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ACOUSTIC IMPACTS:

Issues:

- Sanctuary should be proactive in regards to Low Frequency Acoustics in Big Sur. (MB)
- Concerned about acoustic impacts including behavior modification, injuries, or death to marine mammals and humans. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Prohibit and research sources of artificial marine noise. (All)
- Sanctuaries should not allow SONAR and acoustical experimentation. (All)
- There should be a ban on all activities, which cause noise of any type, which kills, harms or changes the behavior of any biota within all the sanctuaries, but especially the MBNMS. (All)
- A study should be conducted surveying existing and potential noise impacts, alternatives and mitigations In the Sanctuary, which should include shipping and military operations. (All)
- Sanctuary should develop a policy prohibiting adverse impacts associated with underwater sound. (All)
- Investigate the issue of marine noise. Combine all underwater sound issues and evaluate both long and short term impacts (All)
- Document baseline and new acoustic conditions at selected representative sites throughout the sanctuaries, to improve the knowledge of ambient and anthropogenic sound sources in marine ecosystems. (All)
- Ban all underwater “acoustical devices” producing sound greater than 80 decibels at the source, until proven safe for marine life. (All)

ADMINISTRATION:

Issues:

- Sanctuary needs much more funding to achieve adequate ecosystem protection. (All)
- Need more money and support for water quality action plans. Currently they are poorly implemented. (MB)
- The Sanctuary needs to respond to public requests in a more timely fashion. (All)
- The name of the Sanctuary should be changed to “Offshore Central California NMS” or something similar. The current name is misleading, since the Monterey Bay is just a small proportion of the total area of the bay. (MB)
- Does not understand whom the Sanctuary program is accountable to. There should be more accountability for the actions of the Sanctuary. (All)
- Dissatisfied with the management style of the Sanctuary: MBNMS does not play well with others, particularly re: coast highway landslide disposal. Does not consider the needs of other stakeholders in many cases. (MB)
- Sanctuary resources should be dedicated to resolving conflicts. MBNMS needs a policy to deal with conflicts more efficiently. Should be based on what has and has not worked in the past. (MB)
- MBNMS is better managed than GF/CB (SAC established). Should be similar management for all three sanctuaries. (All)
- GFNMS and CBNMS need better facilities to serve as meeting rooms for volunteer meetings, and education and outreach. These should include a wet lab. (GF/CB)
- Need procedure for evaluating public comments. (All)
- Supportive of the approach of the Management Plan Review process (outreach, meetings, etc). (All)
- Scoping meeting should have been held in Morro Bay or somewhere on the coast, instead of in San Luis Obispo. (MB)
- NOAA should allocate resources for voluntary implementation. (All)
- Staff the research program with knowledgeable scientists, capable in conducting as well as interpreting research. (MB)
- Integrate research with Sanctuary Education, Conservation and Research Protection Programs. (MB)
- GFNMS Manager is praised by members of the community, and is doing a good job. Consequently, the Sanctuary is expected to be very successful with continued public support. (GF/CB)
- Adoption of new or revised management plans will require NMSP to submit to the Coastal Commission a *consistency determination* pursuant to the CZMA. (All)
- Too much agency emphasis on locking up resources. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- NOAA should allocate more resources towards implementation of the agriculture action plan. (MB)
- Sanctuary should help secure funds for additional water quality monitoring. (MB)
- Increase funding for enforcement. (All)

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- More funding should be made available for education in schools (elementary school to college). (All)
- More funding for monitoring of water quality. (All)
- Increase funding for staffing at GFNMS. (GF)
- Encourage funding of “Dock Walk” materials (educational information, bilge sponges, etc). (MB)
- The Sanctuary should be part of the Department of the Interior rather than Department of Commerce. The Sanctuary could learn from the Department of the Interior’s experience. (All)
- National Marine Sanctuary Program should complete a visitor use survey. (All)
- Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary should not change its name. (MB)
- Adhere to language in National Marine Sanctuaries Act. (All)
- There must be measurable, quantifiable performance measures. (All)
- A comprehensive cost/benefit analysis of presence of the Sanctuary should be conducted; results should be distributed widely to the public. (All)
- Sanctuary should have “objective based” policy, and regulations should have definite goals. Should educate more about why the policy or regulation is in place. (All)
- Sanctuaries should consider economic impacts on local communities as part of the Joint Management Plan Review (JMPR). Should provide mitigation for impacts on users/communities. (All)
- Sanctuaries should use both breakout sessions (like this JMPR scoping meeting), and an open forum format at the end of the meeting, where comments are limited to 2-3 minutes. (All)
- Increase staffing of sanctuaries to meet goals. (All)
- Sanctuaries should remain as 3 entities. (All)
- Names of Sanctuaries should not be changed but should look at streamlining efforts among the three. (All)
- Would like to see Sanctuary Headquarters in Santa Cruz County not Monterey County. (MB)
- Need to ensure that local voices can be heard over national voices from Washington DC. (All)
- The Sanctuary should hold meetings inland as well as in coastal areas.
- Sanctuary should conduct a cost-benefit analysis of its management programs. Revenues should be tied to benefits. (All)
- Sanctuary should set measurable and defined goals or standards. (All)
- Add language to the Management Plan to include the concept that “ecosystem” includes an understanding of the socio-economic impact on a business or community of any particular sanctuary permit or regulation. (All)
- Sanctuary use and economic opportunities need to be actively promoted. A staff position should be added or current staff time should be directed, to develop a Sanctuary marketing plan and facilitate the use of the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Reconsider the evaluation process for comments received during the JMPR. (All)
- Management plan changes should be based on sound science and hard data.
- Allow public access to all public comments. (All)
- Public should vote on comments provided during scoping process. (All)
- Published list of scoping comments should be in a searchable database.
- Priorities need to be in management plan. (All)
- Sanctuary should be revising its management plan each 5 years. (All)
- Stress in the Management Plan Review that the essential work of the Program is the oil/gas ban, education, research, and the work of the Water Quality Protection Program. Also Stress its need to accomplish goals by working with other agencies rather than becoming a larger and larger organization itself. (All)
- NOAA should allocate more resources towards implementation of the agriculture action plan. (MB)
- Establish some sort of central revenue collection point for habitat protection.
- SIMoN program should receive the highest possible level of financial support. (All)
- Sanctuary should do a socioeconomic study to assess the value of the Sanctuary in terms of natural ecosystem value versus extractive value. (All)
- Sanctuary should acquire public access lands. (All)
- Revised management plans should address staffing needs to accomplish water quality protection goals. (All)
- Create a mechanism for ongoing evaluation of programs and products (All).
- Support and promote Research Activities Panel. (MB)
- Additional staff needed for Half Moon Bay. (MB)
- Add a volunteer coordinator position. (MB)
- Continue to maintain local offices in each county. (MB)
- The revised management plan should include a description of additional staff and resources needed to fully implement and enforce the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, its regulations, and the Water Quality Protection

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Plans, as well as to accomplish any additional goals that are established for the program in the foreseeable future. (MB)

AQUACULTURE:

Issues:

- Concerned about management of kelp resources, and the impacts from abalone farming and other aquaculture operations. (MB)
- Aquaculture (shellfish) operations in Tomales bay introduce disease and alien species. (GF)
- Concerned about the impacts of commercial raising of non-native oysters in Tomales Bay. (GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- The Sanctuary should explore the potential of artificial reefs to enhance winter harvest of kelp in Del Monte. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should prohibit open water aquaculture, because there is no control over what is broadcast into the ocean. (All)
- Sanctuaries should increase education and outreach regarding aquaculture, further north of Elkhorn Slough. (All)
- Cumulative impacts of aquaculture projects should be considered. (MB/GF)
- Aquaculture of any non-native species should be land grown with closed systems (no ocean outfall) to prevent hybridization with indigenous species and introduction of parasites. (MB/GF)
- Ban all notions of abalone farming. (MB/GF)
- Report should be done and include related impacts, such as the plastic bags associated with Asian oyster growing. (GF)
- Restrict abalone farming because of bacteria and worms that contaminate water. (GF)

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION AND ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION:

Issues:

- The less than one percent of the Sanctuary that is currently fully protected, is insufficient to fulfill the Sanctuary's mandate of maintaining its natural biological communities and protecting, restoring, and enhancing its natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes. Appreciates regional approach to scoping process, to capture local issues. (MB)
- Need more conservation in general. (All)
- Goal of MBNMS should be to protect and preserve. (MB)
- It is much better economically (and easier) to save species and ecosystems before they become endangered or compromised in some way. Protection now makes the most long-term sense. (All)
- More attention is needed for maintenance of the Salinas River (vegetation and wildlife). (MB)
- Sanctuary should better protect low tide reef areas at Pillar Point. (MB)
- Concerned about loss of species biodiversity and abundance, impacts to habitat, impacts to predator/prey interactions. (All)
- Any proposals to make multiple use equivalent to resource protection, to have a separate category of "minimal use", to exempt certain areas from jurisdiction, etc. should be viewed with caution. (All)
- Concern that "sanctuary" is a misnomer since the MBNMS does not protect fish in any way.
- Describing sanctuaries as "Marine Protected Areas" leads to public confusion, because the definition of MPA used for the MLPA includes a restriction or prohibition of recreational or commercial fisheries. "Marine Managed Area" would be more appropriate. (All)
- Term "sanctuary" is a misnomer. True sanctuary status is nearly impossible to establish in the marine environment, save some marine caves or extreme deep-water sites populated only by resident species and devoid of any effects of ocean current and free from impacts of pollution. (All)
- Coastal habitat restoration is extremely important. (GF and MB)
- Need better integration of land use planning around the estuaries. (GF)
- Lumber activities upstream detrimental to sanctuary. (GF)
- Intensive agricultural development carries increasing adverse impacts. (GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Consider regulation with long-term vision (erosion lasts longer than 50 years). (All)

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- There should be one management plan for each ecosystem, not one management plan per agency. This public thinks of ecosystems as one, not as six agencies with varying degrees of management responsibility. Appreciates regional approach to scoping process, to capture local issues. (All)
- Management should strive for long-term sustainable use (e.g., not taking juvenile fish). Appreciates regional approach to scoping process, to capture local issues. (All)
- The Sanctuary needs to find the right balance between use and protection. (All)
- More protection is needed in general for the ecosystem and biodiversity. (All)
- Resource protection should be the main priority. (All)
- Sanctuary should manage the resources using a holistic watershed approach. (All)
- Strengthen resource protection; do not allow local control to undermine this. (All)
- Expand sanctuary concept to unify and make consistent resource protection, for better management of resources. (All)
- Use holistic management practices that focus on entire watersheds. (All)
- Sanctuary should advocate maintaining the vegetation in riparian corridors for filtration. (MB)
- Sanctuary should look at the big picture of overall environmental impacts, and manage the resources appropriately. For example trawling has significant impacts, yet much more attention is given to fiber optic cables. (All)
- Sanctuaries should ensure comprehensive coverage with overlapping jurisdiction, to improve resource protection. (All)
- Sanctuaries should continue to provide consistent habitat protection. (All)
- Provide protection and conservation to marshes and sloughs, and other wetlands. (MB)
- Recognize intrinsic values and aesthetics as well as ecological values. (All)
- Create more of a policy balance between conservation and use, with a strong educational program being the key to achieving this balance. (All)
- Use of precautionary principle for protection of natural phenomenon.
- More protection of riparian ecosystems. (All)
- Sanctuary should consider ecological trade offs. In some cases terrestrial impacts from alternatives to Sanctuary restrictions are much worse. (All)
- The Sanctuary should be involved in enhancing near-shore ecosystems through research and staff involvement in other agency processes. (MB/GF)
- Do not utilize a marine zoning approach. (All)
- We urge the National Marine Sanctuary Program to ensure that any issues considered during Jmpr process be considered in the context of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act's primary goal of resource protection. We strongly advocate for the adoption and enforcement of strong policies and regulations that provide maximum protection of Sanctuary resources. (All)
- Fish and wildlife breeding habitats, submarine canyons, and giant kelp forests are some of the special areas within the Sanctuary that need protection. Marine reserves are needed and should be large enough to help the many species in trouble recover and also to provide insurance against disasters and management mistakes. (All)
- Sanctuary should take immediate action to adopt a management plan to protect steelhead and salmon from predation by pinnipeds. (MB)
- GFNMS should work with Point Reyes National Sea shore to quickly implement a network of marine reserves to be protected from all harmful activities. (GF)
- Strengthen the Sanctuary's Program of resource protection through zonal management, an important tool in achieving long-term sustainability of our large-scale coastal ecosystem. (All)
- Investigate agricultural certification of farms through such organizations as "Salmon Safe" in order to promote healthy fish habitat in the watersheds. (MB)
- The revised management plans should be designed to help recover species that are most at risk and should reflect a precautionary approach to resource management to avoid future species declines.
- Revised management plans should contain directives and timelines for developing specific action plans focused on protecting, and where necessary, restoring, natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes. Plans should also contain specific directives and management measures on certain issues. (All)
- Revised management plans should also outline enforcement, research, and monitoring needs associated with future marine reserve sites. (All)
- Link coastal health to ocean productivity. (All)
- Integrate marine research in resource management decisions. (All)
- Try thinking of the sanctuary as a gift as well as a resource. (All)
- Think as long term as possible. This plan is designed to last 5 or 10

