

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
2010 Priorities for Sanctuary Advisory Council**

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Possible SAC Activities</i>	<i>SAC Comments/Notes</i>	<i>Priority: High, Medium, Low<sup>1</sup></i>
<b>1. <u>LARGE CETACEANS AND SHIPPING</u></b>			
1a. Ship Strikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC case study presentation at annual SAC Summit (May 2010).</li> <li>• Receive progress reports from CINMS staff on how Council advice is being utilized, and provide feedback.</li> <li>• Receive updates and provide feedback to the UCSB Bren Group working on an assessment of SAC recommendations.</li> <li>• Receive updates and provide feedback on implementation of ship strike emergency response plan during 2010 whale season.</li> </ul>		H
<b>2. <u>ENERGY PROJECTS</u></b>			
2a. Wind Energy, Wave Energy and LNG Terminal Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review information, or receive presentations, about emerging wave or wind energy proposals, and proposed LNG terminal project (e.g., "Clearwater Port") within the CINMS marine region. Develop comments as appropriate.</li> </ul>		H
2b. Oil Rigs Decommissioning Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review new information when available, and/or receive presentations, about the "Study to Provide Information Related to Oil and Gas Platform Decommissioning Alternatives in California." Develop comments if/when appropriate.</li> </ul>		H
<b>3. <u>FISHERIES EDUCATION</u></b>			
3a. Sanctuary Education and Outreach on Fishing within CINMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing representatives (commercial &amp; recreational) provide educational talks to the SAC.</li> <li>• Fishing reps. advise on Sanctuary-related fishing facts for use in educational products.</li> </ul>		H
<b>4. <u>MANAGEMENT PLAN</u></b>			

<sup>1</sup> Rankings based on 12 Council member surveys received at SAC meeting on January 29, 2010. High = very important priority for Council action/agenda time; Medium = important to receive some Council agenda time; Low = to be placed on meeting agenda only if time allows.

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4a. Implementation of Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive report on status of management plan implementation. Provide feedback/advice on moving forward.</li> </ul>		M
<b>5. <u>MARINE ACOUSTICS</u></b>			
5a. SAC Recommendations on Marine Acoustics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive progress report from staff on implementation of 2004 Council recommendations on noise.</li> <li>• Receive an update on CINMS acoustic monitoring projects from experts (e.g., Megan McKenna/John Hildebrand at Scripps).</li> <li>• Receive updates and provide input, as needed/appropriate, to new Shipping Noise working group formed by Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council.</li> </ul>		M
<b>6. <u>MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)</u></b>			
6a. Biological monitoring of MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear about planned monitoring activities and preliminary results (as available), soliciting SAC feedback/comments.</li> </ul>		H
6b. Socioeconomic monitoring of MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive an update and provide feedback on implementation of CINMS Social Science Plan for MPAs.</li> </ul>		H
<b>7. <u>WATER QUALITY</u></b>			
7a. Progress on SAC Water Quality Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive periodic reports from staff (or invited partners) on progress toward addressing SAC water quality recommendations from Sept 2005.</li> <li>• Receive educational presentations from staff or invited partners on Sanctuary water quality topics.</li> </ul>		M
<b>8. <u>CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS</u></b>			

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8a. Ocean Acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One SAC member to join and participate with ONMS west coast regional Task Force on Ocean Acidification.</li> <li>• SET to develop and provide advice on development of CINMS ocean acidification education strategies, messages, and audiences.</li> <li>• Progress report on efforts to pursue Advisory Council recommendations contained with the Council's 2008 report on Ocean Acidification.</li> </ul>		H
<b>9. <u>EDUCATION CENTERS, INTERPRETIVE PLANS AND SIGNAGE</u></b>			
9a. UCSB Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC members to receive updates on construction of the new CINMS office building</li> <li>• SAC to learn more about and provide feedback on the planned Outreach Center for Teaching Ocean Science (OCTOS).</li> </ul>		M
9b. Long Range Interpretive Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff presentation on development of a long range interpretive plan for CINMS</li> <li>• Council input, leading to possible Council endorsement.</li> </ul>		M
9b. Boating Instruction and Safety Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff presentation on this developing Channel Islands Harbor boating center, and solicitation of Council feedback on planned CINMS exhibits and programs.</li> </ul>		M
10a. Sanctuary Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive staff presentation on current and planned CINMS signs.</li> <li>• Discuss and advise on the role of signage in helping to protect Sanctuary wildlife, including but not limited to seabirds and marine mammals.</li> </ul>		L
<b>10. <u>ABALONE</u></b>			
10a. Abalone issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep Council advised, and solicit comments if/when appropriate, on NMFS consideration of black abalone critical habitat designations.</li> <li>• California Fish &amp; Game Commission consideration of red abalone fishery near San Miguel Island.</li> </ul>		H
<b>11. <u>SAC-RELATED EVENTS</u></b>			
11a. SAC Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide SAC Chair with input on issues of concern to be raised at 2009 SAC Summit (May 4-7, 2009).</li> <li>• If asked to present a case study at that meeting, assist the Chair in preparing to present an ocean acidification presentation.</li> </ul>		M

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11b. SAC Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional Council retreat in summer 2010.</li> </ul>		L
11c. Connect with other SACs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get together with, and/or at least increase communications with, the MBNMS Advisory Council and others Councils on west coast.</li> </ul>	Council ideas expressed on 2/4/10: Base these interactions on a developed agenda item; possibly attend the MBNMS Council meeting in Cambria; getting together with other councils could become a SAC Retreat; raise this with Dan Basta during his March 19 <sup>th</sup> visit; ask west coast Regional Office for assistance bringing together SACs (or at least some members on a task force); consider use of Skype or Webinar technologies.	L
<b>11. NATIONAL ISSUES</b>			
11d. National System of MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning more about the National MPA Center, including their site nomination process and "gap" analyses.</li> </ul>		L
11e. National Ocean Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn more about new national ocean policy development, which touches on many ocean issues relevant to CINMS and the SAC, including marine spatial planning.</li> <li>Council to possibly comment on national proposals, if timing works out.</li> </ul>		M
<b>11. OTHER</b>			
11c. Currents and Upwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expert presentation to learn more about the oceanography and importance of these physical processes in our local area. Including information on related ocean monitoring, data from buoys and transect sampling, etc.</li> </ul>		M
11f. CINMS boundary change evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take a step forward on this pending process (per the management plan).</li> </ul>		L
11g. Aquaculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review new NOAA /federal aquaculture policies being proposed and compare with previous SAC advice on this.</li> </ul>		L
11h. Invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to receive updates on the <i>Sargassum horneri</i> situation within CINMS.</li> </ul>		M

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11i. Biological monitoring of indicator species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of the need for a plan to monitor indicator species, such as but not limited to <i>coralline</i> algae.</li> </ul>		L
11k. Promoting research and monitoring needs at CINMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to present the current list of CINMS research and monitoring priorities. Council discussion on promoting these needs to partners, universities, students, others.</li> </ul>	Council ideas mentioned (on 2/4/10): posting CINMS science needs on web site; understanding academic criteria for acceptable university research projects; understanding ways to make research and monitoring results effectively available to management; possible joint session of the RAP and SAC to discuss this.	M