

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2022

9:00am - 12:30pm

Online Webinar Session

Final Key Outcomes¹

This online public Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting was not video or audio recorded.

To request a copy of any presentation slides, contact samantha.cook@noaa.gov.

Administrative Business and Announcements

- California Sea Grant State Fellow June Shrestha oriented Council members and attendees with instructions regarding webinar sign-in, audio and video set-up, and the protocol for effective participation in the virtual meeting.
- Chair Kristen Hislop called the meeting to order, provided opening remarks, and described the purpose and composition of the Sanctuary Advisory Council and its bi-monthly meetings.
- Deputy Superintendent for Programs Mike Murray confirmed online attendance, counting the presence of 25 Council members representing 16 out of 21 voting seats (Appendix A). In addition to Council members, ten members of the public and eight sanctuary staff attended the webinar.
- Chair Hislop announced two Sanctuary Advisory Council roster changes: Stephen (Steve) Duboyce now holds the Department of Defense alternate seat – following the retirement of former alternate Greg Sanders – and Lisa Wooninck now holds the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary’s primary member seat.

November 19, 2021, Draft Key Outcomes

- The Council approved the draft key outcomes from the November 19, 2021, Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting. Phyllis Grifman (Research seat) offered a motion to adopt the notes, which Stuart Kasdin (Public-At-Large seat) seconded. Chair Hislop led a voice vote. There were no oppositions or abstentions to the vote.
- A copy of the November 2021 draft key outcomes is available upon request to samantha.cook@noaa.gov, and will be posted on the [Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting Notes web page](#) upon finalization.

Council Member Announcements

- Council members shared a variety of announcements about recent events from their respective groups, organizations, and agencies.

¹ Council members approved these notes on March 18, 2022.

- Chief Warrant Officer Paul Ricketson provided a brief presentation on behalf of Commander Justin Noggle with the US Coast Guard.
 - Presentation highlights included marine environmental protection statistics in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties; a case summary of a sheen near Platform Holly in December 2021; and a series of recent and upcoming living marine resources activities, including a qualification course at the Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center, the US Coast Guard's involvement in the management and enforcement of the California marine protected area network, and a December 2021 report of illegal recreational fishing activity in the Anacapa Island Federal Marine Reserve.
- Written council member announcements submitted prior to the meeting can be found in Appendix B.

Sanctuary Superintendent's Report

- Sanctuary Superintendent Chris Mobley began by updating Council members on current coronavirus conditions, outlooks, and challenges at the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) and other sites. He went on to share 2022 budget possibilities, priorities, and expectations.
- Mobley announced the upcoming retirement of long-time CINMS Education Coordinator Laura Francis, arrival of new California Sea Grant State Fellow Samantha (Sam) Cook, and departure of current Fellow June Shrestha.
- Mobley informed Council members of a newly released [#SaveSpectacular social media toolkit](#) in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), and encouraged them to bring attention to the sanctuary system through their organizations' social media channels.
- Mobley provided an update on the scoping process for the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. Three well-attended online public comment meetings were held between December 2021 and January 2022. As of January 20, 2022, 569 public comments were received on the proposal, and Tribal engagement is ongoing.
- Mobley shared a message from ONMS headquarters to Sanctuary Advisory Councils nationwide in honor of [50 Years of Ocean and Coastal Conservation](#) which praised them for their role in advancing marine conservation efforts.
- Mobley concluded the superintendent's report by explaining how sanctuary divers surveyed kelp rafts and collected samples to better understand kelp nutrient cycling, and how the sanctuary deployed the R/V *Shearwater* to support a testing mission for aerial detection of marine debris, kelp beds, and oil.

CINMS Draft Management Plan: Council Commenting

- Murray provided Council members with an update on the management plan revision process, including recent and upcoming opportunities and outreach for public comment

on the draft management plan (DMP) and draft environmental assessment (DEA). Murray also described new and existing initiatives contained within the DMP.

- Murray invited each Council member in attendance – by seat – to contribute their comments on the DMP and DEA, beyond those that CINMS staff had received prior to the meeting. The Council member commenting period concluded with over ten pages of comments across DMP Action Plans and the DEA. Michael Cohen (Tourism seat) offered a motion to adopt and submit the [collection of comments to NOAA/CINMS via Regulations.gov](#), which Cliff Rodrigues (Education seat) seconded. Chair Hislop led a voice vote. The vote result was 12-yes and 0-no, with two seats abstaining (California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Defense). A decision was made to circulate the comment document and cover letter for Council member review prior to [submission to the official comment record](#).

