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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 9, 2016
TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives
FROM: Mike Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs
RE: **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, March 18th, 2016**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Ventura on **Friday, March 18, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm** at a **new location**: the **Museum of Ventura County** (100 East Main Street, Ventura, CA). 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 Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting will feature a culmination of information being brought together with wrap-up of the council's Marine Shipping Working Group. It will be a day for receiving and understanding the working group's report, and other related information. It will not, however, be a day for taking action on any of this information – that will be considered at a future meeting. Overall, the meeting will include:

- **Superintendent's Report;**
- An update from Michael Cohen (business seat member) on the damaged/**closed pier at Scorpion Anchorage**, with consideration of ways to help;
- A presentation and questions about the **report/advice package from the council's Marine Shipping Working Group** (note: **no** council action on the report at this meeting);
- An informational presentation about **ship strike risk to whales** in the Santa Barbara Channel region by Jessica Redfern from the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center;
- An informational presentation by students from the UCSB Bren School of Environmental Science & Management about their graduate thesis work on **Vessel Speed Reduction, Air Pollution, and Whale Strike Tradeoffs** in the Santa Barbara Channel Region;
- A presentation by Sarah Gonyo (NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science) featuring results from a **socioeconomic evaluation of shipping alternatives** in the Santa Barbara Channel region; and
- Council discussion on **next steps** for handling the Marine Shipping Working Group advice package.

Note that due to the busy nature of this particular meeting, verbal Working Group reports will be skipped this time. However, these reports may be shared in writing; please bring (or email us) notes to pass around.

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. For assistance obtaining printed copies of anything, 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 catered lunch (pizza, salad, soft drinks) at \$8.00-\$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 805-893-6418.

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!

