

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
**2012 Work Topic Priorities for Sanctuary Advisory Council Activities**<sup>1</sup>

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Possible SAC Activities</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Priority: High, Medium, Low</i>
<b>1. <u>EXTERNAL SUPPORT for SANCTUARY MISSION</u></b>			
1a. Development of External Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive and discuss situation updates as fiscal year 2012 budget is confirmed and outlook emerges for fiscal year 2012 and beyond.</li> <li>• Consider developing recommendations/advice for enhancing external support (grants, partnerships, etc.).</li> <li>• Continue discussions with Dennis Long, Executive Director of the Channel Islands Sanctuary Foundation, regarding the Foundation plans for supporting CINMS.</li> </ul>		H
<b>2. <u>SHIP-RELATED ISSUES</u></b>			
2a. Whale Ship Strikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive status report on activities taken and results achieved since the council endorsed a set of ship strike recommendations in Sept. 2009 (<a href="http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/pdf/sscs10-2-09.pdf">http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/pdf/sscs10-2-09.pdf</a>).</li> <li>• Council advice on sanctuary actions going forward.</li> </ul>		H
2b. USCG Post-PARS rulemaking process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive updates from US Coast Guard on expected plans for a rulemaking process to implement shipping lane changes called for in the 2011 Port Access Route Study.</li> <li>• Provide council input/comment to the Coast Guard via SAC meeting process and possible comment letter(s).</li> </ul>		H

<sup>1</sup> Based on a survey of 20 Council members conducted at the Jan. 20th, 2012 SAC meeting. **High** = high priority for Council action/agenda time; **Medium** = moderate priority for Council agenda time; **Low** = to be placed on meeting agenda only if time allows.

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<b>3. ENERGY PROJECTS</b>			
3a. Offshore Wind and Wave Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Working Group (and others) to help convene a panel of speakers to provide information to SAC on offshore wind and wave energy. This would help inform the planned forthcoming report from the CWG.</li> <li>• When delivered to the council, receive, discuss and take action on Conservation Working Group's offshore wind/wave energy report.</li> </ul>		M
<b>4. FISHERIES EDUCATION</b>			
4a. Sanctuary Education and Outreach on Fishing in 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>		M
<b>5. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION &amp; NEEDS</b>			
5a. Implementation of Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive report on status of management plan implementation. Council discussion and provide feedback/advice on moving forward.</li> </ul>		M
<b>6. MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)</b>			
6a. Biological monitoring of Channel Islands MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a list of possible speakers that could be invited to give talks to the council concerning work that relates to studying, understanding, characterizing or monitoring Channel Islands MPA conditions. (If willing, RAP could advise on this).</li> <li>• Speakers accepting invitations to provided educational talks to the council throughout the year, as available.</li> </ul>		H
6b. Socioeconomic monitoring of Channel Islands 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>	Part of this was covered at the January 2012 council meeting.	H
6c. Marine Life Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss new MPAs designated along mainland coast, especially those in local counties – impacts, opportunities, relation to CINMS MPAs, education/outreach needs, etc.</li> </ul>	Part of this was covered at the January 2012 council meeting.	H

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<b>7. CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS</b>			
7a. Ocean Acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff progress reports on implementation of the sanctuaries' west coast action plan on Ocean Acidification.</li> <li>• Ongoing updates, discussion and council/staff education on the latest work to advance understanding, education and responses to ocean acidification.</li> <li>• Council advice on action plan implementation and other possible sanctuary actions.</li> </ul>		H
<b>8. CHUMASH COMMUNITY</b>			
8a. Chumash Community Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by and discussion with Chumash Community members.</li> </ul>		L
<b>9. EDUCATION CENTERS, INTERPRETIVE PLANS AND SIGNAGE</b>			
9a. UCSB Building and OCTOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council members to tour new building, when completed (and be invited to ribbon-cutting ceremony)</li> <li>• Continue to learn about and provide feedback on fundraising efforts and planned exhibits/activities/partnerships for the Outreach Center for Teaching Ocean Science (OCTOS).</li> </ul>		M
9b. Channel Islands Boating Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council members to tour the new center, when completed.</li> <li>• Discuss and advise on the future of sanctuary-related programming at the center. This could include providing council input on content about various stories/data/issues appropriate for use with spherical displays, tablets and other exhibits. Working groups or a new subcommittee could assist.</li> </ul>		L

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<b>10. <u>YOUTH INVOLVEMENT</u></b>			
10a. Student Group Involvement with SET/SAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SET, with help from staff, to help recruit a high school student group to learn about SAC issues, attend some council meetings, conduct a project, and present to the council. This would be a short term pilot project.</li> <li>• Council discussion/advice on continuance of such a program.</li> </ul>		M
<b>11. <u>SAC-RELATED EVENTS</u></b>			
11a. SAC Summit: webinar and possible meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide SAC Chair with input on agenda items for the Spring 2012 webinar, and fall 2012 in-person meeting (if held).</li> <li>• If asked to present a case study at that meeting, assist the Chair in preparing.</li> </ul>		L
11b. SAC Field Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional council field trip to the sanctuary and Park.</li> </ul>		L
<b>12. <u>OTHER</u> (Member Suggestions Provided on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012)</b>			
Acoustics (Marine Noise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive updates on work within sanctuary system or by others that relates to Council-adopted acoustics recommendations found with 2004 SAC-adopted report (<a href="http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/pdf/7-12-04.pdf">http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/pdf/7-12-04.pdf</a>).</li> </ul>		L
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive periodic reports from staff or invited guests on advances in understanding and addressing water quality issues within the Sanctuary and surrounding marine waters.</li> <li>• Learn more about Harmful Algal Blooms.</li> </ul>		M
Proposed Legislative Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear from speakers that can help the Council understanding State/Federal proposed legislation that will or may increase funding to sanctuary or partner agencies (e.g., CDFG). Learn what's really in these bills?</li> </ul>		L
Artificial Reefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear/learn from knowledgeable Council members and invited guests.</li> </ul>		M