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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 14, 2016
TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives
FROM: Mike Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs
RE: **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, January 22nd, 2016**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday, January 22nd, 2016** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at Casa Las Palmas (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 prior to the meeting at http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting_announcements.html.

This first Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting of the year will provide you a chance to consider what's important for the council to take on in 2016, and beyond. Important and interesting presentations, updates, discussions, and possible actions will include the following:

- **Superintendent's Report;**
- **Council Chair's report** on her participation at a recent national **Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit;**
- Remarks by and discussion with the sanctuary superintendent on the **outlook for CINMS in 2016;**
- A report from Mark Jackson of the National Weather Service to alert the council about **local buoys at risk of losing funding support**, with council consideration of weighing in on the issue;
- A quick **update on El Nino conditions** from Mark Jackson of the National Weather Service;
- Presentations related to the Channel Islands provided by **three 6th grade students** from Hollister Elementary School;
- Updates related to work on **whales and shipping**, including a progress report on the council's **Marine Shipping Working Group;**
- A brief recap of **2015 council activities** and contributions;
- Staff and council member **suggestions for council work topics in 2016**, and the submission of individual **prioritization worksheets.**
- Reports from active **working groups.**

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

Please RSVP to Morgan.Visalli@noaa.gov for 1) your attendance at the meeting, and 2) if you would like to join us for a delivered lunch (burrito/taco bar from Mexican Fresh, and soft drinks) at \$10.00 per person. To help us order the correct amount of food, please RSVP on this, either way. If you have questions about the agenda or any of the online materials, please contact me at michael.murray@noaa.gov or 805-893-6433.

Finally, we 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, and drive safely!

