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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 12, 2016  
**TO:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives  
**FROM:** Mike Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs  
**RE:** **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, May 20th, 2016**

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The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday, May 20, 2016 from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm** at a **new location**: the **Santa Barbara Zoo!** (500 Ninos Drive, Santa Barbara, 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](http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting_announcements.html).

This Sanctuary Advisory Council session builds on your last meeting by bringing additional information helpful for understanding the work of your Marine Shipping Working Group, and setting aside some time for the council to contemplate what to do with the working group's final report. Overall, the meeting will include:

- **Superintendent's Report;**
- Member nominations and an **election for the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary;**
- An informational presentation about the Navy's **Point Mugu Sea Range** provided by John Ugoretz;
- 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;
- Sanctuary staff updates on projects and developments with **ocean acidification education;**
- Council consideration of action on the **Marine Shipping Working Group final report;**
- Overview of a planned project (**Archaeological and Biological Assessment of Submerged Landforms**) to be conducted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and San Diego State University (SDSU); and
- Brief reports from active council **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. For assistance obtaining printed copies of anything, just let us know.

**About the meeting location:** Please remember that we'll be at the **Santa Barbara Zoo** this time. Use the directions for driving, parking and getting to the meeting room (Discovery Pavilion) as shown at the bottom of the meeting agenda. Prior to the lunch break, you will have the option of selecting something to be delivered from the Ridley Tree Restaurant 's menu (see menu enclosed, with prices).

Please RSVP to [Jessica.Morten@noaa.gov](mailto:Jessica.Morten@noaa.gov) for your attendance at the meeting, either way. If you have questions about the agenda or any of the online materials, please contact me at [michael.murray@noaa.gov](mailto: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!