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- Years, but maybe we also need to identify issues that are considered 50 or 100-year issues. (All)
- Remember to think and plan as systemically as possible, not just about distinct and separate issues, but about all the connections and boundaries and overlaps: coastlines and jurisdictions and regions and ecosystems and partnerships and nexuses and all those connections. (All)
- “Seamlessness” should be the goal of Sanctuary management. (MB)
- Protect impacts to seals from humans by upholding laws such as the Elephant Seal Closure Law. (MB/GF)
- Under present MBNMS administration, rules, guidelines and laws of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) and the Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) charter have been neglected, overlooked or dismissed to the detriment of conservation efforts of local organizations that have differing goals and objectives contrary to the MBNMS leadership. (MB)
- Establish a water quality plan for GFNMS and CBNMS with standards and monitoring. (GF, CB)
- Land around Estero should remain agriculture. (GF)
- Agriculture plan/ outreach extended to Sonoma County. (GF)
- Sanctuary should work with land management agencies. (MB, GF).
- Rancher perspective – would like recognition of stewardship of the land. (GF)
- Wrecks are a great resource enhancement. Educate the public on the positive aspects of artificial reefs. (GF, MB)
- Certify agricultural growers along stream with programs such as such as “salmon safe.” (GF)
- Would like to see kayak companies (outfitters) required to obtain permits to operate within GFNMS so they understand the impacts to the ecosystem. (GF)
- Provide incentives to farmers, etc. to comply with sanctuary regulations to enhance water quality. (GF)
- Regulate future and current houses upstream to protect the creek waters. (GF)
- Need to coordinate with NMFS in the recovery plan for coho salmon. (GF, MB)

BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS:

Issues:

- Don't understand why is there a gap between the Monterey and Channel Island Sanctuaries. (MB)
- Concerned that if boundaries are moved south, the protected status will cause a local increase in human visitation and impacts, as occurred in the Channel Islands. (MB)
- Concerned that if boundary were extended southward to Morro Bay, the existing wastewater outfall would be problematic. (MB)
- Concerned with environmental degradation along San Luis Obispo coastline. Sanctuary should protect this area. (MB)
- Agricultural community has more in common with MBNMS than GFNMS in regards to the boundary issues. (MB/GF)
- Affiliation of communities to Sanctuary (identity). Not a good idea to combine all 3 sanctuaries to one name. (All)
- MBNMS does not have the resources to care for our marine environment with its extensive range from Cambria to San Francisco. GFNMS is a small sanctuary and is willing to work on marine issues in the region from the Southern tip of San Mateo County, to current northern boundary of MBNMS. (MB/GF)
- MBNMS is too busy to deal with San Mateo County marine resources. (MB/GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Moss Landing Harbor should be included in the Sanctuary boundaries, to protect Elkhorn Slough. (MB)
- Do not combine the Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries, into one large sanctuary. (All)
- Do not include any buffer or exclusion zones. (All)
- Do not change boundaries. (MB)
- Do not reduce current boundaries of MBNMS. (MB)
- Expand boundaries to include seamounts and more of the continental shelf. (MB)
- Boundaries should be defined by ecological data. (MB)
- Sanctuary should implement buffer zones around recreational/urban areas. (MB)
- Move Sanctuary boundary south to Point Sal. Move Sanctuary boundary south to Point Sal. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not expand its boundary southward. (MB)
- Need to investigate the pros and cons for all stakeholders and the general public of extending the MBNMS South to protect the San Luis Obispo coast. The Management Plan should clearly discuss these pros and cons. (MB)
- Sanctuary boundary should be expanded further offshore. (MB)

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- Current uses (power plants, commercial fishing, etc.) should be grand fathered into the management plan, if the boundaries change. (MB)
- Expand the Sanctuary boundary south to the Gaviota Coast or Pt. Conception. (All)
- Expand the current MBNMS sanctuary boundary south to the Santa Barbara County line. (MB)
- The Sanctuary boundary should be extended 1.5 miles south. (MB)
- Consider including harbors as part of Sanctuaries. (MB)
- Sanctuary boundaries should be moved to protect San Luis Obispo coast from offshore oil drilling. (MB)
- The economic impact of the Sanctuary is positive; boundaries should be adjusted to include the San Luis Obispo area. (MB)
- Sanctuary should articulate why current boundaries are located where they are.
- Sanctuary boundary should be extended south, to protect the “Harmony Coast” between Cambria and Cayucos. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should adopt buffer zones for all harbors. MBNMS is currently restricting natural human activities in harbors. Buffer zones should be 2 miles (rough estimate). (MB)
- The Southern boundary of GFNMS should be extended to include Pillar Point Harbor, because it makes sense geographically. (MB)
- The Southern boundary of GFNMS should be moved to Año Nuevo, for political, geographical, and ecological reasons. Also because GFNMS already has a presence there in the form of education programs, oil incidents response, and about 30 volunteers in San Mateo County. (MB/GF)
- The southern boundary of GFNMS should be extended to Pigeon Point, because it is an easily identifiable point for fisheries and research. (MB/GF)
- The “doughnut hole” in the northern MBNMS (off Pacifica and San Francisco) should be included in the GFNMS. Boundary of GFNMS should be moved south to San Mateo/Santa Cruz County line. (MB/GF)
- The Davidson Seamount should be included within the boundaries of MBNMS, to protect abundant seabirds and marine life, and to preserve its current pristine state. (MB)
- Do not include the Davidson Seamount as part of the MBNMS. (MB)
- Southern boundary of the MBNMS “doughnut hole” should be moved as far north as possible. (MB)
- Extend the GFNMS boundary South to the point where it is being co-managed.
- Sanctuaries should explore the feasibility of adopting marine zones where no human activities are allowed, with the exception of research. (MB/GF)
- All three sanctuaries should be combined into a “Central California Sanctuary” which manages all these areas. (All)
- Año Nuevo reserve should remain part of MBNMS. (MB)
- GFNMS boundary should be moved southward to just north of Santa Cruz. (MB/GF)
- Close the donut hole off of San Francisco. (MB)
- Resolve the donut hole issue. (MB)
- Do not expand Sanctuary boundaries with out comments from local communities. Especially from fishermen. (All)
- Extend boundaries of MBNMS to Channel Islands NMS (Create a California Sanctuary). (MB)
- San Francisco and Marin areas should be part of GFNMS. (GF)
- Small staff of Cordell Bank could benefit by joining Sanctuaries into 1. (GF/CB)
- Sanctuary boundaries should be changed to include the near shore waters off of the City of Santa Cruz. (MB)
- Extend Sanctuary to the Oregon border. (All)
- Extend the MBNMS boundary to the southern range of the California Sea Otter. (MB)
- Resolve the issue of joint management of the northern MBNMS, this joint management does not optimize resource protection, and revised management plans should definitively establish jurisdiction of this area. (MB/GF)
- Extend Sanctuary protections into areas above mean high tide line for inter-tidal, wetland, related habitats (such as dunes) and inlet areas. (MB/GF)
- GFNMS boundaries should be expanded to include the area from Santa Cruz County to the Mendocino-Humboldt County line. (GF).
- Do not increase existing boat marina boundaries. (MB)
- Is sanctuary status is to be considered for San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara Counties, then it should be a stand alone sanctuary, and not an expansion of MBNMS. (MB)
- Area from mussel rock at the North end of Pacifica, to San Pedro Point at the South end should be included in the GFNMS. (GF)
- Have GFNMS boundary extend into the SF Bay and up to Sacramento. (GF)
- Reexamine the boundaries to be a more realistic representation to oceanographic conditions. (GF, MB)

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- Consider changing the boundary to inland areas and watershed areas. (GF, CB).
- Would like to see sanctuary boundary extended north. (GF, CB)
- The GFNMS boundary should be extended to the south to incorporate the entire Marin coast. (GF)
- Cordell Bank should be extended northward considerably and extend inward to the coast as the other two sanctuaries do. (CB)

COASTAL ARMORING:

Issues:

- Concerned about coastal armoring. (MB/GF)
- Armoring of the shoreline can lead to loss of sand flow to beaches, beach erosion, impact to surf breaks, loss of public access to beach, and aesthetic impacts. (MB/GF)
- Thirty percent of the coastline in northern Monterey Bay is already armored. Hardening of the coast disrupts natural processes, and sometimes destroys sensitive habitat. (GF/MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should ensure that shoreline armoring is appropriately carried out. Sensitive areas where armoring should not occur must be identified, as should more developed areas where armoring is appropriate. (MB)
- Shoreline armoring should be prohibited in the sanctuaries, because it leads to the transfer of wave energy to another location and encourages development too close to the water. (GF/MB)
- Sand from the Guadalupe oil field cleanup project, could be used for beach nourishment projects. (MB)
- No emergency permits should be given for coastal armoring projects. (MB/GF)
- Concerned that riprap being used on the golf course at the Ritz-Carlton is causing erosion of adjacent land. (MB)
- Stronger regulations against coastal armoring. (MB)
- Create Sanctuary wide policy (with other agencies) to address shoreline management in a manner that protects and restores natural shorelines and processes. (MB)
- Investigate alternatives to coastal armoring. (MB/GF)

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT:

Issues:

- Concerned about large coastal development projects (Hearst Corporation), and their impacts on coastal ecosystems. (MB)
- Concerned with existing facilities such as Diablo Canyon and Morro Bay, and how they should be dealt with if the MBNMS is expanded southward.

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should be involved with keeping coastline as free as possible from further development. (MB)
- Sanctuary should be active in preventing the impacts of population growth. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuaries should be more involved in coastal development issues such as golf courses and sea walls. (MB/GF)
- All development (commercial, private or public) should be halted on coastal wetlands around the Sanctuary on state land. (MB)
- Keep Big Sur wild. (MB)
- Big Sur residents want to preserve the area in its current state. Resist any external forces from changing that. (MB)
- Support for preserving natural state of coast; keep natural without any more structures, or development on coast. (MB/GS)
- Resist any effort to relax sanctuary regulations around areas of high population density or activity. These are precisely the areas where the most protection is needed. However, work with cities and harbors to accommodate their needs to the greatest possible. Permits may be granted for prohibited activities from time to time (e.g., piling replacement). (MB)
- No wharf extensions or additional breakwater structures. (MB)
- Oppose public access on any privately held land. (GF, MB)
- Sanctuaries should be strong voice for alternatives to development along coast. (GF, MB)

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Issues:

- More community communication is needed. (All)
- Sanctuary is doing a good job with the management plan review process, in reaching out to the public to get input. (MB)
- Concerned about erosion in public support for the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Appreciates regional approach to scoping process, to capture local issues. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuaries should increase general awareness of their programs, as well as education about issues such as water quality. (All)
- Increased sharing of information with the public and other agencies.
- Sanctuary should market itself more, and should work collaboratively with local businesses, for outreach. (All)
- Sanctuary should increase outreach to general public. (All)
- Sanctuary messages need to be short, simple and positive. (All)
- Conduct more outreach through restaurants, industry posters, airports and public libraries. (All)
- Sanctuary should conduct more outreach to bring diverse user groups together. (All)
- Sanctuary should concentrate on community relation efforts in order to optimize the education program. (All)
- Increase outreach to civic organizations, volunteer groups, and local neighborhood establishments. (All)
- Sanctuary should better promote, package, and distribute accomplished products. (All)
- Sanctuary should extend education and outreach to inland areas. (All)
- Sanctuary should conduct outreach on the effects of marine mammal populations on fishery resources. (All)
- Sanctuary should publish a handout regarding respectful viewing of marine wildlife at sea or on land such as “Guidelines for Responsible Whale Watching”. (All)
- Sanctuary should establish an interpretive center in the Cambria region for the 800,000 plus tourists that visit the area each year. Involve the business and tourism sectors in establishing this visitor center. (MB)
- Sanctuary should utilize existing interpretive centers (Hearst Castle), for education and outreach, by setting up exhibits or video documentaries. (MB)
- Concerned about over-harvesting of intertidal invertebrates, by certain ethnic communities. Sanctuary should do outreach to these communities to help address this issue. (MB)
- MBNMS should build visitor centers, and consider co-locating with other visitor centers. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve would be an ideal location. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should do a better job in distributing educational materials to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and other recreational sites. (All)
- Great GIS/Ed materials coming out of CINMS; duplicate for northern Sanctuaries. (All)
- Sanctuary should investigate increasing nation-wide education and outreach efforts. (All)
- Sanctuary should identify regional contacts for communities. (All)
- Sell apparel/gear to advertise. (All)
- Need a MBNMS license plate. (MB)
- The Sanctuary needs to be clear in informing the public, on management plan review activities, so they can get involved and influence any major decisions. (All)
- Sanctuary should involve community, to arrive at solutions. (All)
- Sanctuary should attempt to increase a sense of personal responsibility among the public, for resource protection. (All)
- Sanctuary should increase its attention of the San Mateo Coast. The San Mateo Coast does not get much overall attention from MBNMS (in terms of regulations, education etc.). (MB)
- Increase education, outreach and media exposure for the JMPR process. (All)
- Would like to see more outreach to communities and schools as part of the extension and development of the Beach Watch Program. This would increase awareness and perhaps draw in more volunteers and donations. (GF)
- Consider lowering the minimum age for Beach Watch volunteers to draw in more participants. (GF)
- Sanctuary needs to work on linking people “living” in the Sanctuary. More comprehensive/interactive outreach. (All)
- Acknowledge that harbors are the access corridors to the Sanctuary for commerce, education, research, and law enforcement. (MB)
- Increase knowledge of volunteer efforts within the region. (MB)
- Develop visitor centers in each county. (MB)

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- GFNMS should expand the publication of the Adopt-A-Beach program so that all schools and major businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area get notifications about the program and its benefits. (GF)
- Results of Beach Watch and similar projects should be more widely publicized, through press releases to newspapers and television. (All)
- GFNMS should work with chamber of commerce to offer educational seminars to adults. (GF)
- Expand sanctuary lecture series and make it more accessible to the public. (GF)
- SEALS programs should continue in GFNMS. (GF)

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

Issues:

- Improved technologies for location of shipwrecks and other cultural resources could make existing cultural resources within sanctuary waters new targets for recovery. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Characterize and protect cultural resources. (All)
- Within the Sanctuary boundaries are very rich culture and communities. Sanctuary program should work on enhancing those cultures to preserve their traditional activities that are now within sanctuary boundaries. (GF, MB)

EDUCATION:

Issues:

- Scenic trail could be better equipped with interpreters and signage. (MB)
- Appreciates Sanctuary Currents Symposium and education program. (MB)
- Provide leadership for regional marine education through effective connections with education community.

