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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 11, 2015  
**TO:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives  
**FROM:** Morgan Visalli, Resource Program Specialist  
**RE:** **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, September 18th, 2015**

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The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday, September 18th, 2015** from **9:00 am to 3:30 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](http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting_announcements.html).

This Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting features a “NOAA Day” theme, connecting us to five different programs within the agency. Also, leadership from the National Marine Sanctuary System will be in attendance and participating, including Acting Director John Armor. The meeting will feature important and interesting presentations, updates, and discussions, and possible actions, including the following:

- Superintendent’s Report;
- Explanation of and possible council vote of support for a NOAA Marine Debris Program grant proposal focused on **lobster gear loss prevention and recovery** in CINMS;
- Information from Jeff Ferguson, California Navigation Manager for NOAA’s **Office of Coast Survey**, on **products and services provided to the maritime community**, with an emphasis on recreational boaters;
- Presentation by and discussion with Laurie Sullivan from NOAA’s Office of Response and Restoration on natural resource damage assessment efforts underway to determine **Refugio Beach oil spill impacts**;
- Craig Heberer, Recreational Fisheries Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries’ West Coast Region, will explain the agency’s new **policy on marine recreational fisheries**, and opportunities to weigh in on the development of a West Coast Recreational Fisheries Implementation Plan for 2016-2018;
- Presentation on NOAA predictions for **El Niño** by Eric Boldt, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Los Angeles/Oxnard Office; and
- Remarks by and discussion with **John Armor, Acting Director of NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries**.
- 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](mailto: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 [morgan.visalli@noaa.gov](mailto:morgan.visalli@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!

