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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2013
TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives
FROM: Mike Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs *Mike Murray*
RE: Next SAC Meeting: Friday, January 18th, 2013

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday, January 18th, 2013** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at Casa Las Palmas in Santa Barbara (323 E. Cabrillo Blvd). Please join us! A draft meeting agenda, driving directions and meeting materials will be sent as email attachments and web links, and posted at channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/announcement.html prior to the meeting.

This Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting will feature important and interesting presentations, updates, discussions, and possible actions, including the following:

- Sanctuary Superintendent's report (to include mention of a recent IMO approval for shipping lane changes in the Santa Barbara Channel);
- Announcements from and a chance to engage with William J. Douors, Acting Deputy Director & Regional Director for NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries;
- Highlights from the Dec. 2012 Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit, including consideration of actions recommended by the council Chair (see note below);
- Brief updates on ocean acidification work;
- Presentation by ONMS West Coast Maritime Heritage Coordinator Robert Schwemmer on the discovery and public announcement of the *George E. Billings* shipwreck;
- Annual process for developing a list of priority topics and activities to receive council attention in 2013, including;
- Reports from active working groups, the SAC Marketing subcommittee, and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Channel Islands Enforcement.

The three possible council actions listed on the agenda as part of the SAC Summit highlight report (agenda item 2) involve the following: 1) consideration of inviting local tourism bureau representatives to attend and talk with the council at future SAC meetings in order to gain a better understanding of how the Channel Islands and surrounding marine waters are marketed to visitors; 2) consideration of inviting representatives from the Marine Sanctuary Alliance (a consortium of non-governmental organizations based in San Luis Obispo) to a future SAC meeting to give them an opportunity to describe their interest in national marine sanctuary designation (but not asking the council for endorsement); and 3) consideration of a council letter to NOAA leadership commenting on the possibility of re-opening the Site Evaluation List (SEL) process, which would guide any future ONMS assessment and prioritization of prospective sanctuary locations. For consideration of what a CINMS advisory council letter could be based on, we have attached letters that were sent by the Monterey and Gulf of the Farallones national marine sanctuary advisory councils. Others exist as well and we can share those prior to or at the SAC meeting.



Please review the emailed materials prior to the meeting. For most topics, we will use the screen to display materials, but you may also wish to have your own printed copy of some items. We appreciate your continued cooperation with our “electronic packet” approach, saving us time, money and resources. If you need assistance obtaining a printed copy of something, just let us know.

Please RSVP to Danielle.Lipski@noaa.gov for 1) your attendance at the meeting, and 2) whether you would like to join us for a catered lunch at \$10.00 per person. To help us order the correct amount of food, please RSVP on this, either way. If you have questions or comments regarding the draft agenda or any of the online materials, please feel free to contact me at michael.murray@noaa.gov or 805-884-1464.

Finally, we always encourage carpooling to the meeting, as well as helping us to reduce material use and waste by bringing your own coffee mug or other beverage container. Thank you!