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- More education and outreach in general. (All)
- Focus on ongoing education of user groups about the Sanctuary. (All)
- More multicultural education programs. (All)
- Provide leadership for regional marine education through effective connections with education community. (All)
- The Sanctuary needs to educate people about kelp life cycles and natural processes. (MB/GF)
- The Sanctuary should try to write more articles for the local papers. (MB)
- More education (kiosks) must occur surrounding tide pool issues, and the impacts that occur from extraction of organisms. Kiosks that distribute brochures should be placed strategically at tide pool locations. (All)
- Utilize a Sanctuary-wide network of volunteers for public education. (All)
- Educate the public on why the Sanctuary was created. (MB)
- Develop a Sanctuary visitor center in Santa Cruz County, as well as implement the Sanctuary scenic trail in Santa Cruz County. (MB)
- Develop a visitor center in the City of Monterey. (MB)
- The Sanctuary needs more education staff and an increase in the budget. (All)
- More support for existing non-profit educational programs such as clean boating. (MB)
- More outreach and education about what people can do to help. (All)
- More education about sustainability and the balance of ecosystems. (All)
- More education on the environmental impacts related to population growth. (All)
- Improve educational material on website regarding regulated and prohibited activities. (All)
- Sanctuary should conduct a study on the effectiveness of education vs. regulation in changing behaviors. (All)
- Increase public support for the Sanctuary through more education.
- Increase education of schoolchildren. (All)
- More K-12 educational materials for classroom curricula, including audio/visual, and Internet. (All)
- Utilize all available outlets for education, including public access cable. (All)
- More education of politicians and elected officials. (All)
- More interpretive displays. (All)
- Increase education on resource protection issues and specific regulations. (All)
- Focus on educating communities/groups that are not currently involved with the Sanctuary. (All)
- Sanctuary should educate people who live inland, about how their actions can affect the ocean. (All)
- Utilize models and hands on exhibits for education throughout Sanctuary area. (All)

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- Investigate the possibility of hosting a series of regularly scheduled presentations in Cambria and other areas on any subjects related to the ocean environment. (MB)
- Sanctuary/NOAA should support Sea Lab Monterey Bay, and make it a model program for all sanctuaries. (All)
- Expand the Team Ocean program. (MB)
- Hold workshops that bring people together to discuss common objectives. (All)
- Sanctuaries should increase resources for developing programs in schools, to educate about ecosystems, and interconnectedness between human and biological communities. (All)
- Sanctuaries should develop better educational programs in schools to equip children with the knowledge to address issues. (All)
- Sanctuaries should increase education that relates specifically to consequences of actions, and what people can do to help. (All)
- Sanctuaries should use more on-site educational tools like visitor centers and signage. (All)
- Need public education regarding gas use and drilling connection. (All)
- Sanctuaries should encourage more marine biology education at the high school level. This education should include more technical programs such as shoreline monitoring. (All)
- Sanctuaries should support academic/science competitions e.g. “National Ocean Science Bowl”. (All)
- Maintain GFNMS, MBNMS, and CBNMS education programs, but improve funding and staff (especially GFNMS). (All)
- Sanctuaries should encourage increased marine biology education opportunities to average or disadvantaged high school students, as well as more in-class guest speakers on marine related topics. (All)
- Sanctuaries should hold more public forums on research within the sanctuaries. (All)
- Sanctuaries should conduct more watershed education. (All)
- Public Education-lots of people with different skills-need to reach out to them and get them involved. Example –artist. (All)
- Continue use of political figures for message delivery. (All)
- Need signs on Coast Highway. When crossing boundary lines, cite stats: population of species, area, etc. (MB/GF)
- A Team Ocean kayak team (minimum of 2 person) should be stationed in Monterey, Elkhorn Slough, and Santa Cruz. A study should be done to assess the need for additional teams at San Simeon and Half Moon Bay. (MB)
- Not happy with Sanctuary education program’s lack of focus on fishing. Sanctuary should emphasize positive aspects of fishing (food, jobs, recreation). (MB)
- Develop and implement a regional education plan. (MB)
- Sanctuary should develop a network of regional interpretive facilities to convey Sanctuary messages. Would provide a hub of marine education and send visitors to partners, and provide a tangible location for information dissemination.
- Reduce threats through resource issue education. (All)
- Sanctuary should infuse current scientific information in education programs. (All)
- Increase public awareness and educate the public about current research. (All)
- Articulate and educate the public about the meaning of the concept "Sanctuary." Also help the public understand the various meanings of conservation, protection, and preservation, and maybe have a simpler set of definitions. (All)
- Define more clearly as well the concept "stewardship" which is used in various documents (local and NOAA) - how does this relate to conservation, protection and preservation. (All)
- In general, I think we need to be clearer and more consistent on our uses of some terms, and try to educate the public about them. (All)
- Sanctuary should put out a newsletter that could be included in local newspapers. Would be geared towards informing readers about what is going on in the National Marine Sanctuaries, what they can do to help, giving opportunity to discuss concerns with the public. (For sample newsletter see “The water Down Under” in the comment letters). (All)
- GFNMS educational efforts should focus on: endangered marine mammals, fishing, pollution, and a new visitor center. (GF)
- Estuary Action Challenge program (EAC) should be expanded to educate all students in middle schools and high schools all over the bay area. Local chambers of commerce in all major cities of the SF Bay Area should conduct training programs to educate adults on the same material covered by EAC. (GF)
- Utilize high school and college in Northern California to do specific research projects on items of concern to Sanctuary. (GF)

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- Educate the California Legislature and Federal Government about accomplishments and issues of concern to sanctuary. (All)
- Posted regulations at marinas. (MB, GF)
- Offshore sanctuaries should use technology to bring the sanctuary to the public. (GF, CB)
- Adopt program like FKNMS' school education program (ensures every schoolchild in FK visits the FKNMS). (GF, MB)
- Need education for private landowners to protect wildlife. (MB, GF)
- Continue Beach Watch. (GF)
- Agriculture plan/ outreach extended to Sonoma County. (GF)

ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS:

Issues:

- In situations requiring immediate attention, more enforcement and evaluation of issues is needed. (All)
- State should regulate, not Sanctuary. (All)
- New regulations and enforcement should be uniform across the board for all user groups. Sanctuary must acknowledge need for fairness, and should not specifically target certain users (i.e. Commercial fishers). (All)
- Need more enforcement—"eyes" for the Sanctuary. (All)
- Never restrict surfing. (All)
- Permitting process should be more streamlined when permits are required by different agencies. (All)
- Sanctuary should not have a regulatory or permitting program, should concentrate only on data collection and dissemination. (All)
- Permitting process has too many layers and should be simplified. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not be involved in permitting of activities. It is better left to agencies like the California Coastal Commission. The Sanctuary should serve an advisory role to other agencies. (All)
- Concerned about additional regulations in inter-tidal habitats, that are not scientifically substantiated. (GF, MB)
- Not sure who investigates and enforces Sanctuary violations. (All)
- Concerned that additional regulation would become an obstacle to harbor maintenance. (MB)
- It is not clear what constitutes "harm" to Sanctuary resources. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Involve the Coast Guard in enforcement of Sanctuary regulations. (All)
- Up-stream enforcement should be a priority. (All)
- Loosening of the language would allow Sanctuary Manager to use discretion in permit language will fix most of the problems faced by harbor administrators. (For specific recommendations on rewriting CFR sections see Santa Cruz Port District letter attachment). (MB)
- More Sanctuary enforcement on resource protection issues. (All)
- Do not increase enforcement. (MB)
- Assist with enforcement cases in getting them to the level of adjudication and prosecution. (All)
- Sanctuary should develop more voluntary compliance programs, and focus on self-regulation. (All)
- Increase funding for enforcement. (All)
- Increase enforcement staff. (All)
- Increase enforcement of kayakers. (MB)
- A land-based officer should patrol the coast along the sanctuaries. (All)
- Sanctuary should be more proactive and creative in enforcement. (All)
- More regulation of recreational users. (All)
- Consider cross deputization with other agencies, for enforcement. (All)
- Utilize the "polluter pays" principle. (All)
- More Sanctuary enforcement on resource protection issues. (All)
- More enforcement of Sanctuary regulations. (All)
- The Sanctuary needs to clarify its regulations, especially with regard to fishing practices. (MB)
- Generally, the Sanctuary should not add another layer of permit regulation if other Federal/State/Local/permit authorities are already in place. (All)
- Sanctuary should help expedite any multi-agency permit process. (MB)
- There should be an appeal process for MBNMS permits, and other public concerns/issues. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should keep the existing regulations on jade collection. (MB)

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- Regulate emissions from boat engines. (All)
- Sanctuary should regulate discharge into ocean by industrial plants/facilities. (MB)
- MTBE discharge should be prohibited in the Sanctuary. Jet fuel discharge should also be prohibited. (All)
- Avoid duplicative regulations or excessive “red tape”. (All)
- Regulations should be changed to treat sediment as a nutrient, and not a pollutant, as it is currently considered. (MB)
- MBNMS should evaluate current regulations, and eliminate restrictive policies that are not forwarding the goals of Sanctuary. (MB)
- GFNMS should remove permit requirements for researchers. (GF)
- Public should apply for access permits the same way researchers do. (All)
- The regulations for all National Marine Sanctuaries should be the same. They should all be standardized. (All)
- GFNMS regulatory structure should be maintained; enforcement must be adequately funded and staffed. (GF)
- Would like assistance from Sanctuary in the form of technical assistance help instigate a permit process for restoration projects –Help with navigating through the permitting process. (MB)
- Regulations should be made available in the most frequently used languages. (All)
- Evaluate whether Sanctuary needs to be a regulating authority for dredging. (MB)
- Sanctuary should develop adequate enforcement capability and follow-through on all violations that occur. In addition, there should be a comprehensive reporting system and an ability to compile violations and track enforcement actions. (All)
- The revised management plans should clearly describe the statutory authorities applicable to sanctuary water quality, and how these laws will be enforced. (All)
- Create a comprehensive reporting system with an ability to compile violations and track actions. (All)
- Sanctuaries should look at their existing regulatory activities, maintain those that are solely within Sanctuary jurisdiction and eliminate those that overlap other agencies’ authority. If these other agencies are deemed ineffective in their stewardship of the environment, then some mechanism should be devised by which the sanctuary can step in and effect positive changes. (MB)
- MBNMS should not engage in conduct or regulation that would impair or prevent ocean-dependent commercial enterprises or recreation activities from continuing. (MB)
- The Sanctuary’s regulatory process is not well defined. The Sanctuary’s interpretation of its regulations creates duplication and sometimes inconsistencies with other state and federal policies. Better define this process in the updated management plan. (MB)
- GFNMS needs an enforcement officer. (GF)

EXOTIC/INTRODUCED SPECIES:

Issues:

- Non-native invasive species can cause displacement of native species and adverse ecosystem change. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Concerned about invasive and introduced species – the Sanctuary should educate the public about how to dispose of seaweed used to pack bait and species in bilge water. (All)
- Sanctuaries should be more active in the prevention of the proliferation of non-native invasive species. (All)
- Perform an assessment of introduction pathways for non-native invasives in the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Develop prevention and contingency plans and work with aquariums, marine labs, and mariculture operations to filter water before disposal. (MB)
- Update Water Quality Protection Program to include invasives. (MB)
- Support outreach programs for boaters regarding hull cleaning and boat washing. (MB)
- Create policy on discharges and invasives associated with cruise ships. (MB)
- Develop alternative ways of eliminating the transmittal of invasive species through ships’ ballast water, such as sterilization, or other more sophisticated means. Consider working through EPA and State Water Resources Control Board to address the issue. (All)
- Aquaculture (shellfish) operations in Tomales bay introduce disease and alien species. (GF)

FISHING and KELP HARVESTING:

Issues:

- Concerned about impacts from fisheries. (All)