Public Comment

- No public comments were provided.

Council Annual Planning

- Mike Murray shared a list of potential topics for consideration in 2022 Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting agendas. Murray reminded Council members of the process through which the list was drafted, including a review of select strategies and activities found within the DMP as well as via Council member suggestions.
 - June Shrestha informed Council members that they would be ranking the list of meeting topics so CINMS staff and the Executive Committee could gain a sense of which items are of particular interest to the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Due to time constraints, Shrestha committed to emailing the poll to Council members for completion by January 23, 2022.
- Murray introduced Shrestha's 2021 California Sea Grant State Fellowship reflection and commented on this being her last Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting with CINMS. Shrestha shared highlights of her fellowship with CINMS, what it meant to and taught her, and where she is headed next.

Close-out and Schedule for Future Meetings

- Chair Hislop provided closing remarks and reminded attendees of the upcoming 2022 Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting schedule, as follows:
 - Friday, March 18 (online, or Ventura County)
 - Friday, May 20 (online, or Santa Barbara County)
 - Friday, July 15 (online, or Ventura County)
 - Friday, September 16 (online, or Santa Barbara County)
 - Friday, November 18 (online, or Ventura County)

Appendix A. Sanctuary Advisory Council online meeting attendance, January 21, 2022

<i>Name</i>	<i>Advisory Council Seat</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Michael Cohen	Tourism member	Yes
Morgan Coffey	Tourism alternate	Yes
Ben Pitterle	Non-Consumptive Recreation member	Yes
Anthony (Tony) Knight, Ph.D.	Non-Consumptive Recreation alternate	Yes
Giles Pettifor	Business member	Yes
Paul Amaral	Business alternate	No
Kristen Hislop	Conservation member	Yes
Samantha Macks Franz	Conservation alternate	Yes
Kim Selkoe, Ph.D.	Commercial Fishing member	No
Timothy Athens	Commercial Fishing alternate	Yes
Capt. David Bacon	Recreational Fishing member	Yes
Merit McCrea	Recreational Fishing alternate	Yes
Cliff Rodrigues	Education member	Yes
Andrea Mills	Education alternate	No
Phyllis Grifman	Research member	Yes
Robert Miller, Ph.D.	Research alternate	No
Douglas Williams, Ph.D.	Public-At-Large member	Yes
Mary Byrd	Public At-Large alternate	Yes
Stuart Kasdin, Ph.D.	Public-At-Large member	Yes
Amanda Allen	Public At-Large alternate	Yes
Eva Pagaling	Chumash Community member	No
Tano Cabugos	Chumash Community alternate	No
Karen Edson	National Marine Fisheries Service member	Yes
Daniel Studt	National Marine Fisheries Service alternate	No
Ken Convery	National Park Service member	Yes
<vacant>	National Park Service alternate	n/a
CDR Justin Noggle	U.S. Coast Guard member	No
LT Lelea Lingo	U.S. Coast Guard alternate	No
Donna Schroeder	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management member	No
Jeremy Potter	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management alternate	No
Adam Melerski	Dept. of Defense member	Yes
Stephen Duboyce	Dept. of Defense alternate	Yes
Carlos Mireles	California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife member	Yes
John Ugoretz	California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife alternate	Yes
Jenn Eckerle	California Natural Resources Agency member	No
Lindsay Bonito	California Natural Resources Agency alternate	Yes

Cassidy Teufel	California Coastal Commission member	No
Jacqueline Phelps	California Coastal Commission alternate	No
Errin Briggs	County of Santa Barbara member	Yes
David Villalobos	County of Santa Barbara alternate	No
Danielle Tarr	County of Ventura member	No
<vacant>	County of Ventura alternate	No
Lisa Wooninck	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary member (non-voting)	No
Karen Grimmer	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary alternate (non-voting)	No
Maria Brown	Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary member (non-voting)	No
Brian Johnson	Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary alternate (non-voting)	No
Chris Mobley	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary member (non-voting)	Yes
Mike Murray (staff)	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary alternate (non-voting)	Yes
	Total number of individual SAC members (<u>voting seats</u> only)	25
	Number of voting seats represented (out of 21)	16

Appendix B. Written Council member announcements, submitted as of January 19, 2022

**Written Member Announcements
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
Submitted as of January 19, 2022**

Name: Karen Edson & Daniel Studt (alternate)

Seat: NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region

Announcement: SoCal Aquaculture Opportunity Area Atlas released; Sunflower Sea Star request for information; Offshore Wind Energy news release

The [Aquaculture Opportunity Area Atlas for the SoCal Bight](#) was just released.

