

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
**Work Topic Priorities for Sanctuary Advisory Council Activities in 2011**

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Possible SAC Activities</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Priority: High, Medium, Low<sup>1</sup></i>
<b>1. <u>EXTERNAL SUPPORT for SANCTUARY MISSION</u></b>			
1a. Development of External Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive situation updates as fiscal year 2011 budget is confirmed and outlook emerges for fiscal year 2012 and beyond.</li> <li>• Consider formation of subcommittee focused on developing recommendations for enhancing external support (grants, partnerships, etc.). SAC discussion and advice.</li> <li>• Discussion with Dennis Long, Executive Director of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation, regarding the Foundation's planned expansion into the CINMS area</li> </ul>		H
<b>2. <u>SHIP-RELATED ISSUES</u></b>			
2a. Whale Ship Strikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive presentation from UCSB Bren School team on their completed project. Consider next steps and advise.</li> <li>• Receive updates and provide feedback on implementation of ship strike emergency response plan during 2011 whale season.</li> <li>• Receive progress reports from CINMS staff on how Council advice is being utilized, and provide feedback.</li> <li>• Possible SET help with outreach to the shipping industry, including pursuit of external funding for this purpose.</li> </ul>		M
2b. Port Access Route Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive updates from US Coast Guard on the study. Discuss findings when made available.</li> </ul>		H
2c. Oil Spill Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive updates from US Coast Guard on possible oil spill exercise tentatively scheduled for Sept. 2011 using a ship-related spill scenario near CINMS.</li> <li>• Learn from results of the drill. Possible outreach assistance from the SET.</li> </ul>		H

<sup>1</sup> Based on a survey of 23 Council members conducted at the Jan. 21st, 2011 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. <u>ENERGY PROJECTS</u></b>			
3a. Wind and Wave Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel of speakers to provide information to SAC on wind and wave energy.</li> <li>• Receive, discuss and take action on Conservation Working Group's energy report.</li> </ul>		M
<b>4. <u>FISHERIES EDUCATION</u></b>			
4a. Sanctuary Education and Outreach on Fishing within 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. <u>ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION &amp; NEEDS</u></b>			
5a. Implementation of Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive report on status of management plan implementation. Provide feedback/advice on moving forward.</li> </ul>		M
5b. Science Needs Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with RAP to discuss the CINMS staff's assessment of science gaps/needs</li> <li>• Presentation to and discussion with SAC on CINMS science needs assessment.</li> </ul>		H
<b>6. <u>MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)</u></b>			
6a. Biological monitoring of Channel Islands MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear from Research Activities Panel about status of monitoring programs and activities, soliciting SAC feedback/comments.</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>		M
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>		H

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6d. Tribal MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearing from Chumash representatives to understand and consider tribal marine protected areas.</li> </ul>		? <sup>2</sup>
<b>7. <u>WATER QUALITY</u></b>			
7a. Progress on and Planning for Understanding and Managing Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff response to Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper water quality characterization report (Sept. 2010). Council advice for moving forward.</li> </ul>		M
<b>8. <u>CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS</u></b>			
8a. Ocean Acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When made available, Council to review and comment on draft Ocean Acidification (OA) Action Plan prepared by the west coast OA Task Force.</li> <li>Progress reports related to Advisory Council recommendations contained with the Council's 2008 report on Ocean Acidification.</li> <li>SET: Possible hosting of an OA lecture; complete post-OA workshop evaluations; conduct follow-up training session</li> <li>Oxygen minimum levels – understand this better and its implications</li> </ul>		H
<b>9. <u>CHUMASH COMMUNITY</u></b>			
9a. Chumash Community Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by and discussion with Chumash Community members.</li> </ul>		M
9b. Submerged Artifact Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff response to Chumash questions about procedures and protocols for research and potential handling of submerged cultural artifacts within the sanctuary</li> </ul>		M
<b>10. <u>EDUCATION CENTERS, INTERPRETIVE PLANS AND SIGNAGE</u></b>			

<sup>2</sup> Only five rankings received, which was determined insufficient to establish a clear Council priority.  
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10a. UCSB Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC members to receive updates on construction of the new CINMS office building.</li> <li>• SAC to learn more about and provide feedback on the planned Outreach Center for Teaching Ocean Science (OCTOS).</li> </ul>		L
10b. Long Range Interpretive Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff presentation on development of a long range interpretive plan for CINMS.</li> <li>• Council input, leading to possible Council endorsement.</li> </ul>		M
10c. Boating Instruction and Safety Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff presentation on this developing Channel Islands Harbor boating center.</li> </ul>		L
10d. Sanctuary Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive staff presentation on current and planned CINMS signs.</li> </ul>		L
<b>11. <u>SAC-RELATED EVENTS</u></b>			
11a. SAC Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide SAC Chair with input on issues of concern to be raised at 2009 SAC Summit (May 4-7, 2009).</li> <li>• If asked to present a case study at that meeting, assist the Chair in preparing to present an ocean acidification presentation.</li> </ul>		L
11b. SAC Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional Council retreat in summer 2011 – may need to be a cost-share event.</li> </ul>		L
<b>12. <u>OTHER</u></b>			
12a. Acoustics Science			H