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- Fisheries are currently being micro managed, and regulation has increased, while practices have remained the same. (All)
- The fishing community supports programs such as the Salmon Stamp Program. (MB)
- The Gulf of the Farallones NMS was a good model for working with fishermen. (GF)
- There would be a loss of credibility (the Leon Panetta promise) if the Sanctuary gets involved in fishery regulation. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should realize that commercial and recreational fishing interests are two separate entities, and are not in agreement on all issues.
- The Sanctuary should not be involved in the State's MLPA process. (All)
- Concerned about impacts from the live fish fishery on fish populations. (MB)
- Concerned about decline in catches by recreational fishermen. (All)
- Concerned about the live fish fishery, and depletion of fisheries by marine mammals. (All)
- Concerned about declining fish populations. Sanctuary should play a role in preserving fish populations, while preserving fishery lifestyles. (All)
- If marine reserves must occur, then they should not be located short distances from harbors, boat launch ramps, or boat rental facilities. These are the most practical, easily accessible, and popular areas to fish. (All)
- Concerned about impacts to fishes from catch and release recreational fishing. (All)
- Existing DFG/NMFS rules on by catch are wasteful. Sanctuary & Fisherman could work together on this. (All)
- Alternative foods (to kelp) are available for abalone aquaculture operations. (MB)
- Concerned with the inadequate discussion on sea otter/kelp harvesting issues, potential impacts of harvesting on the entire ecosystem, and the failure to adequately address legal issues. (MB)
- Concerned because there is a significant lack of studies documenting the impact of kelp harvesting on local sea otter populations and other marine mammals. (MB)
- Trawling alters Benthic organisms and bottom habitats, causes displacement of rocks that serve as cover for fish and invertebrates, disruption of bottom affects species diversity, abundance, and distribution. (GF/MB)
- Concerned with over fishing of geoducks and Horse neck clams. (GF)
- Concerned about over fishing such as abalone. (GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- The Sanctuary should not regulate fishing. (All)
- Concerned about agricultural runoff and its impacts upon fisheries. (All)
- The current language in the Federal Register with relation to fisheries regulation in the Sanctuary should remain. (MB)
- More resource protection regulations including no-take reserves. (All)
- The knowledge of members of the fishing industry should be utilized for data collection and research purposes, as well as for environmental monitoring. (All)
- The Sanctuary should focus efforts on other activities, which impact fisheries (farming runoff and oil), leaving fisheries regulation to the California Department of Fish & Game and the National Marine Fishery Service. (All)
- The Sanctuary should explore fisheries regulation only in offshore federal waters, not State waters. Existing agencies do a better job, and more regulation is not necessary. (MB)
- The Sanctuary research program should provide fisheries data to California Department of Fish and Game. (All)
- Sanctuary should assist CDFG with enforcement, but should not create new regulations. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should seriously consider the contribution of sport fishing to the area's economy. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should adopt marine reserves. (All)
- The Sanctuary should restrict trawling. (All)
- Investigate the possibility of a consumer "fish tax". (All)
- Use money from fishing industry to fund monitoring and replenishment projects. (All)
- Any fishing regulations that are developed should support the fishing community. (All)
- Any zones or regulations proposed by the Sanctuary which affect fishing should only occur if they are the result of a cooperative effort with the fishing and or aquaculture communities and they have the support of those communities. (All)
- The Sanctuary should be used as a model for researching new fishing techniques. (MB)
- Sanctuary should regulate gill net fishing. (All)
- Sanctuary should not regulate fisheries in state waters. (MB)
- Sanctuary should increase education about fishing regulations. (MB)

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- Consider use of Individual Transferable Quotas. (All)
- Clarify language about fishing. (All)
- Sanctuary should regulate spear fishing, by requiring a license and increasing fines. (MB)
- Sanctuary should play an education role rather than regulatory role with commercial fishing. (All)
- The Sanctuary should not regulate fisheries, with the exception of trawling. (All)
- Sanctuary should not allow trawling. It caused significant degradation of seafloor. (All)
- Recommend changing terminology to “fishing culture” instead of “fishing industry” which has negative connotation. (All)
- Do not become another layer of bureaucracy in dealing with fishing and dredging. (All)
- Sanctuary should promote/educate community about commercial fishing efforts in the Sanctuary. (All)
- Fishing in the Sanctuary should be limited to techniques that do not produce by-catch, as do gill nets and bottom trawling. (All)
- The Sanctuary should endorse commercial fisheries within its boundaries. (All)
- The Sanctuary should ban all forms of net fishing. (All)
- Live fish fishery should be restricted or outlawed by the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Marine reserves in temperate environments are not effective. The sanctuaries should focus their efforts on partnering with other users to educate about impacts, and not on managing fisheries. (All)
- Sanctuary should assist CDFG with the MLPA process in banning fishing in Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. A 2-mile closure is too much, however a 1/2-mile closure would be better. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should “grow” marine reserves over the years. (All)
- Sanctuaries should require low impact gear for bottom trawling. (All)
- Fishers should be compensated for marine reserve areas that have been taken out of access. (All)
- Sanctuaries should give financial support to research on marine reserves. Creation of reserves should be based on “good science”. (All)
- Sanctuaries should actively support the State’s Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) process, in lieu of sanctuaries’ adoption of reserves. (All)
- Marine reserves established by the State, should be extended into federal waters by the National Marine Sanctuary Program. (All)
- There should be a marine reserve network across all three sanctuaries. Don’t wait for MLPA. (All)
- The Sanctuary should not regulate fishing. Language in the management plan should clarify that. (All)
- Fishing gear should be examined for problems: non-degradable, entanglement. Sanctuary should look for ways to partner with existing agencies to address issue. (All)
- Look to other regions with fisheries collapsing and learn. (All)
- Sanctuary could work with PFMC using existing regulatory structures. (All)
- Recognize in writing that Sanctuary policies affecting fishing may integrate with management tools promulgated by the state and federal governments, but are not intended to augment or supersede them. (All)
- MBNMS with California Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the research community, fishermen and other stakeholders should 1) evaluate physical and biological impacts of bottom trawling within the Sanctuary and 2) ensure protection of species diversity, abundance and habitat. In working with CDFG and NMFS the Sanctuary and its sister agencies should consider gear selectivity if adverse effects of bottom trawling are identified. (All)
- Number of sport and commercial fishing licenses should be limited, quotas should be enforced, and spot checks should be performed on catch of sport fishermen. (All)
- Sanctuaries must seek out more ways to limit by-catch, making gill netting economically feasible today and in the future. (All)
- Sanctuaries should take a stronger stand against gill netting. (All)
- Only fishing techniques that do not harm marine mammals should be permitted in the Sanctuary. (All)
- All fishermen should be required to pass a test, before being given a license, to show that they know how to reduce environmental impacts. (All)
- Treat shore fishermen separate from commercial and sport fishermen in regards to management and possible fishing closures. (MB, GF)
- If kelp harvesting is to be allowed, then it should only occur at a set distance from shore (1 mile), and quantity should be regulated. (MB)
- Have separate regulations for mechanical and manual kelp harvesting. (MB)
- Fish and Game should manage kelp harvesting. (MB)
- Do not change existing kelp harvesting regulations. (MB)

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- Sanctuary should review the state kelp plan during their five-year review. (MB)
- Kelp harvesting should be restricted in a reserve along Cannery Row. (MB)
- Sanctuary should investigate the effects of kelp harvesting on a variety of kelp forest inhabitants, including sea otters. This should be adequately discussed in the final management plan. (MB)
- Sanctuary should further restrict kelp harvesting. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should prohibit mechanized kelp harvesting. (MB)

HABITAT ALTERATION:

Issues:

- Concerned about impacts to the seafloor from dredging and disposal and continued bottom trawling. (MB)
- Concerned about the current state of Bolinas Lagoon. It must be preserved and protected. (GF)
- Fiber-optic cables can cause benthic and water quality impacts associated with burial, repair and removal stages of cable project, potential for marine mammal entanglement, impacts of coastal landings (disturbance of marine mammals and birds) and impacts to commercial fisheries (such as gear entanglement).
- MBNMS contains large areas of hard bottom habitat and submarine canyons that would make cable burial very difficult if not impossible. (MB)
- For the past 10 years, the Monterey Bay Aquarium has removed an undocumented amount of rocks and substrate from the Pacific Grove Marine Gardens Fish Refuge. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not allow the gravel and sand mining operation at Piedras Blancas. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should focus on riparian restoration and protection. (MB)
- Do not allow fiber optic cables in Sanctuary. (All)
- Removal of sand and gravel should not be permitted at Piedras Blancas Hotel (San Luis Obispo County), both north and south of the facility. (MB)
- Why is there still an active sand mining operation just north of Marina? Sanctuary should investigate and address this operation. It should be stopped, and restoration measures should be considered. (MB)
- Fiber Optic cables running north and south should be located on land not in ocean. (All)
- Continue to allow disposal of clean fine-grained sand in sanctuary. (MB)
- Work with national NOAA to adopt fiber-optic cable installation policies including fees system that clearly discourages installation in sanctuaries. (All)
- If fiber-optic cable proposal is considered: require use of out of Sanctuary alternative where feasible; require showing of need for capacity; limit cable installation to corridors based on habitat sensitivity. (All)
- Build permanent moorings for canoes and sailboats (avoiding anchors tearing up the bottom). (GF, MB)
- Restore the indigenous flora and fauna to naturalize the coastline as much as possible. (GF, MB)

MARINE BIOPROSPECTING:

Issues:

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Bioprospecting should be addressed in all sanctuary management plans. Strict prohibitions should be established now. (All)

MARINE DISCHARGE AND DEBRIS:

Issues:

- Concerned about the significant amount of marine debris (including balloons) washing ashore. More education to various user groups (party boats) is needed. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary policy regarding harbor dredging does not account for naturally occurring, increased sediment volumes over time; does not allow scientific finding in ocean currents, wave forces, or bathymetry to alter dredge disposal techniques or location for the overall benefit of the harbor and/or the environment; does not recognize “beneficial use” of dredge material as a concept. This is a federally recognized course of study which seeks to re-use sediment in productive ways, and concurrently not to waste clean materials. (MB)
- Concerned about the impacts of dredging on natural resources. (MB/GF)
- Concerned because landslides occur frequently on the Big Sur coast, and feel that Sanctuary position that prohibits the dumping into the ocean is inappropriate. Ocean disposal should be considered a viable option. (MB)

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- Sanctuary is doing a good job working with Cal Trans on landslide issues, making good and conscientious progress. (MB)
- Sanctuary should consider economic needs of Big Sur residents regarding Highway 1 closures. Should consider marine disposal from time to time. (MB)
- Dissatisfied with the management style of the Sanctuary: MBNMS does not play well with others, particularly re: coast highway landslide disposal. Does not consider the needs of other stakeholders in many cases. (MB)
- Dredging and dredge disposal can cause burial of Benthic organisms; water quality impacts associated with suspended sediments, and contamination concerns.
- Disposal of landslide sediments can cause burial and increased sedimentation to tide-pools and other near-shore resources. Visual impacts and pedestrian access problems. (MB)
- Concerned about environmental degradation associated with water intake, discharge of brine, population growth issues and energy use related to desalination. (MB)
- Sanctuary view of dredging has been “painted with a single brush and single color”; this prejudiced view does not reflect the abundant science discriminating beneficial dredging from harmful dredging. (MB)
- Concerned about the proliferation of desalination plants and the potential expansion of offshore drilling. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Concerned about the effects of marine debris and trash. The Sanctuary should conduct an education program to address this issue. (All)
- Concerned about litter and trash generated by tourists. Sanctuary should develop and implement an educational program that includes signage, and impose fines for littering to address this issue. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should investigate potential negative impacts of desalination on resources, and provide more input to the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. (MB)
- Improve desalination technologies; investigate use of transportable desalination barges. (MB)
- Restrict small private project specific desalination plants; allow desalination only for public benefit. (MB)
- Encourage regional solutions regarding desalination. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should prohibit desalination, because brine discharge would affect the ecosystem. (MB)
- Desalination should be addressed in the revised management plan. (MB)
- Sanctuary should develop a regional desalination policy. (MB)
- Sanctuary should be open to the possibility of desalination (local communities need water). (MB)
- Beach nourishment and marine disposal should be addressed in the revised management plan. (MB/GF)
- Concerned about DDT in Moss Landing. Should be deposited at hazardous waste site. (MB)
- Streamline the permitting process for dredging. Sanctuary should establish an interagency dredging permit coordination process, based on the SF model. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not regulate dredging beyond other agencies. (MB)
- Harbor dredge spoils should be disposed of at land disposal facilities. (MB)
- Harbors should continue dumping dredge spoils into designated sites. (MB)
- Sanctuary should address issue of management of dredge spoils and DDT contamination. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should not require permits for dredging. (MB/GF)
- Sedimentation occurs naturally during storm events at Pillar Point Harbor. Sanctuary should allow harbor to dredge, and dispose of dredge spoils on the other side of the breakwater, where the beach area is eroding. (MB)
- Clarify that the Sanctuary does not regulate or issue permits for dredging. (MB)
- Any Sanctuary policy on dredging should be no more restrictive than other directly responsible regulatory agencies. (MB)
- Moss Landing should be dredged and deposited in the ocean. Onshore disposal costs too much, is labor intensive and highly polluting. More damage is caused by onshore disposal than is being protected. (MB)
- Consider using non-contaminated dredge materials for beach replenishment. (MB)
- Sources of sediment material from landslides should be examined; if the landslide is determined to be due to natural processes, then material should be disposed of in the Sanctuary. (MB)
- MBNMS must establish a reasonable protocol to clear landslide debris from roadways during sudden closures. (MB)
- Sediment disposal sites must be pre-designated in Big Sur. (MB)
- Sanctuary should take a proactive approach, in implementing emergency protocols during sudden road closures, to insure passage of emergency vehicles. (MB)
- Monitor Cal Trans activities and prevent disposal of landslide material into Sanctuary. (MB)
- No wholesale side-casting of landslide sediments. (MB)

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- Sanctuary needs to identify sensitive habitats where landslides must NOT be permitted, and sediments must not be deposited. (MB)
- Sanctuary should identify locations where beach replenishment is necessary to preclude shoreline armoring. Landslide sediment is an obvious source for beach nourishment materials. (MB)
- MBNMS should better coordinate with Cal Trans in regards to disposal of sediment from landslides. Sanctuary should listen to the geologists. (MB)
- No-discharge zones should be established in special sanctuary sites, such as Areas of Special Biological Significance established by the State of California. (All)
- Complete development of landslide disposal policy. (MB)
- Regarding landslide disposal activities: avoid impacting sensitive biological and archeological areas and resources. (MB)
- Prohibit disposal of highway landslide materials that exceed predicted natural inputs (i.e., differs in volume, composition, location, and timing from naturally occurring landslides in the area). (MB)
- More garbage and recycle containers needed at coastal sites. (GF, MB)
- Organized clean up parties to scour the beaches ASAP after yearly floods. (GF, MB)

MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

Issues:

