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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 3, 2014
TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives
FROM: Sean Herron, CINMS CA Sea Grant Fellow
RE: **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, July 18th, 2014**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Oxnard on **Friday, July 18th, 2014** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the upstairs classroom of the Channel Islands Boating Center (3880 Bluefin Circle, Channel Islands Harbor). Please join us! A draft meeting agenda, driving directions and meeting materials will be sent as email attachments and web links, and posted soon at channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/announcement.html.

This Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting will feature important and interesting presentations, updates, discussions, and action items, including the following:

- Sanctuary Superintendent's Report and brief member announcements;
- Ventura County Tourism Panel discussion, featuring representatives from the Oxnard Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau;
- Report from Chair Dianne Black about the recent Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit she attended in Galveston, Texas;
- Proposed Council Action: consideration of approval for Chair Dianne Black to sign-on to a group "Call to Action" statement supporting the importance of recreation in MPAs (see attachment);
- Presentation from Capt. Paul Amaral of Vessel Assist Ventura to share information about assisting boaters and preventing/mitigating vessel groundings around the Channel Islands;
- Optional lunch-time tour of exhibits at the Channel Islands Boating Center, offered by Julie Bursek of CINMS;
- Special report on recent humpback whale disentanglement incidents within and near the sanctuary;
- Progress report on the recently launched Santa Barbara Channel Voluntary Ship Speed Reduction Pilot Program, and updates on other developments concerning shipping and whales; and
- Working group reports.

Please review emailed materials prior to the meeting. For most topics, we will use the screen to display 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 a printed copy of something, just let us know.

Please **RSVP to Sean.Herron@noaa.gov** for 1) your attendance at the meeting, and 2) if you would like to join us for a catered lunch (pizza and salad) at \$8 to \$10 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 sean.herron@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!