NOAA Fisheries is [requesting information](#) on the Sunflower Sea Star related to the petition to list it under the ESA.

For awareness, NOAA Fisheries has a new [offshore wind energy webpage](#). See [news release](#).

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Name: John Ugoretz

Seat: CDFW

Announcement: License Free Fishing Piers and Jetties

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Beach-Fishing>

CDFW has created a new list of Free Fishing Piers and Jetties (where no recreational fishing license is required)

This resource provides anglers an easy way to find locations to fish

It will be updated by the end of the month with a zoomable map showing where each pier/jetty is

Name: Carlos Mireles

Seat: CDFW

Announcement: Changes to recreational rockfish bag limits

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News/recreational-bag-limits-reduced-for-some-rockfish-species-in-2022>

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announces multiple changes to recreational rockfish sub-bag limits which are expected to take effect Jan. 6, 2022. The emergency regulations were adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission in mid-December to align with federal regulations for these species. Changes to the sub-bag limits within the 10-fish daily Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling (RCG) complex bag and possession limit include:

- A decrease to the statewide sub-bag limit for vermilion rockfish (*Sebastes miniatus*) from five fish to four fish
- A new statewide sub-bag limit for quillback rockfish (*S. maliger*) of one fish
- A new statewide sub-bag limit for copper rockfish (*S. caurinus*) of one fish

The RCG complex has a daily 10-fish bag and possession aggregate limit, meaning that each angler's catch can be composed of any combination of rockfish, cabezon or greenling, as long as total catch remains at or below 10 fish. Sub-bag limits within the RCG bag limit are implemented when harvest guidelines cannot accommodate the 10-fish bag limit being composed of a single species.

“New stock assessments conducted in 2021 for quillback and copper rockfish suggest severe population declines for these two species. Also, unsustainably high catches of vermilion rockfish have occurred each year since 2015,” said CDFW Environmental Program Manager Marci Yaremko. “For these reasons, new federal regulations were needed to implement reduced sport bag limits for these three species in 2022.”



Name: Kim Selkoe

Seat: Commercial Fishing

Announcement: Update on the Maritime Collective and fisheries advocacy

Maritime Collective: The Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara and its partner, the City of Santa Barbara has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the U.S.D.A. to fund preparation of a feasibility study for the creation of a Maritime Collective, an economic development and infrastructure initiative reliant on the sustainable fisheries of the Santa Barbara Channel. The Collective is a multifaceted facility and seafood hub that will:

- satisfy our seafood industry's requirements for harbor-adjacent space for fishing gear and boats, live and cold storage, and seafood processing,
- provide workshop/office space to house emerging 'Blue Economy' entrepreneurs, and
- serve as a nexus for educating students and the public about ocean health, sustainable resource use and emerging ocean technologies.

There is currently no other hub similar to what the Maritime Collective will be for seafood storage, processing, and distribution, which could serve the needs of fisheries operating out of the Santa Barbara Channel, one the most productive regions for fishing on the west coast. A similar model does exist in the Icelandic Ocean Cluster (IOC), which has been replicated in a network of Ocean Clusters all over the world, including in Portland, ME; Seattle, WA; New Bedford, CT, Alaska, Norway, and other fishing communities.

The study will conduct stakeholder workshops that will seek engagement and collaboration with fishers, buyers, seafood processors, restaurants, and other businesses in the seafood supply chain. If interested in participating, please contact Kim Selkoe: kim@cfsb.info

State and Federal Initiatives: The Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara are confronting multiple state and federal initiatives that will further restrict or eliminate fishing opportunities along the entire California Coast: Offshore Wind Energy Areas, Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, Pathways to 30x30.

Presently CFSB is working with fishing organizations from Crescent City to San Diego to develop a framework and principles that would equitably mitigate the offshore wind industry's inevitable disruption and displacement of fisheries. The current focus of these efforts are Fishing Community Benefit Agreements and the entities and organizational necessary to administer them