- Concerned about Naval Post Graduate School's missile launching activities. (MB)
- Concerned about military over flights. MBNMS should exert greater influence regarding this issue. (MB)
- Opposed to Navy Sonar due to marine mammal impacts / migratory problems. (All)
- It is extremely important for the Navy to conduct operations "off" the waters of California. Activities currently carried out by the Navy within these sanctuaries are essential for the national defense. Continued unrestricted access for these purposes is not incompatible with the protection and proper management of sanctuary resources. (All)
- Concerned about pollution from military experiments. (CB, GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should continue to resist militarization in the area. (MB)
- Sanctuary should allow no automatic exemptions for military. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not condone or allow military use (including marine invasion drills). (MB)
- Sanctuary should prohibit: 1) all non-emergency military flights over Sanctuary wildlife zones, and 2) non-emergency underwater military ops. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not endorse marine invasion drills. (MB)
- All non-emergency military underwater operations in MBNMS and within behavior altering distance of Sanctuary resources should be prohibited. All other Military underwater operations within Sanctuary should require a discretionary permit and NEPA environmental review. (MB)
- Regarding military activities, revise the regulations to specify those activities, which are considered "pre-existing" in order to avoid continued ambiguity. (MB)

MONITORING:

Issues:

- Cambria locals have observed growth of new algae in the intertidal, and are concerned. Sanctuary should increase monitoring of coastal environments for change. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- The Sanctuary should concentrate on more monitoring of human activities. (All)
- More rigorous monitoring of water quality, and better access to results by public. (All)
- More monitoring of all types of pollutants. (All)
- Sanctuary should have monitoring data from all agencies and organizations, on the website. (All)
- Investigate the feasibility of testing deer for bioaccumulation of pesticides etc. (MB)
- More monitoring of runoff from golf courses. (MB)
- Increased monitoring of outflows from rivers, and desalination plants. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should help secure funds for additional water quality monitoring. (MB)
- Monitor the activities Monterey Bay Aquarium for fish deaths and extraction. (MB)
- Sanctuary should do more monitoring and tracking of non-point source pollution. (All)

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- Sanctuary should conduct testing for pesticide residue. (All)
- Sanctuary should monitor water for detergents and conduct bacteriological sampling. (All)
- Utilize fishermen for monitoring efforts. (All)
- Sanctuary should investigate sources of non-point pollution for pathogens. (All)
- Sanctuary needs to be an advocate in ensuring that sewage outflows are carefully monitored. Septic systems (i.e. Garrapata) may overwhelm natural processes and require a sewage treatment plan. (MB)
- Not sure how MBNMS can effectively monitor 300 miles of coast. Sanctuary should investigate the use of volunteer surveys for monitoring. (MB)
- MBNMS should develop a policy and guidelines to monitor water quality in streams, rivers, creeks, etc. emptying into the Sanctuary. These should be clean enough to swim in. (MB)
- Use satellite technology to monitor health of the environment and observe possible harmful impacts (enforcement). (All)
- Sanctuary should work cooperatively with federal and state agencies on monitoring water quality. (All)
- Duke Energy facility should be monitored for potential impacts. (MB)
- A special adjunct to the Team Ocean program should focus on monitoring the Monterey Harbor/Cannery Row area for various petroleum-based spills. (MB)
- The NMSP should view the Monterey Bay Citizen Watershed Monitoring Network as a model for citizen monitoring efforts in other sanctuaries nation-wide. (All)
- The revised management plans should address continued support for, and expansion of citizen monitoring efforts such as the Snapshot Day and First Flush events as well as the Urban Watch Program. (All)
- Monitor target species, resources, key processes, and physical parameters. (All)
- Improve rapid response capacity to document impacts of specific events. (MB)
- Check status of red abalone in Bodega Bay (continue monitoring). (GF)
- Need monitoring of sea lion populations. (GF)
- Increase monitoring of radioactive barrels, mercury, and other pollutants. (GF)
- Need long-term monitoring of the rocky intertidal areas. (MB, GF)
- Expand SIMoN to include all three Sanctuaries. (GF, CB)

MOTORIZED PERSONAL WATERCRAFT:

Issues:

- Concern about the use of personal watercraft – no increase in use. (All)
- Environmental studies on PWCs have not been site specific. There is a lack of current science in the studies. New Technology in PWC is not being considered. (All)
- Concerned about the use of PWC in and around the surf zone, especially in areas where non-motorized recreational activities are common. (MB/GF)
- Pollution from PWC emissions is not an issue when compared to other sources of pollution. (MB/GF)
- Concerned about separations of seal pups from parent, and other impacts to marine mammals and waterfowl, from PWC operation. (MB/GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should ban all motorized personal watercraft and 2-stroke engines. (All)
- Strengthen motorized personal watercraft regulations. (MB)
- Modify motorized personal watercraft regulations to include 3-4 person craft. (MB)
- The current Personal watercraft zones should remain the same. (MB)
- There should not be a general ban on motorized personal watercraft (PWC) in Monterey Bay, Cordell Bank, or Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries; however offensive activities relating to PWC operation should be identified and banned where appropriate, and banned activities should be sufficiently enforced. (All)
- PWCs are a valuable tool for certain activities such as search and rescue, enforcement, and research, and their use for these activities in the sanctuaries should not be restricted. (All)
- Concerned because use of PWCs in the surf zone of Half Moon Bay is not safe. Enforcement of this activity must be improved. (MB)
- MBNMS should consider including Mavericks in the PWC use zone. (MB)
- PWC regulations for MBNMS should be the same as those for GFNMS. (MB)
- Concerned about the long-term impacts of PWC use in near shore areas. Sanctuaries should conduct environmental impact studies on this activity. (All)

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- PWC regulations in MBNMS should be made less specific, to prevent loopholes and other opportunities for circumvention of the regulations. (MB)
- If Motorized Boating is allowed in area, then Motorized Personal Watercraft (PWC) should also be allowed. (All)
- There should be a more collaborative process regarding PWC regulation similar to the Florida Keys. (MB)
- Apply a noise standard for the Sanctuary regarding PWCs. (MB)
- Consider seasonal zones for jet skis. And limited conditions. (MB)
- All three sanctuaries should have a consistent policy that allows for PWC use. (All)
- Site-specific environmental assessments should be conducted regarding PWCs, which should include air, water, and sound quality testing, and should consider those impacts in relation to any other activities that are permitted in the sanctuaries. (All)
- Strengthen motorized personal watercraft regulations. (All)
- Other than access lanes to PWC zones, no PWC should be allowed closer than 250 yards of the shore. (MB)
- PWCs should be banned from approaching within 200 feet of any non-motorized user of the MBNMS or within 200 feet of any non-human species at the surface of the waters of the MBNMS. (MB)
- PWC use in surf zone should be banned. (MB)
- Support a 3-year trial period of self regulation by big wave surfing teams at a small number of locations including Mavericks, and perhaps 3-4 other locations during the heaviest surf conditions only. If after this trial period, the NMSP determines that there are issues, then a rigorous licensing program should be implemented. (MB)

OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Issues:

- MBNMS policy stopping oil drilling off the Central California Coast complicates foreign policy in regards to Muslim oil exporting nations after September 11th. (MB)
- Concerned about mineral extraction in sanctuaries. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Never allow drilling for oil in the Sanctuary. (All)
- Oil and gas exploration/Drilling in the Sanctuary should continue to be banned. (All)
- Oil and gas development should be permanently banned within GFNMS, MBNMS and CBNMS. (All)
- Concerned about the potential impact drilling outside the sanctuaries could have on sanctuary resources; NMSP should address this threat in the revised management plans. (All)
- Prohibit slant drilling into the Sanctuary. (All)

PARTNERSHIPS WITH AGENCIES:

Issues:

- Need a better means of coordinating and working with other agencies to develop solutions and notify local businesses and the public, including posting of access points when sewage spills occur. (All)
- The positive accomplishments of the Sanctuary Program should be actively supported and lauded by the City of Monterey. The creation of Sanctuary-related signage along the recreation trail is an example of a way the City could actively support the Sanctuary educational goal. (MB)
- State rights more important than federal. (All)
- Fishery management agencies should work more cooperatively together on issues. (All)
- Concerned because CDFG Sea Otter Game Refuge regulations overlap with Sanctuary regulations. Evaluate whether both agencies should be required to regulate or protect this area. (MB)
- MBNMS needs to be more accommodating of management styles and priorities of other agencies. (MB)
- More cooperation should occur between the State and Federal governments in setting up marine reserves. (All)
- The Sanctuary should support watershed groups –Sanctuary won't come to meetings and won't fund watershed group projects. (MB)
- Need to clarify which agencies have jurisdiction over tide pools, and life in tide pools. This is currently not clear and there appears to be a lot of overlap between agencies. (MB/GF)
- The Ag and Rural Plans need to have more flexibility in how they are carried out by different agencies. (MB)
- Need better coordination/ interaction with San Francisco Bay/ Delta (pollution, invasive species). Melting of government bodies to oversee water issues. (MB/GF)

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Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Update MOA with State incorporate NPS Plan, Oceans Plan, Storm Water, BTTP, Consolidated THS, and TMDL Programs. (MB)
- Sanctuary should attend quarterly Blue Circle meetings (of all watershed groups).
- Use US Environmental Protection Agency authority to enforce environmental regulations within the Sanctuary. (All)
- The Sanctuary should be involved in Ricketts underwater park and the State Marine Life Protection Act process. (MB)
- Better coordination must occur between the Sanctuary and Asilomar State Park, especially in addressing impacts to rocky intertidal habitat. (MB)
- Sanctuary should give input to the City of Salinas on the update of its general plan. (MB)
- Work more with other agencies to achieve a goal of watershed protection. (All)
- Regulatory jurisdiction needs to be streamlined– making for better collaboration and less confusion about overlapping regulations. (All)
- Sanctuary should help cities and municipalities obtain funding for infrastructure and urban runoff and water quality improvement efforts. (MB)
- Work with local jurisdictions to remove impediments in streams and preserve habitats. (MB/GF)
- MBNMS should continue working as a key participant in the Big Sur multi-agency council and the Coast Hwy Management Plan (CHMP). (MB)
- More collaboration with state and local regulatory agencies on sewage discharge. (All)
- Continue involving State in management plan issues. (All)
- More interaction with the California Coastal Commission. (All)
- Sanctuary should provide advice to city planners on how to address the problems of storm drains, sewage treatment plants. (MB)
- Sanctuary should coordinate better with other agencies and landowners regarding management of waterways. (MB)
- Sanctuary should better coordinate with other local agencies, specifically Morro Bay National Estuary. (MB)
- More cooperation and collaboration with existing regulatory agencies should occur, not more regulations. Sanctuary should examine current interactions and explore ways to improve coordination. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary could provide information and advice concerning marine ecosystems, to other government agencies and the public, to facilitate sounder resource management decisions. (All)
- Continue current degree of communication and cooperation with other resource management agencies. (MB)
- Increase communications among all regulatory agencies. (All)
- Increase partnerships with the regional water quality boards. (All)
- Sanctuary should serve as a neutral facilitator in issues involving overlapping jurisdictions. (MB)
- More coordination/collaboration and active problem solving among agencies, to address the issue of sediment management. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should be involved in the state Coastal Sediment Management Working Group. (MB)
- In cases where multiple agencies overlap in their jurisdictions, more Memoranda Of Understanding (MOU) are needed. MOU should determine a lead agency to oversee natural resource issues. (All)
- Sanctuary should increase collaboration with other agencies regarding wastewater treatment and water purification systems. MBNMS should take primary role in this collaboration, and should develop model education and implementation Programs. (MB)
- Sanctuary should work collaboratively with BLM, which is also in planning for its California Coastal National Monument. This is a great opportunity to work collaboratively. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuaries should increase cooperation with other agencies, especially regarding estuaries. (All)
- Sanctuaries should examine the overlapping regulatory structure and investigate ways to streamline the process. (All)
- Sanctuaries should become mandatory members of the Coastal Commission. (All)
- Sanctuaries need to ensure that planning commissions are aware of their regulations. (All)
- Sanctuaries should work in tandem with other agencies to enforce water quality regulations. (All)
- Sanctuaries should coordinate with other agencies to create one joint interpretive center, rather than 1 center for each agency. (All)
- Coordinate master planning efforts and share data with USFWS regarding refuge mgmt plans. (All)
- Work with State Water Resources Control Board on coordination and encourage survey of resources through monitoring – S.W.A.M.P. Program. (All)

