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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2015
TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives
FROM: Mike Murray, Deputy Superintendent for Programs
RE: **Next SAC Meeting: Friday, January 23rd, 2015**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday, January 23rd, 2015** from **9:00 am to 2:45 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 channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/announcement.html.

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

- Superintendent's Report;
- Educational presentation on marine environmental issue and sanctuary involvement with **desalinization** projects, from Bridget Hoover with Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (not an action item);
- Consideration of staff and council member suggested **council work priorities for 2015** and completion of individual ranking worksheets (action item);
- Staff and council member updates on **ocean acidification** work;
- A variety of updates on **Shipping and Whales work**, including information about the launching of the council's new **Marine Shipping Working Group**, council action to appoint a **working group Chair**, highlights from the 2014 Santa Barbara Channel **vessel speed reduction trial program**, learning about a **proposed UCSB Bren School graduate student group thesis project**, and council consideration of approving a support letter for the Bren student project (action item); and
- Reports from active council **working groups**.

Please review emailed materials and web links prior to the meeting. All voting seat members should be ready for the expected council actions.

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 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 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 805-893-6418.

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!

