

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/Status (Nov 2012)</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>	<p><i>Received periodic budget status and outlook reports from the Superintendent throughout the year.</i></p> <p><i>May/June 2012: Working toward member involvement in ONMS "campaign of engagement", including a focus on the tourism and business visibility and marketability of the sanctuary.</i></p> <p><i>July 2012: Council formed a Marketing Subcommittee that will develop council recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>Sept/Nov 2012: Marketing Subcommittee progress reports.</i></p> <p><i>Sept 2012: Dennis Long brings on board Harry Rabin as CISF board liaison, he attends meetings of the SAC and Marketing Subcommittee.</i></p>	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>	<p><i>Status reports have been ongoing at more than half of the meetings. March 2012: Received council feedback and input on seasonal notices.</i></p>	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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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>	July 2012: International Maritime Organization (IMO proposal presentation shared by staff. After July: Have invited US Coast Guard to future SAC meetings to explain upcoming rule-making process (there were not ready to do that in 2012).	H
<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>	Awaiting CWG updates on timing of next council document review step and/or presentation(s) to council. Sanctuary staff also interested in learning more about proposed projects, agency planning, and technologies. BOEM invited to present to SAC on their Renewable Offshore Energy program – may be able to in Jan 2013.	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>	This did not happen formally, but we did hear about and discuss the "Sanctuaries Classic" tournament twice and the council will consider a support letter in November 2012.	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>	Staff still working on an implementation/progress report -- forthcoming.	M

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<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 provide educational talks to the council throughout the year, as available.</li> </ul>	RAP and Executive Committee provided speaker suggestions. MPA-related science speaker series began in May 2012 (Kyle Cavanaugh) and continued with talks in July (Ryan Jenkinson) and September (Chris Lowe, Carol Blanchette).	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, and a SAC support letter was adopted in support of Bren student project. Expect also to hear a report from Bren project group when the timing is right (2013).	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, with a focus on education and outreach. MPA education and outreach will be discussed again at Nov. 2012 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>	<p>March 2012: OA Presentations by Carol Blanchette and Lydia Kapsenberg; staff update from Laura Francis.</p> <p>May: Staff update on workshop planning from Laura Francis; OA PSA debut; science issues from Bruce Steele.</p> <p>July, September, November: Continued staff updates on progress, outreach on OA PSA, updates on science, report-out on OA best practices communications workshop.</p>	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>	<p>May &amp; Sept. 2012: Didn't receive a formal presentation but heard extended Working Group reports.</p>	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>	<p>Regular construction updates provided. Delay in schedule (now projecting mid-2013) has delayed plans for discussing grand opening. Staff can engage council again in the vision for OCTOS and fundraising goals/plan.</p>	M

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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>	<p>March 2012: Received presentation on the new center. Could possibly hold a future SAC meeting at the new center after it opens (early 2013), combining that with a tour of the new exhibits and facility.</p>	L
<b><u>10. 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>	<p>March: Oxnard High School group selected and visited SAC meeting. Will focus on MPA outreach to general public. They will attend Ventura county SAC meetings (except July) when possible, interact with the council and SET, and present their completed work when ready.</p>	M
<b><u>11. 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>	<p>Council had a post-webinar discussion about the ONMS Campaign of Engagement, and that lead to additional discussions about the marketability of the sanctuary and the formation of a SAC Marketing Subcommittee. Tourism will be a focal topic at next national SAC Summit (scheduled for December 4-6, 2012 in Santa Cruz), so council to provide input at Nov. 2012 meeting.</p>	L
11b. SAC Field Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional council field trip to the sanctuary and Park.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff still looking into this. Experiencing funding limitations, so may need to have this be a no-host group trip.</p>	L

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<b>12. O T H E R</b> (Member Suggestions Provided on Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2012)			
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>	<i>Did not happen in 2012, but staff open to suggestions for speakers doing relevant work (perhaps Brandon Southhall re SOCAL12 project).</i>	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>	<i>In discussions with authors of new SWAMP report about possible presentation of results to SAC (invited for Nov. meeting, but not available).</i>	M
Proposed Legislative Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hear from speakers that can help the Council understand 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>	<i>Nothing specific was arranged.</i>	L
Artificial Reefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hear/learn from knowledgeable Council members and invited guests.</li> </ul>	<i>July 2012: Council heard from Chris Goldblatt and colleagues about the Fish Reef Project (outside CINMS).</i>	M