

# **Approach to Implementing the Marine Shipping Working Group's Charge**

For Discussion with MSWG on February 25, 2015

## Scenarios to Address

The MSWG is charged with considering two (or potentially more) scenarios regarding shipping traffic patterns:

1. Status quo (traffic remains split between the Santa Barbara Channel and south of Channel)
2. All shipping returns to the Santa Barbara Channel
3. Other? (to be developed as appropriate through MSWG discussions)

## Elements of Proposals

For each scenario, the MSWG will develop a "proposal" that consists of the following three main elements:

1. Suite of management measures, which can include one or more of the following:
  - a. Dynamic or seasonal routing
  - b. Voluntary lanes
  - c. Areas to be avoided
  - d. Incentives for vessel speed reduction
  - e. Reconsideration of shipping lane adjustments as proposed by the USCG Port Access Route Study
  - f. Other
2. Outreach approach
3. Research needs

## Building Agreement

The MSWG is advisory in nature. The facilitators will work with the MSWG throughout the process to identify and document areas of agreement and disagreement.

The intent is to strive to develop individual proposals that have as much broad-based support from MSWG members as possible. The MSWG proposals forwarded to the SAC will be accompanied by a description of specific areas of agreement and disagreement.

To help inform crafting of proposals, facilitators may invite MSWG members to indicate their "level of support" for a particular proposal. Levels of support include:

- General support ("I like it")
- Qualified support ("I have some issues with it, but I can live with it")
- Fundamental disagreement ("I don't like it and cannot live with it").
- Note: Support for any item is defined as "can live with".

If MSWG members cannot support particular proposals, please propose alternative solutions that you could live with. Formal proposals before the MSWG will be presented verbally and/or in writing; MSWG members will be allowed sufficient time to consider them.

All MSWG members are encouraged to indicate their level of support for each item. If working group members choose to abstain, they should provide details on what they agree or disagree with. When members cannot attend a meeting of the Working Group, they are encouraged to communicate their views to other Working Group members.