IPC) on January 22nd in La Push, WA. The session included an interactive discussion between both councils focusing on topics of interest and priorities. IPC presented their list of current interests and activities, including continual work on the Habitat Framework initiative, which will serve as a comprehensive catalog to be used for supporting efforts to improve our understanding and protection of important marine resources. The Habitat Framework is based on a need for a common understanding of all information sources

regarding habitat and its role in supporting marine ecosystems. OCNMS's advisory council highlighted education and outreach as a priority topic in 2016 and will support IPC in whatever ways possible to move Habitat Framework forward and leverage partnerships for IPC funding and shared interests, such as the sanctuary's seasonal oceanographic monitoring program. The advisory council is also interested in supporting the sanctuary in becoming a Sentinel Site for ocean acidification.

OCNMS Advisory Council Elects Officers for Executive Committee

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council advisory council elected officers to serve on the Executive Committee. Lee Whitford, Education representative, was re-elected to continue serving as advisory council Chair. Heather Reef, of WDFW, was re-elected to serve as Vice-Chair, and John Veentjer, Marine Industry representative, is the new Secretary. Each will serve a two-year term in their respective position, with the ability to run or be nominated again. All council members were in consensus.

March 25, 2016

OCNMS Advisory Council Approves Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site Working Group Charter

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council formed an Ocean Acidification Sentinel Site (OASeS) Working Group in February 2016 to help develop and plan a workshop to assist OCNMS in becoming a sentinel site for ocean acidification. This working group will assist in the planning of an OASeS workshop with local and regional partners, co-hosted by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and NOAA's Ocean Acidification Program, to determine the scope and scale of ocean acidification relative to OCNMS, and to develop the scope of work for OCNMS as a Sentinel Site. The workshop will focus on current research and monitoring (including Citizen Science), known impacts, documenting current and planned response actions, identifying targeted education and outreach efforts, and the transferability of these concepts to other areas/regions. The OASeS Working Group will reconvene after the workshop to refine the purpose and task(s) based upon the results of the workshop, looking to identify short- and long-term actions, including those implementable within a year.