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- Sanctuary should discuss with USACOE to make improvements to harbors and improve technology for dredging. (MB)
- Need stronger MOUs to tie all jurisdictions together. Need to have all agencies work together. (All)
- Require the city and County of San Francisco public works departments to comply with Sanctuary standards so that waters off Ocean Beach can be included in the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Expand out joint management plan model to other agencies. (All)
- Sanctuary should work closely with the California Department of Fish and Game, Pacific Fisheries Management Council, fishermen, divers, conservationists, and the public to establish marine reserves within Sanctuary waters. (All)
- AMBAG (and MBNMS) should convene a staff level local governments and affected special districts liaison group (similar to Urban Runoff Task Force), to address upcoming MBNMS programs/projects. The purpose of the group would be to assist Sanctuary in early identification of issues affecting local governments. (MB)
- MBNMS should utilize the local elected officials forum provided through the AMBAG Board of Directors to obtain policy input on all sanctuary issues affecting local governments. (MB)
- MBNMS should contract with AMBAG to develop and maintain an ongoing local government liaison and outreach program. (MB)
- Explore opportunities for collaboration between MBNMS and Morro Bay National Estuary Program, perhaps regarding research, public education, or resource management. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should engage as a full and active partner in the MLPA and PFMC MPA efforts, which should include roles in decision making, providing assistance such as scientific research, socioeconomic data collection, resource protection recommendations, stakeholder outreach and involvement, monitoring and enforcement, but not to defer to marine reserve processes under the jurisdiction of other agencies. (All)
- Sanctuaries should improve coordination among themselves. (All)
- MBNMS, CBNMS, and GFNMS should be working closely with relevant state and federal agencies, to ensure that marine reserves and other MPAs provide adequate protection of marine biodiversity and habitat within the sanctuaries' boundaries. (All)
- Sanctuary should integrate with the statewide study on state waters that will be initiated in 2003.
- New Management plan needs to consider updating the MOU on the Water Quality Protection Program and integrate with the state wide WQ program. (MB)
- New management plan should reflect a closer collaboration between sanctuary and Elkhorn Slough NERR. Issues to address collaboratively include tidal scour, invasive species, recreational use of the slough, and water quality issues. (MB)
- Sanctuary should develop a comprehensive plan to educate, encourage support of, and coordinate activities with all local governments and community organizations. Plan would address such topics as water quality, urban runoff, catch-basin improvements, street sweeping, best restaurant practices, posting for beach closures, Zone 5 practices, and sewage spills. (MB)
- Sanctuary Program should support the State's Marine Life Management Act, by coordinating input to management plans from research institutions around the bay. (All)
- Existing cooperative relationships and management activities should be described in detail, to help the public better understand the significant degree and complex nature of joint management activities in sanctuaries. (All)
- Update of management plan should include a renegotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between various State and Federal agencies. The MOU should reflect the *Plan for California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program* that has received federal approval since Sanctuary designation. (All)
- Sanctuaries should work with local jurisdictions, county health departments, regional water quality control boards, and other agencies to study nearshore water quality. (GF, MB)
- Better coordination between sanctuaries and Coast Guards/Navy/Commercial planes during breeding season on Farallones Islands. (GF)

PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Issues:

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- More partnerships with businesses that use or cause impacts to the Sanctuary. (All)
- Sanctuary should work more closely with ports and harbors to identify reasonable prudent approaches to dredging, that allow for safe operation of those ports with minimal impacts to Sanctuary resources. (MB)

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- Should work collaboratively with the City of Salinas, and environmental groups regarding water quality in creeks that flow into the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Work with local communities on habitat restoration projects. (MB/GF)
- Increase public involvement. (All)
- Sanctuary should work collaboratively with diverse user groups, to reach consensus on issues. (All)
- Sanctuary should be more proactive with the tourism industry in future years. (All)
- The Sanctuary should work more closely with, and utilize the business and tourism sector. (All)
- There needs to be better collaboration and communication between the Sanctuary, Hearst Castle, and visitors regarding opportunities to see the elephant seals. (MB)
- Sanctuary should work with harbors and marinas, on a program promoting alternatives to toxic bottom paints. (MB)
- Maintain collaboration between Farm Bureaus and MBNMS. The Sanctuary now works effectively with the coalition of farm bureaus in reducing siltation and transport of pollutants. The MBNMS had added staff to work with this coalition, and there is concern that we will lose this staff if the MBNMS boundary moves south to the county line. (MB)
- Continue working in collaboration with the agriculture industry, utilizing a non-regulatory approach. (MB)
- Collaboration between the staffs of MBNMS and Fitzgerald Marine Reserve should be improved. (MB)
- Sanctuary needs to partner with local organizations to educate the public. Need resources to make happen on a larger scale (higher priority). (All)
- Santa Cruz County Office of Ed needs to be better linked to Sanctuary. (MB)
- Terrwiliger Nature Center and Audubon Canyon Ranch Visitor are developed as pilot programs, perhaps they can share information, create partnerships. (MB)
- Sanctuary should be the leader of all regional groups/institutions. (All)
- Sanctuaries should work with Chambers of Commerce and hotels, in educating the public. (All)
- Input from local users is overshadowed by academic input. Sanctuary should involve and work directly with local users and those that would be regulated. (All)
- Encourage more local involvement with Sanctuary. (All)
- Sanctuary should work more with volunteers. (All)
- JMPR needs to include a thorough re-visitation of the Sanctuary's commitments to the original communities of interest that supported the formation of the Sanctuary (i.e., agriculture, fishing, harbors etc.). (All)
- Sanctuary needs to be more accommodating of the needs of Big Sur residents. (MB)
- Big Sur residents are not currently threatened by MBNMS, things should continue to be this way. (MB)
- Surfrider has had positive experience working and communicating with the MBNMS. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should develop more full their working relationships with affected stakeholders. Potential cooperative studies that could aid in protection of sanctuary resources include fisheries stock assessments, impacts of commercial fishing and particular gear types to the wildlife and habitat of the sanctuary, impacts of permitted discharges into sanctuary waters, and effectiveness of habitat restoration efforts. (All)
- MBNMS should actively support practices, which will ensure the continuance of the goals of the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project (STEP), and should recognize STEPs' unique productive work. (MB)
- Participate in regional/national science and resource management initiatives.
- Participate in regional cabled observatory development. (MB)
- Coordinate regional research and monitoring – add value to existing programs and help avoid duplicative efforts. (MB)
- NMSP should support the continued development of the Monterey Bay Citizen Watershed Monitoring Network, as well as specific programs such as First Flush, Urban Watch, and Snapshot Day. (MB)
- The sanctuary should work with the Steinhart Aquarium. (GF)
- Surfrider is interested in working at Ocean Beach with the Sanctuary. (GF, MB)

RADIOACTIVE WASTE:

Issues:

- Concerned about the radioactive waste barrels that are decaying out in the ocean. (GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- GFNMS should continue efforts to assess the potential impacts of the radioactive material disposal site on Sanctuary resources. (GF)

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- Consider further collaboration with the U.S. Navy to develop a formal assessment of the extent of the disposal site, and an analysis of options such as removal or capping, for addressing the waste. (GF)
- Sanctuary should petition the Federal Government to spend the money needed to monitor radioactive dumpsite. (GF)
- Assess potential impacts of historic dumping of radioactive materials on resources of the GFNMS. (GF)
- Do biological and ecological survey of barrels, sediments and fish/ invertebrate/ algae. (GF)
- Bottom trawling should cease at once in radiation-affected areas. (GF)
- Funds allocated by responsible parties to characterize the nuclear disposal site, develop a clean up plan. (GF)
- Sanctuary should be educating the public about radioactive dumping. (GF)

RESEARCH:

Issues:

- It is not realistic for the Sanctuary “to maintain the natural biological communities”...and “restore and enhance”. This is impossible because there is not enough of an understanding of the natural history of the area. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- The Sanctuary should continue to conduct research on resource management issues. (All)
- The Sanctuary should promote balance between different species by supporting research into coastal streams and fish stocks interaction with marine mammals. (All)
- The Sanctuary should promote research to assess natural versus human caused changes in rocky intertidal and near-shore ecosystems. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should conduct a study on the effectiveness of education vs. regulation in changing behaviors. (All)
- Fully fund SIMoN and integrate it into the Management Plan. SIMoN should be the top priority. (MB)
- Investigate sea otter disturbances by kayakers and other recreational users. (MB)
- Sanctuary should utilize commercial fishermen for collecting data/research. (All)
- Sanctuary needs to conduct research to assess the current biological condition of the resources today. It is necessary to have these baseline data in order to measure future success. (All)
- Sanctuary should investigate the effects of bottom trawling for potential environmental changes. (All)
- Sanctuary should conduct research on dynamics of fish populations and ecosystems. Need to understand ecosystems better in order to make wise management decisions. (All)
- The Sanctuary research program should provide fisheries data to California Department of Fish and Game. (MB)
- Sanctuary should investigate the decline of steelhead populations in San Carpoforo Creek (Cambria). (MB)
- Sanctuary should establish a “Monterey Bay NMS South” research center in the Cambria area. (MB)
- Need to investigate impacts to marine life and seabirds, from dogs that are not kept on a leash. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary studies and research findings must be subject to scientific peer review. (All)
- SIMoN program is an example of good research –database to not be redundant in efforts in the region. (MB)
- Need research initiative on shelf break area. Re: whales, krill, fish, birds. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should investigate erosion rates along San Mateo coast. (MB)
- Sanctuary should conduct research on tide pools, in order to better understand ecosystem dynamics. (MB)
- Sanctuary should increase research and public access to information on the resources. (All)
- GFNMS and Point Reyes National Seashore should immediately launch a rapid assessment of the region’s marine biological diversity. (GF)
- Provide additional support to build the scientific underpinnings for more effective resource management policies, in particular, through SIMoN (Sanctuary Integrated Monitoring Network) program. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should serve as outdoor laboratories where current and future generations can study biological and marine sciences and the application of scientific knowledge to improving marine resource conservation and management. (All)
- Revised management plans should include language, which expands SIMoN to include MBNMS, CBNMS and GFNMS. (All)
- Revised management plans should include research action plans that identify research and monitoring programs (with timelines) focused on conservation issue -i.e., research that directly guides management decisions. (All)
- Conduct paleo-ecological and archeological studies to determine historic conditions. (All)
- Identify, locate, analyze, archive and, when possible build upon historical data sets. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should be a conduit for provision of additional funding for research. (All)
- Characterize water flow, erosion processes, and monitor key biological communities in Elkhorn Slough. (MB)

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- Assess, quantify extractive and non-extractive human impacts. (All)
- Assess, quantify effectiveness of regional marine reserves at the ecosystem level. Investigate financial impacts to fishermen, resulting from reserves. (All)
- Understand transport and sinks of pollution (particularly in sediments, water, and through the food web). (All)
- Post research findings on web site. (MB)
- Update the MBNMS Site Characterization. (MB)
- Enhance and promote Ecosystem Observations and Sanctuary Currents. (MB)
- Integrate regional research with national program. (MB)
- Support growing research needs with MBNMS research vessel and remotely operated vehicle. The research vessel must be of sufficient size to reach all corners of the sanctuary. (This may mean a vessel of 100 ft. length or larger). (MB)
- Prioritize joint taxa inventory within GFNMS with Point Reyes National Seashore. (GF)
- Encourage white shark research e.g. and other biosystems study. (GF)
- Study the effects of chumming on sharks. (GF)
- Water quality- research needed to identify how much pollution coming from SF Bay (especially industries). (GF, CB)
- Would like to see more research on the effects of pollution on the food chain in GFNMS. (GF)
- GFNMS and CBNMS should play a coordinating role relating to research activities on sanctuary resources. (GF, CB)

SAC:

Issues:

- The SAC is a great tool. It acts as the eyes and ears for the Resources Agency and is a two way street in terms of informing the public and informing agencies. (All)
- The SAC is experiencing growing pains but just needs its role firmed up. (MB)
- SAC Agendas and correspondence should not need NOAA concurrence. (All)
- SAC rules too constraining. (MB)
- The number of public agency seats on the SAC, relative to communities of interest seats seems disproportionate. (MB)
- Changing the advisory council to a management council is an extremely bad idea. Having SAC members elected by the community is also a bad idea.
- The Superintendent's perceived selective appointments to the SAC raises serious questions about conflicts of interest. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Business and Tourism Advisory Panel should become active in education. (MB)
- Sanctuary should reconsider the appointment process for its Advisory Council. (MB)
- Sanctuary should reconsider the role of the SAC. (MB)
- Recreational fishing should be represented on the Sanctuary Advisory Council. (MB)
- There should be a separate "fishing working group". (MB)
- SAC should remain an advisory body. (MB)
- SAC protocols regarding congressional relations must be reevaluated. (MB)
- Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) members should be chosen by their constituency rather than by the Sanctuary, and the SAC. Selection committees should be avoided. (MB)
- Sanctuary should advertise SAC seat openings better, to get a larger pool of applicants. (MB)
- Multiple gear types for fishing should be represented on the SAC. (MB)
- Sanctuary Advisory Councils should be strengthened, and should better represent the local voice regarding local issues. (All)
- The Sanctuary Advisory Council should have a representative from the military to increase awareness of proposed military activities. The Sanctuary could also take advantage of certain military expertise and opportunities. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should not control or overrule SACs, nor should they choose SAC members, or "censor" SAC issues/positions. (All)
- MBNMS should make SAC meetings more accessible to working public. (MB)
- SAC Charter and Protocols should be changed to allow the SAC freedom in setting agendas and drafting correspondence (including to members of Congress). SAC communication to members of Congress should be

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limited to policy issues, not include “grass roots” lobbying for increased funding, and only occur if representing a majority view of the SAC. (MB)

- If the SAC Charter and Protocols cannot be changed, then SAC should not be organized within NOAA, but rather under State law, or through a local joint powers arrangement or MOU. (MB)
- A conflict of interest disclosure statement should be required of SAC members, similar to what is required of public officials throughout California. (All)
- The Sanctuary and NOAA should be completely removed from the SAC appointment process for all SAC seats. The appointment process needs to be turned over to an independent review panel with no input from the Sanctuary and NOAA. (All)
- SAC Charter and Protocols should be changed to allow the SAC to set its own agenda and write letters without Sanctuary Superintendent concurrence. (MB)
- Sanctuary regulations should be changed to declare that employees or principles of companies or corporations that have a direct financial interest in SAC and Sanctuary decisions are ineligible to become SAC members. This financial interest would also include companies or corporations that receive Sanctuary Foundation money or perform any work or services for, or with, the Sanctuary. Certain SAC seats like commercial fishing, business, and tourism would be allowed a variance but the appointee would have to show that the applicant is an officer in an associated industry group representing the industry. (MB)
- Strengthen the SAC membership, while clarifying and reaffirming its proper advisory role as currently constituted. (MB)
- Emphasis should be given to appointing on the Sanctuary Advisory Council, members that represent (in an official capacity, if feasible) their area of interest. Each group on the Sanctuary Advisory Council should recommend nominees to be seated in specific classes. (MB)
- SAC should not micro-manage Sanctuary staff. (MB)
- Sanctuary should consult with specific communities that are represented by a SAC seat, and ask them to develop a process to select a SAC representative. (MB)
- Regarding SAC appointment process: Sanctuary should identify either all or at least the major organizations that represent each community that is represented by a SAC seat, and consult with them in making SAC selections. For example the appointment of a fishing representative should be made by joint selection from the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries, and United Anglers of California. For the business seat the Chambers of Commerce should jointly make the appointment. For tourism, the various visitor and convention bureaus should select, and the agriculture seat should be selected through a consensus of the three farm bureaus. The conservation seat should be selected through the membership of the Conservation Working Group, the research through the RAP, and the education seat through the SEP. The at-large seats should be appointed by the board of supervisors of their counties. (MB)
- SAC should include representatives from each recreational user group, such as recreational boaters, windsurfers, kite surfers etc. (All)

