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### **NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary seeks applicants for non-consumptive recreation seat on advisory council**

NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for the non-consumptive recreation seat, both member and alternate positions, on its advisory council. The council ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

"The members of our advisory council represent an extremely important voice in our community," said Chris Mobley, sanctuary superintendent. "Their input, experience and expertise assist the sanctuary in making informed decisions on how to best manage the conservation and use of marine resources surrounding the Channel Islands."

Non-consumptive recreation includes activities such as SCUBA diving, whale watching and other wildlife observation, snorkeling, boating and sailing, surfing, and photography. Candidates are selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to non-consumptive recreation, community and professional affiliations, and views regarding the protection and management of marine resources.

Applicants who are chosen as a member or alternate should expect to serve a two-year term. The advisory council consists of 21 voting representatives and 21 alternates, representing the general public, a variety of public interest groups and county, state and federal agencies.

Applications are due June 30. Application kits can be downloaded from the sanctuary's website at [http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/council\\_news.html](http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/council_news.html). For further information, please contact Michael Murray via email at [michael.murray@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.murray@noaa.gov); by phone at 805-893-6418; or by mail at NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Ocean Science Education Building 514, MC 6155, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, 93106.

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1980 to protect marine resources surrounding San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa and Santa Barbara islands. The sanctuary spans approximately 1,470 square miles, extending from island shorelines to six miles offshore, and encompasses a rich diversity of marine life, habitats and historical and cultural resources.

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