

Member/Alternate

Tourism

Andrea Mills / Capt. Mat Curto

Business

Capt. Richard McKenna / Michael Gould

Non-Consumptive Recreation

Debra Herring / Nicole Peters

Commercial Fishing

Bruce Steele / Stephanie Mutz

Recreational Fishing

Capt. David Bacon / Merit McCrea

Education

Maria Petueli / Amanda Hendrickson

Research

Dr. Robert Warner / Dr. Mark Steele

Conservation

Linda Krop / Greg Helms

Public At-Large 1

Phyllis Grifman / Victor Cox

Public At-Large 2

Eric Kett / Marilyn Kelly

Chumash Community

Luhui Isha / Vennise Miller Forte

National Marine Fisheries Service

Peter Fischel / Elizabeth Petras

National Park Service

Russell Galipeau / David Ashe

U.S. Coast Guard

CDR Christina Davidson / LCDR Elisa Garrity

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,

Regulation and Enforcement

Donna Schroeder / Dr. Ann Bull

U.S. Department of Defense

John Ugoretz / Walter Schobel

California Department of Fish and Game

Marija Vojkovich / Kristine Barsky

California Resources Agency

Brian Baird / Amy Vierra

California Coastal Commission

Steve Hudson / Barbara Carey

County of Santa Barbara

Dianne Black / Susan Curtis

County of Ventura

Lyn Krieger / Marilyn Miller

Channel Islands Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

Chris Mobley [non-voting]

Monterey Bay Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

Paul Michel / Karen Grimmer [non-voting]

Gulf of the Farallones Nat'l Marine Sanctuary

Maria Brown / Brian Johnson [non-voting]

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Sanctuary Advisory Council

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

July 22, 2011

Resolution Regarding Single-Use Plastic Bags¹

Whereas, the amount of debris in our marine environment has increased drastically over the last few decades, one of the sources being the estimated 12 billion plastic grocery bags distributed in California each year.²

Whereas, single-use plastic bags on our local beaches, and in our tributaries and oceans, are having detrimental effects on our ocean's habitat and marine life, and associated recreation and tourism.

Whereas, single use plastic bags are consistently among the top ten most common types of litter found at beaches surrounding the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and over 8,500 plastic bags have been removed at Coastal Cleanup Day events in just the past two years.³

Whereas, plastic bags never fully biodegrade, they are instead broken down by the sun through photodegradation into tiny pieces, which attract and accumulate various toxins that then enter the ocean food chain.⁴

Whereas, plastic bags threaten a variety of marine life including whales, sea otters, pinnipeds, sea turtles, and sea birds through ingestion, choking, infection and/or entanglement.^{5,6}

Whereas, recycling is important but not a sufficient solution to plastic bag pollution and there exist readily and widely available alternatives to single-use plastic bags such as reusable bags.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby encourages federal and statewide legislative efforts and local ordinances by municipalities and counties to ban the use and distribution of single-use plastic bags.

Be it further resolved that the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby supports the efforts of local businesses to transition away from single-use plastic bags.

Be it further resolved that the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council hereby supports efforts to remove plastic bag litter from the shores and waters of the Sanctuary.

¹ The sanctuary advisory council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this resolution do not necessarily reflect the position of the sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

² Californians Against Waste. <http://www.cawrecycles.org/>

³ California Coastal Clean-up Day Database. (2009, 2010) Top Ten Debris Items Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

⁴ California Coastal Commission, (2006) "Eliminating Land-based Discharges of Marine Debris in California: A Plan of Action from The Plastic Debris Project."

⁵ Mrosovsky *et al.* (2009). Leatherback turtles: The menace of plastic, *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 58: 287-289.

⁶ H. Gomeri, M.D. Gomeri, T. Gomeri et al. (2006). "Biological aspects of Cuviers's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*) recorded in the Croatian part of the Adriatic Sea," *European Journal of Wildlife Research*, 52, 182-187.

Voting Results: July 22, 2011 – Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Voting results for a Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council motion to approve a resolution regarding single-use plastic bags. July 22, 2011, Ventura, California.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Council Seat - position</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Andrea Mills	Tourism - member	Yes
Debra Herring	Non-Consumptive Recreation - member	Yes
Capt. Richard McKenna	Business - member	Yes
Linda Krop	Conservation - member	Yes
Bruce Steele [Vice Chair] Stephanie Mutz	Commercial Fishing - member Commercial Fishing - alternate	ABSENT
Merit McCrea	Recreational Fishing - alternate	Yes
Amanda Hendrickson	Education - alternate	Yes
Dr. Mark Steele	Research - alternate	Yes
Phyllis Grifman [Secretary]	Public At Large #1 - member	Yes
Eric Kett [Chair]	Public At Large #2 - member	Yes
Luhui Isha Vennise Miller-Forte	Chumash Community - member Chumash Community - alternate	ABSENT
Elizabeth Petras	NOAA Fisheries - alternate	Abstain
Russell Galipeau	National Park Service - member	Yes
CDR Christina Davidson	US Coast Guard - member	Abstain
Donna Schroeder Dr. Ann Bull	Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation & Enforcement - member Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation & Enforcement - alternate	ABSENT
Water Schobel	Dept. of Defense - alternate	Abstain
Marija Vojkovich	California Department of Fish & Game - member	Abstain
Brian Baird Amy Vierra	California Natural Resources Agency - member California Natural Resources Agency - alternate	ABSENT
Steve Hudson Barbara Carey - Alternate	California Coastal Commission - member California Coastal Commission - alternate	ABSENT
Susan Curtis	Santa Barbara County - alternate	Abstain
Lyn Krieger Marilyn Miller – Alternate	Ventura County - member Ventura County - alternate	ABSENT

Yes –10 No –0 Abstain –5