SPILL RESPONSE AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING:

Issues:

- Oil spills are always a danger and a plan should be developed in case of an oil spill within Sanctuary boundaries. (All)
- Concerned about the lack of cohesiveness regarding emergency response to coastal incidents (oil spills etc.). (All)
- Concerned about potential impacts of oil tanker spills. (All)
- Concerned about Sanctuary’s vulnerability to ship spills, break-ups and collisions. A major event could potentially wipe out sea otter population. (MB)
- Multitude of small spills from smaller boats, etc. is a concern. (All)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should investigate the occurrence of oil/tar balls. Sanctuary should work with OSPR to identify sources, and clean-up when found. (All)
- Sanctuaries must be consistent in their response to oil spills. (All)
- Sanctuary should develop a dispersants policy, improve oil response capabilities for the Big Sur and Cambria coast, develop an interagency plan to minimize the numbers and reduce impacts of small wrecks and groundings and address vessel and debris removal. (MB)

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- Revised management plans should contain stricter penalties for at sea discharges of oil by ships, enhancement of spill-source tracking efforts and a process with timeframes for review of the adequacy of oil spill response throughout sanctuary waters, particularly in more remote areas such as the southern end of MBNMS. (All)
- Sources of oil/tar balls on beach should be investigated to determine whether from natural seeps or anthropogenic sources. (All)
- Sanctuary should consider supporting programs for rapid response to new threats. (All)
- Sanctuaries should encourage the adoption of state and federal energy and transportation policies that foster a shift away from current high levels of petroleum use, and educate the public about the connection between high levels of petroleum use in our society and the oiled beaches, and animals that inevitably follow the release of oil into the ocean. (All)
- Must stage adequate oil spill response supplies in Bodega Bay, not just San Francisco Bay. (GF, CB)
- Vessel traffic lanes pushed out to address oil spill impacts at Farallon islands and impact to sea bird colonies and pinnipeds. (GF)

USER CONFLICTS:

Issues:

- Facilitation of multiple uses should be a higher priority for the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Need to balance human use with resource protection. Might need to restrict some activities. (All)
- Sanctuary is managing human activity more than managing resources. (MB)
- Concerned about the impacts from recreational use off Elkhorn Slough. (MB)
- Kayaking is lower impact in ocean waters than in Elkhorn Slough. (MB)
- Concerned about marine mammals approaching kayaks. Monterey Bay Aquarium has tried to teach avoidance behaviors to otters which have been in their care. (MB)
- Since it is nearly impossible for human activity not to create some impact on Sanctuary resources, there is concern that this will lead to more and more restrictions on human use of the Sanctuary, given the current language in the management plan that “multiple uses” are allowed as long as they are consistent with resource protection. (MB)
- The facilitation of human use of the Sanctuary is a stated program goal, yet very little has been done to promote this goal. (MB)
- Intensive agricultural development carries increasing adverse impacts. (GF)
- Concerned about allowing divers and sportsmen into the Sanctuary with out regulating them. (MB, GF)
- “Extreme sports” not compatible with sanctuary protections. (GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Need to investigate impacts from research, diving, kayaking, and spear fishing. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not restrict access to habitats or resources. (All)
- Increase public access. (All)
- Concerned about the impacts of too many kayakers, increase in tourists, and growing population in general. Sanctuary should restrict use to a sustainable level. (MB)
- Never restrict surfing. (MB/GF)
- GFNMS needs to resolve conflicts between commercial, recreational and research users at the Farallones Islands. (GF)
- Sanctuary should protect the rights indigenous people (traditional users). (MB)
- Conscientious (through education) use of the Sanctuary should be as much of a goal as research and conservation. (All)
- JMPR process should include an analysis of jurisdictional issues. This analysis should consult with all coastal jurisdictions and property owners, and be available for public comment. The benefits of the Sanctuary status for very near shore urban areas should be weighed against any jurisdictional issues. If jurisdictional problems are evident, a possible solution would be to create an ‘urban buffer zone’ which would still be within the Sanctuary boundary and would continue to allow for Sanctuary education, conservation and research programs, but which would not be subject to Sanctuary Permit Authority. (MB)
- Clarifying language needs to be added to the Management Plan to allow for human uses as long as there is no significant and sustained impact that permanently damages the resource, (i.e. allow for minor impacts). Include a guidance statement to help Sanctuary staff define major/minor impacts. (All)
- Need regulatory and educational signage at harbor launch ramps for kayakers– signage reaches more people than brochures. (MB/GF)

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- MBNMS to preserve areas of recreation to better accommodate recreational users: outstanding surf breaks, SCUBA areas, wetlands, and dunes systems are examples of places that should be preserved for recreational and education use. (MB)
- All divers should be prohibited from killing, removing, or otherwise harming any plants or animals in the sanctuaries. (ALL)
- Limit recreational use to non-motorized vessels such as wind surfing, kayaks, skin diving, and sailing. (MB)
- Sanctuary should be as thorough in protecting fishing heritage, surfing culture, kite surfing, windsurfing, boating and other recreational activities as it is in protecting the endangered species in the Sanctuary. (All)
- Need to ensure that uses by others (hikers, kayakers) do not impact wildlife on ranches. (GF)
- Consider whether regulations on kayaks and boats in Tomales Bay are necessary. (GF)

VESSEL TRAFFIC:

Issues:

- Concerned about cruise ships and similar activities in the Sanctuary that currently are not an issue, but have the potential for impact. Sanctuary should adopt a proactive approach regarding these activities. (All)
- Concerned about diesel exhaust pollution from large shipping vessels. (All)
- Worried about oil transportation over Cordell Bank. (CB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Sanctuary should support the use of environmentally sensitive vessels for transportation. (MB)
- Only specific vessels that don't impact Sanctuary resources should be allowed, such as hovercraft. Avoid vessels that pollute. (MB)
- Sanctuary should require liners on oil tankers. (MB)
- Oil vessel traffic should only occur outside Sanctuary boundaries. (All)
- Sanctuaries should require that all vessels enter the San Francisco Bay from the westbound lane. (MB)
- Need to prohibit the dumping of bilge water in the Sanctuary. (All)
- Keep cruise ships out (docking) because of pollution, noise, quality of experience). (MB)
- Sanctuary should develop a method to enforce and monitor vessel traffic for compliance with recommended tracks. (MB)
- There should be some method of testing vessel operators for drug or alcohol use while they are working. (All)
- Two-stroke engines should be prohibited in Sanctuary waters. (All)
- Passage of oil tankers should be banned, except between Point San Pedro and Rocky Point. (MB)
- Commercial traffic that traverses Sanctuary should have to pay a fee that could be used to enhance the coastal ecosystem. (All)
- Need to add tug escorts especially at potato patch. (GF)
- Safety should be considered in westbound land for ships, fishing vessels, and all watercraft. (GF)

WATER QUALITY:

Issues:

- Sewage plants-should have proper pre-treatment. (MB/GF)
- Concerned about repeated sewage spills and quality of water. (All)
- Concerned about sewage spills at San Carlos beach, which cause monthly closures. (MB)
- Sanctuary should regulate point and non-point sources of pollution in bay, to protect wildlife. (MB)
- Concerned about water quality of sub-watersheds and Elkhorn Slough. (MB)
- Concerned about impacts of storm drains to water quality, and the lack of public awareness about this issue. Sanctuary must address this issue. (MB)
- Concerned about sewage issue in Pacifica area. (MB)
- Concerned about the lack of water flowing through some creeks. (MB)
- Concerned about 2-stroke engines polluting Sanctuary waters. (All)
- Water Quality partnership is a model for how the Sanctuary should operate. (All)
- Sanctuary has done a good job with water quality program and reaching out to others. (MB)
- Concerned about the beach closures and water quality in San Mateo County. There are not enough sampling sites to adequately notify people of conditions. (MB)
- Dolan Road / Elkhorn Slough – Xmas court hazardous fluids pouring into slough. (MB)
- Nutrient levels should be reduced in our coastal waters. (All)

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- Concerned about soap in runoff reaching the ocean. (All)
- Water quality affects surfing businesses and is their “bread and butter”. (MB/GF)
- Concerned about pollutants along Cannery Row. (MB)
- Concerned about sewage issue in Pacifica area. (MB)
- Concerned about the dumping of hundreds of tons of sediment annually by CAL Trans into MBNMS at the Waddell Bluffs area. (MB)
- Concerned about sewage from San Simeon Acres and Ragged Point Inn and Restaurant. These locations have inadequate sewage treatment. (MB)
- Concerned about dumpsites for hazardous material and dredged material in Sanctuary waters. (MB)
- Concerned about farm runoff at surfing locations (3 mile north of Santa Cruz). (MB)
- Sanctuary should mitigate urban and agricultural runoff. (MB)
- Concerned about scrubbing of heavy metal bottom paint; Paint residue ends up in the water. (All)
- Concerned about cumulative effects of continuous discharges such as that from desalination plants or power plants. (MB)
- Concerned about oil sheen in harbors. (MB/GF)
- Problem with inadequate notification of beach closures. (MB/GF)
- Concerned that harbors are not in Sanctuaries and subject to pollution. (MB/GF)
- Concerned about the effect that energy production has on water quality. (MB)
- Staff vacancies have seriously interfered with the Water Quality Protection Program’s ability to accomplish its goals. (MB)
- Concerned about the Union Pacific railroad line, which runs alongside the Elkhorn Slough. The Parson’s Slough Bridge is in poor condition and there is the threat of a toxic spill with potentially severe environmental damage. (MB)
- When the Sanctuary was being negotiated, harbors were told that the Sanctuary would not have permit authority over dredging, but it does. (MB)
- The existing language characterizes all dredging as bad and does not allow for minor impacts. (MB)
- Existing language concerning dredging seems to constrain the staff from being as helpful to harbors as they could be. (MB)
- Concerned about the effect of certain activities, such as improper disposal of cat litter and introduction of contaminants into coastal waters, on southern sea otter populations.
- Concerned about water quality and habitat in Estero de San Antonio. (GF)
- Concerned about the Petaluma Mushroom Farm dumping into Americano creek. (GF)
- Concerned about transportation-related run-off. 80% of non-point source pollution is from roads (tires and pipes of autos). (GF)
- Water-borne pollutants come from the watersheds into SF bay and then into the GFNMS. (GF)
- Watershed issues in Bodega Bay and Esteros. (GF)
- Be aware of Pacifica’s new water quality system. (GF, MB)
- Erosion at San Francisco’s sewage treatment plant is an issue. (GF, MB)
- Sewage from the village of San Simeon Acres is contaminating Sanctuary waters. (GF)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Different measures should be taken against large polluters versus uneducated members of the public. Expand awareness through beach cleanup or other programs, which would incorporate education (in terms of what exactly are the violations). (MB/GF)
- What extent is data from Urban Watch being used? Make information more available to public through education, PSA, Nova, public broadcasting. General public needs information readily available without seeking Sanctuary. Possibly use a monthly newspaper insert. (MB)
- Sanctuary should educate public equally on all forms of water pollution. (All)
- Sanctuary should distinguish between past and current sources of contaminants in describing pollution in outreach materials and programs. (MB)
- The existing water quality action plans should be incorporated directly into the revised management plan. Don’t start over with the next management plan. (MB)
- More rigorous monitoring of water quality. (All)
- There should be language put in the management plan that reflects the positive benefits of harbors. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should better address land based point and non-point source pollution. (MB/GF)

