

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Sanctuary Advisory Council 2008 Work Plan

(adopted: March 14, 2008)

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Possible SAC Activities</i>	<i>Comments/Notes</i>	<i>Priority High, Medium, Low¹</i>
1. <u>LARGE CETACEANS AND SHIPPING</u>			
1a. Addressing Risks from Ships to Large Whales in the Santa Barbara Channel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC subcommittee to propose a Council-based process for investigating and advising on this issue • Possible SAC Working Group to developing short and long-term recommendations to address vessel-based threats (e.g., ship strikes) to large whales in the Santa Barbara Channel 		H
2. <u>ENERGY PROJECTS</u>			
2a. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track status of Clearwater Port proposed project • Advisory Council and working groups to comment on Clearwater Port draft EIS/EIR, if released this year • SAC to support/co-host possible educational forum on LNG (as was done in 2005 re Cabrillo Port project) 		H
2b. Wind & Wave Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to bring CINMS-region emergent project proposals to the attention of the Council for possible review/comment, as appropriate. 		L
3. <u>FISHERIES EDUCATION</u>			
3a. Sanctuary Education and Outreach on Fishing within CINMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing representatives (commercial and recreational) provide educational talks to the SAC • SAC fishing reps. advise CINMS on Sanctuary-related fishing facts for use in educational products 		M

¹ Rankings and additional topics (see 2b and 11g) were provided by sixteen Council members at the January 25th, 2008 Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting.
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4. FINAL MANAGEMENT PLAN			
4a. Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Large Vessel Graywater Discharge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC and working groups to comment during 45-day SDEIS review period 		M
4b. Release of Final EIS, Final Management Plan, Final Rule (FEIS/FMP/FR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive staff updates on status of FEIS/FMP/FR development • Receive presentation from staff on FMP/FEIS/FR • Assist in raising public awareness and understanding of the FEIS/FMP/FR 		M
5. MARINE ACOUSTICS			
5a. Ongoing Developments responsive to SAC Recommendations on Marine Acoustics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive periodic updates on CINMS acoustic monitoring projects from Dr. John Hildebrand and colleagues • Invite shipping industry representative(s) to provide a presentation to the SAC on industry efforts to mitigate vessel noise impacts 		H

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6. MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)			
6a. Biological monitoring program for existing Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC members to attend February 7-8 Channel Islands MPA symposium • CA Dept. of Fish and Game to present information on 2008 planned activities and preliminary results (as in years past), soliciting SAC feedback/comments. 	Several SAC member attended Symposium	H
6b. Socio-economic monitoring program for Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC members to attend February 7-8 Channel Islands MPA symposium • SAC and public to receive periodic reports on monitoring program implementation 	Several SAC member attended Symposium	H
6c. Effectiveness of CINMS Education and Outreach for Marine Protected Areas within CINMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A subcommittee (or Working Group, SET?) could form to advise CINMS on evaluation methods for assessment of MPA educational products, programs and strategies 		H
6d. Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive MLPA briefing to understand SAC implications for the forthcoming southern California regional MLPA process 		H

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7. WATER QUALITY			
7a. CINMS Response to SAC Recommendations on Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive periodic reports from staff (or invited partners) on progress toward addressing the SAC water quality recommendations from Sept 2005 • Receive educational presentations from staff or invited partners on Sanctuary water quality topics, including Channel Keeper report on CINMS water quality characterization 		H
7b. <i>Bight 08</i> Regional Water Quality Monitoring Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to keep SAC informed of Bight 08 monitoring/sampling plans and activities before and after the work is done in summer 08 		M
7c. Clean Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a boater focus group to develop advice, for SAC consideration, on effective ways to promote clean boating within CINMS 		M
7d. Boating Instruction and Safety Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on this new center and solicitation of SAC input on CINMS signage/exhibits within the new center 		L
8. ARTIFICIAL REEFS			
8a. Artificial Reef Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue (from 2007) educational process to learn about artificial reef policies from the NMSP and NMFS 	<i>Discussed at Jan. 2008 Meeting</i>	L
8b. Artificial Reef Recommendation Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and take action on Recreational Fishing seat proposals for Council letter of support on artificial reef development 	<i>Council deferred action until artificial reef proposal emerges - Jan. 2008 Meeting</i>	L

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9. <u>OCEAN ACIDIFICATION</u>			
9a. Ocean Acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Working Group, and other SAC members, to research this issue and develop a report for SAC consideration • Bring in expert speakers to provide presentations to the SAC 		M
10. <u>CLEAN SEAS / GREEN COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE</u>			
10a. NMSP Clean Seas/Green Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form a subcommittee to work on development of a proposal that would contribute to the greening of the Sanctuary community and protection of sanctuary resources. • Develop Council proposal for 2008 SAC Chairs meeting (see also #11d), including funding request • Implement the proposal 	<i>Discussion planned for Jan. 25 SAC meeting</i>	H
11. <u>OTHER</u>			
11a. Chumash Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chumash Community Working Group to work with staff to understand and help shape the Chumash cultural components of Sanctuary programs; discuss and inform the Advisory Council 		M
11b. SAC Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Council retreat in spring or fall 2008 		M
11c. Sanctuary-Wide Integrated Monitoring (SWIM) Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive educational information and/or presentations about SWIM report 		M
11d. SAC Chairs Annual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide SAC Chair with input on issues of concern to be raised at 2008 annual SAC Chairs meeting (May 13-15, 2008) • Receive follow-up report from SAC Chair and Coordinator about meeting highlights and outcomes 		L

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11e. Communications and Partnership with Monterey Bay NMS Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC members can join the MBNMS Advisory Council at their October meeting in Cambria to discuss common interests/issues 		L
11f. National Marine Sanctuaries Act congressional reauthorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff reports on Congressional progress with NMSA reauthorization, noting opportunities for public comment 		M
11g. Black Abalone endangered listing on the Endangered Species Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMFS presentation to Advisory Council on March 14, and Council to comment on the proposed rule for federally listing the black abalone as endangered. 		L