

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE PROPOSED CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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Note to Reader:

A. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

This document is both a final environmental impact statement and management plan for the proposed Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Some of the section headings, and their order, are different from those frequently found in other environmental impact statements. To assist NEPA reviewers, the following table has been developed. Under the heading "NEPA Requirements" are listed those topics normally discussed in an EIS. The corresponding section of this document and the page numbers are provided in the other two columns.

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B. Endangered Species Act (ESA):

Pursuant to § 7 of the ESA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, and the National Marine Fisheries Service, of the Department of Commerce, were consulted in the performance of the biological assessment of possible impacts on threatened or endangered species that might result from the designation of a National Marine Sanctuary at Cordell Bank. The consultation confirmed that some twelve endangered and two threatened species are known to occur in the area and that Sanctuary designation was not likely to adversely affect these species. The species identified are:

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| 1. California brown pelican.... | <u>Pelicanus occidentalis calif.</u> | Endangered |
| 2. Short-tailed albatross..... | <u>Diomedea albatrus</u> | Endangered |
| 3. Gray whale..... | <u>Eschrichtius robustus</u> | Endangered |
| 4. Right whale..... | <u>Eubalaena glacialis</u> | Endangered |
| 5. Blue whale..... | <u>Balaenoptera musculus</u> | Endangered |
| 6. Fin whale..... | <u>B. physalus</u> | Endangered |
| 7. Sei whale..... | <u>B. borealis</u> | Endangered |
| 8. Humpback whale..... | <u>Megaptera novaeangliae</u> | Endangered |
| 9. Sperm whale..... | <u>Physeter catodon</u> | Endangered |
| 10. Guadalupe fur seal..... | <u>Arctocephalus townsendi</u> | Threatened |
| 11. Green sea turtle..... | <u>Chelonia mydas</u> | Endangered |
| 12. Leatherback sea turtle..... | <u>Dermochelys coriacea</u> | Endangered |
| 13. Pacific Ridley sea turtle..... | <u>Lepidochelys olivacea</u> | Endangered |
| 14. Loggerhead sea turtle..... | <u>Caretta</u> | Threatened |

All correspondence related to these consultations is contained in Volume II of the FEIS/MP.

C. Resource Assessment:

The Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, as amended, requires a resource assessment report documenting present and potential uses of the proposed Sanctuary area, including uses subject to the primary jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. This requirement has been met in consultation with the Department of the Interior and the assessment report is contained in Part II, Section II.

D. Federal Consistency Determination

Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, requires that each Federal agency conducting or supporting activities directly affecting the coastal zone shall conduct or support those activities in a manner which is, to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with approved state management programs. This requirement has been met through a Federal Consistency Determination made by NOAA to the California Coastal Commission dated, December 31, 1988, that the designation of Cordell Bank as a National Marine Sanctuary is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable with California's Coastal Management Plan.