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- Beach closure information should be made more readily available to the public. Better posting of water quality alerts at beaches and access points for swimmers, surfer, divers and kayakers. (MB/GF)
- More regulation of activities that affect water quality. (All)
- MBNMS should investigate all forms and sources of contaminants, not just agriculture. (MB)
- Sanctuary needs to do WQ monitoring in an ongoing program. (All)
- Marine Sanctuary's main job is to protect resources, should increase water quality protection projects. (All)
- Concerned about the effects of MTBE that has been found leaking into local streams. This could impact the immune systems of marine mammals. Sanctuary should investigate the effects of MTBE and other spills and discharges on aquatic species. (MB)
- Sanctuary should prioritize which water quality issues are most important and pursue them. (All)
- Sanctuary should lobby at all levels for improved water quality. (All)
- Implement and staff the Water Quality Protection Program. (MB)
- Expand Citizen Monitoring Network. More funds or resources to implement water quality protection program. (MB)
- Dedicate more effort to investigating and preventing point and non-point source pollution. (All)
- NMSP should adopt a Water Quality Protection Program for CBNMS and GFNMS, and should work with local regional water quality control boards to review discharge permits and waivers for these 2 sanctuaries. (CB/GF)
- Water quality standards should be established in all federal waters within the sanctuaries. (All)
- Within state waters, water quality standards should be comprehensively reviewed to ensure that they adequately protect sanctuary resources. (GF/MB)
- Include on website, water quality data on various river systems affecting the Sanctuary. (All)
- Concerned about near-shore water quality. Sanctuary should conduct education and outreach regarding wastewater issues. (All)
- The revised management plan should emphasize the importance of fully implementing the recommendations contained in the Water Quality Protection Plans. Management plan should also identify additional WQ plans yet to be completed such as one dealing with point sources and one addressing riparian and wetland issues. (MB)
- Concerned about the effects of cooling water from the Duke Moss Landing power plant. Other options should be investigated that have less impact (sewage water).
- Concerned about near-shore water quality. Sanctuary should conduct education and outreach regarding wastewater issues. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuaries should investigate the root causes of water quality degradation. More resources should be made available for infrastructure of sewage treatment facilities. (All)
- MBNMS should develop a policy and guidelines to monitor water quality in streams, rivers, creeks, etc. emptying into the Sanctuary. These should be clean enough to swim in. (MB)
- Sanctuary should develop and implement a plan addressing riparian/wetland resources. (MB)
- Sanctuary should conduct a strong and diligent review and comment on all NPDES permits and projects in and affecting the Sanctuary. (MB)
- Expand GFNMS Beach Watch program to include water quality monitoring and subsequent beach posting advisories when state water quality standards are exceeded for water contact recreation.
- GFNMS focus watershed protection efforts locally. More support (financial, technical, programmatic, fiscal, staffing). (GF)
- Review permits for city and county of San Francisco for discharge. (GF, MB)
- Engage in and support proactive efforts in Marin County to adhere to the Clean Water Act. (GF)
- Regulate future and current houses upstream to protect the creek waters. (GF)

Point Source

- Sanctuary should be concerned about the impacts of desalination plants from construction and brine effluent discharge. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should encourage jurisdiction partnerships to combine desalination facilities, for public use only. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should work with harbors and marinas, on a program promoting alternatives to toxic bottom paints. (MB)
- Sanctuary should increase collaboration with other agencies regarding wastewater treatment and water purification systems. MBNMS should take primary role in this collaboration, and should develop model education and implementation Programs. (MB)

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- Concerned about intake pipelines for power plants. Entrainment and impingement kill millions of larvae and small species. Sanctuary should impose limitations or measures to reduce these types of impacts. (MB)
- Sanctuary should address the issue of run off occurring from restaurants. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should take a far more active role in reviewing point source discharge permits issued by the regional water quality control boards to ensure that permit conditions are sufficiently stringent to protect sanctuary resources (especially with respect to storm water runoff). (All)
- Sanctuary should explore progressive technology for purification of private and municipal wastewater. (MB)/GF)
- Tertiary treatment should be required for all sewer systems that empty into sanctuaries. (All)

Non-Point Source

- Sanctuary should conduct a study on nutrient runoff. (MB)
- Consider a ban of all pets from beaches in the National Marine Sanctuary as part of the Resource Protection Program. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should regulate the use of fertilizer through a permitting system. Should investigate alternatives and mitigation. (MB)
- Dogs should not be allowed off their leash in Spanish Bay and Pebble Beach, due to potential impacts to water quality. (MB)
- Sanctuaries should hold accountable, operations such as golf courses and nurseries that use chemicals or other pollutants, which enter into the ocean. (All)
- Utilize volunteers to educate dog owners and encourage leash use. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should conduct more education programs for informing farmers about agricultural runoff and pesticide use. Should encourage coastal farmers to incorporate organic methods. (MB)
- MBNMS agriculture action plan should have a specific timeline, goals, and audits. It should be open to the public, and not be self-regulating. (MB)
- The existing Agriculture Action Plan should not be changed, in order to maintain momentum that has already built up. (MB)
- NOAA should continue to support the implementation of the Agricultural Action Plan and commit all necessary resources to ensure the success of its implementation. (MB)
- Storm water discharges from new and existing development into the sanctuaries should be stringently controlled under the Clean Water Act. (All)
- Concerned about harmful algal blooms. Cooperative research should occur in the Sanctuary to learn how such blooms relate to non-point source pollution, and the consequences of such blooms in the Sanctuary. (All)
- Sanctuaries should develop programs to address the pollution that enters the sanctuaries from San Francisco Bay. (All)
- Sanctuaries should work with local jurisdictions, county health departments, regional water quality control boards, and other agencies to perform studies on near shore water quality to assess human health risks from the viral pathogens that have been documented on the shoreline. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuaries should assess the effect of pollution on the near shore ecosystems and to determine the sources of pollution and identify methods of prevention and control. (All)
- Recommend a halving of the amount and significant reduction of the toxicity and persistence, of pesticides, which are used in the Salinas, Carmel, and Pajaro Valleys, because of their immediate harm to Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed anadromous species. (MB)
- Sanctuary should mitigate urban and agricultural runoff. (MB/GF)
- Sanctuary should conduct a study on pesticide runoff from agriculture and golf courses. (MB)
- Increase funding for sewage system/storm drain infrastructure improvements. (MB/GF)
- No new regulations that will affect agriculture industry. (MB)
- Heavy metal concentration in fish should be addressed by guidelines set on discharges from any source on these metals. (All)

WILDLIFE DISTURBANCE:

Issues:

- Snowy Plover education and presence is good. (MB)
- Concerned about peregrine falcon populations in Monterey Bay. (MB)
- Concerned about peregrines feeding on shorebirds, while fishermen are taking the blame. (MB)
- Sanctuary should address overpopulation of pinnipeds, which cause destruction of property, and financial loss to fishermen. (MB)

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- Concerned about commercial feeding of marine mammals. (All)
- Concerned about the poor quality of some of the marine mammal studies. On the water studies can be very limited. (All)
- Concerned about overpopulations of pinnipeds. Sanctuary should investigate the feasibility of controlling these populations. (All)
- Concerned about white shark disturbances in GFNMS, due to people approaching them too closely, and using inappropriate means to attract them. (GF)
- Concerned about the vagueness of the GFNMS regulations regarding white sharks. (GF)
- Concerned because of lack of shells on the beach after storms. There a far fewer than there used to be, which might indicate that these invertebrate species are dying out. Sanctuary should investigate the cause for the decline. (MB)
- Concerned about seabirds being harmed by recreational fishing on Santa Cruz Wharf. (MB)
- Would like to get anadromous fish back up the streams. (MB)
- Concerned that harbor seals in the rivers are eating the salmon. (MB)
- Concerned about the current status of tide pools. They used to be teeming with life, but are now desolate. Sanctuary should concentrate on more protection of tide pool areas. (MB)
- Concerned about the influx of people who utilize tide pools as a food source at Pfeiffer Beach, Kirk Creek, and Pebble Beach. (MB)
- Concerned with non-native salmonid smolt stocking (Feather R. system) on ecosystem. Research is needed on effects. (MB)
- Concerned about the growing number of diseased and unhealthy marine mammals off the West Coast and especially in GFNMS. (All)
- For the past 10 years, the Monterey Bay Aquarium has used the Pacific Grove Marine Gardens Fish Refuge to gather kelp, invertebrates, and fin fish. (MB)
- There have been recent reports of canine distemper among harbor seals in Monterey Bay. (MB)

Suggested Strategies and Tools:

- Must have more regulations/guidelines for public shark viewing, similar to those for whale watching. (All)
- More interpretive signage at kayak launch sites and dive entry points in regard to marine mammals viewing etiquette (especially otters). (MB)
- There should be a “season” on sea lions, like there is a season for salmon, to bring the ecosystem back into balance again. (MB)
- Sanctuary should increase conservation and protection for sea otters. (MB)
- Sanctuary should increase protection for all wildlife. (All)
- Investigate the impacts that pinniped populations are having on fishery resources. (MB)
- Sanctuary should investigate and address the effects of feral animals acting as disease vectors, and their connection to sea otter mortalities. (MB)
- Heavy metal concentrations in fish should be addressed by guidelines set on discharges from any source of the metals. (All)
- Extend MBNMS and CBNMS regulations regarding white sharks to cover GFNMS, or implement a new rule for limited entry for charter boats. (GF)
- Sanctuaries should potentially implement minimum approach distances and approach speed limitations for white sharks. (All)
- All sanctuaries should prohibit the attraction and harassment of white sharks. (All)
- More education of the public and recreational boat operators regarding etiquette for shark viewing and interaction. (All)
- Shark chumming should be banned in GFNMS. All shark-related activities should be permitted through the manager. (GF)
- Sanctuary should help implement management practices that allow the expediting of the required permit processes utilized by STEP. (MB)
- Need to investigate impacts to marine life and seabirds, from dogs that are not kept on a leash. (MB)
- GFNMS is the older sanctuary but has a better regime for birds. (All)
- Sanctuaries should adopt a set of standards for all wildlife viewing. This should include a “controlled speed perimeter” for recreational boaters and wildlife watchers. (All)
- Sanctuaries should consider adopting a limited entry policy and code of conduct for commercial wildlife watching vessels. (All)

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- Sanctuaries should strive to reach a balance between research and wildlife viewing. (All)
- Shark attraction should be banned completely in GFNMS (including research). (GF)
- Sanctuary should support City of Santa Cruz in closing wharf to fishing to protect the Brown Pelicans from being entangled in fishing hooks/lines during times when sardines are there. (MB)
- Concerned with the current status of abalone in California, including habitat loss, over harvesting, and illegal poaching. Sanctuaries should support the California Department of Fish and Game's Abalone Recovery and Management Plan. (All)
- Sanctuaries should do whatever is necessary to restore original population of birds (such as the Ashy Storm Petrel, Rhinoceros Auklet and Double Crested Cormorants), on Farallones Islands. Sanctuaries should reinstall structure of cables, or another effective setup to decrease gull predation. (All)
- Concerns about tide pool trampling. Sanctuary awareness should be increased, possibly education through local schools. (MB)
- Too many overlapping jurisdiction regarding over flight regulation. This issue needs to be resolved. (MB)
- Over flight restriction should be more specific, "blanket prohibition" of over flights below 1000 feet should be changed. (MB)
- Sanctuary should assess the constitutionality of its over-flight regulations and fines. (MB)
- Concerned with Sanctuary denial of over flight permits. (MB)
- Over flight regulation should be based on realistic potential for disturbance of marine life. Current regulations often restrict flights that would have no impact on marine mammals or seabirds. (MB)
- The FAA over flight restrictions of 500 feet are adequate, MBNMS regulations are excessive. (MB)
- Is noise is an issue then boat traffic should be addressed instead of aviation. Sound from boat engines travels considerable distances underwater, while most general aviation airplanes are not major noise generators. (MB)
- Aircraft restrictions being proposed are a violation of the federal commerce clause and only able to be imposed by the FAA and Congress. (MB)
- Over flight restrictions should be expanded to cover entire Sanctuary. Limits should be raised to 2000 or 3000 feet. (MB)
- Sanctuary should conduct more education and outreach to pilots about flight regulations. (MB)
- Sanctuary should not regulate aviation activities. The FAA regulations are sufficient. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should work with the FAA on developing over flight regulations. (MB)
- Sanctuary should collaborate with the FAA to get the regulations placed in the FAR. (MB)
- Over flight regulations need to be changed, they should be based on realistic probabilities of marine mammal and seabird disturbances, not an arbitrary altitude limit. (MB)
- Aerial flights don't seem to disturb marine mammals; over flight regulations should be reevaluated. (MB)
- The Sanctuary should work with the FAA on developing over flight regulations. FAA should make the final call. The FAA is qualified to deal with this issue while the Sanctuary is not. (MB)
- Navy jets, Marine helicopters, and very low flying private aircraft should be restricted from flying along the coast. (MB)
- Removal from documentation of prohibitions and fines with respect to over flight will show good faith. (MB)
- If penalties are to be imposed for violation of over flight regulations, then regulators should explain how they are going to determine altitude of violator. (MB)
- All non-emergency military flight operations over the Sanctuary, and within behavior altering distances of Sanctuary resources should be banned. All other military flight operations should require a permit. (MB)
- Don't take away fireworks on July 4th. (MB)
- Sanctuary should refer to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), and develop and implement an educational campaign regarding harassment/disturbance of marine mammals, especially on beaches/rookeries. Participate in education campaigns to influence fishers regarding compliance with MMPA.
- Concerned about the fate of the harbor seals in the GFNMS. (GF)
- GFNMS should become adopt reserves to increase natural seal populations and protect pupping beaches; and should continue to work to reduce stress on seal populations (from pollution habitat destruction, etc.). (GF)
- Concerned about fate of seabirds in GFNMS. (GF)
- Concerned about wildlife disturbances in Elkhorn Slough, from increasingly heavy kayak use. Sanctuary should coordinate a study of these disturbances. (MB).
- Sanctuary should adopt a policy of serious enforcement of the Endangered Species Act. (All)
- Send coastal communities a brochure informing them about the need for lagoon habitat, water flow and restrictions on breaching sandbars at river mouths for threatened and endangered anadromous fish. Brochure should also inform them on penalties involved with such activities. (MB/GF)

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- Sanctuary should have in place science based policies to address the contentious issues of expansion of the range of the Southern Sea Otter (such as interaction with fishermen and their target species), to ensure unimpeded recovery of this species. (MB/GF)
- Would like to see kayak companies (outfitters) required to obtain permits to operate within GFNMS so they understand the impacts to the ecosystem. (GF)
- Limited viewing entry to boats that target White Shark feeding events
- Protect the Gulf of the Farallones Sanctuary tide pools and estuaries from overuse by limiting visitor numbers. (GF)
- Better coordination between sanctuaries and Coast Guard /Navy/Commercial planes during breeding season on Farallon Islands. (GF)
- Blinds for non-invasive wildlife viewing. (GF, MB)
- Create a buffer region of at least four nautical miles around the islands. (GF)