

**Date: June 17, 2015**

**To: Marine Shipping Working Group (MSWG) members**

**From: MSWG Co-Chairs and Support Staff**

**RE: Revised Study Region**

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## **Issue**

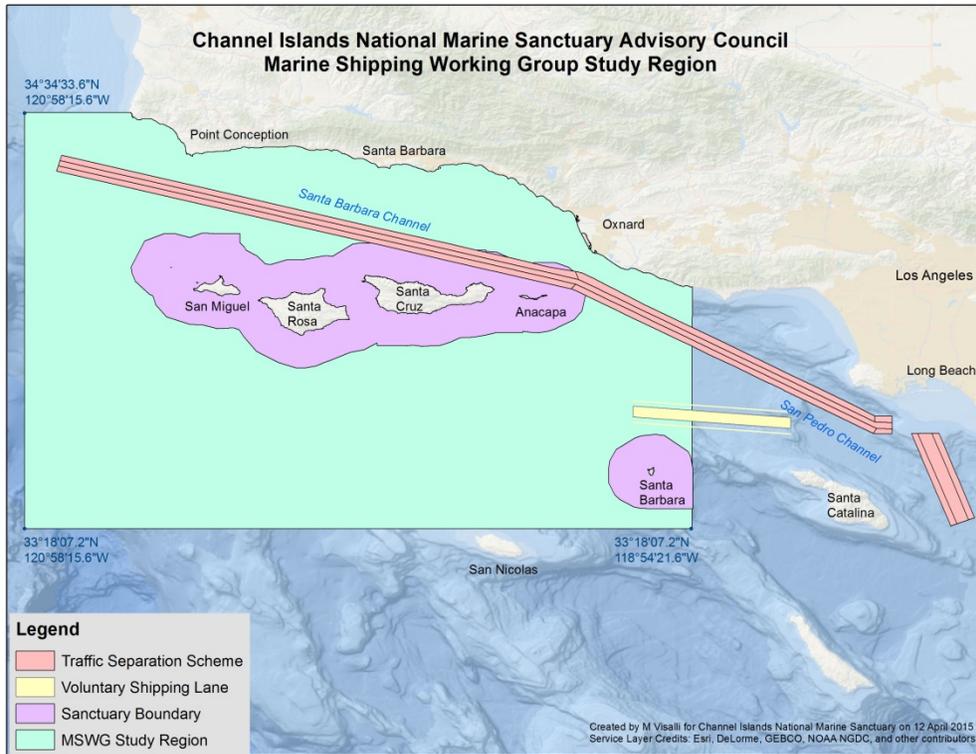
In April 2015, MSWG co-chairs and support staff designated a MSWG study region with a northern boundary at 34° 34' N; a western boundary at 120° 58' W; a southern boundary at 33° 18' N; an eastern boundary 118° 54' W; and the mainland shoreline (see [April policy memo](#) and Figure 1 below). The purpose of the study region is to focus MSWG efforts on areas most relevant to Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) and shippers heading into and out of the Santa Barbara Channel.

The MSWG Data Subgroup is a group of MSWG members who have expressed interest in participating in additional discussions and activities regarding data and analytics. On June 9, 2015, the following members of the Data Subgroup participated in a conference call: John Berge, TL Garrett, Kip Louttit, Walt Schobel, Jessica Redfern, Kristi Birney, and John Calambokidis. On the call, Data Subgroup members explained that as they began to use SeaSketch and explore the analytics associated with designing potential management options, subgroup members felt that the impacts of those management areas stretched beyond the April 2015 MSWG study region in a way that hampered true understanding of the management options.

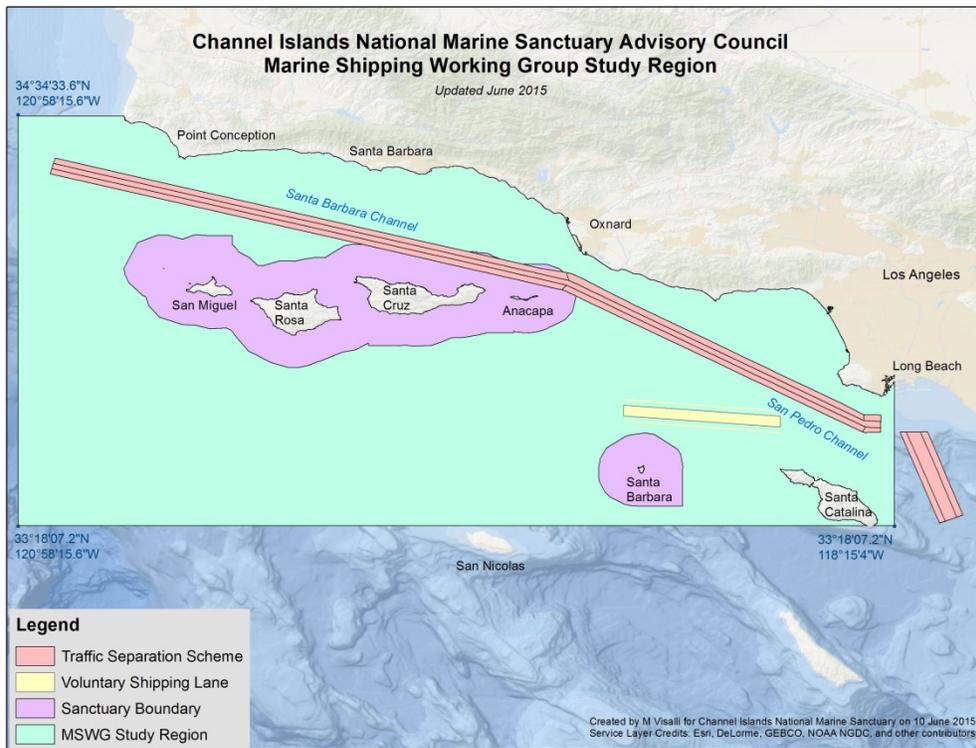
## **Approach**

MSWG co-chairs and support staff reviewed the MSWG study region and proposed a modification based on the concerns of the Data Subgroup. The eastern boundary has been expanded to 118° 15' W to include the full extent of the northern and voluntary western shipping lanes (See Figure 2 below). Additionally, SeaSketch analytics will **not** be bound by this study region; instead, they will include all available data in SeaSketch. These proposed revisions have been presented to and received support from Data Subgroup members.

It is important to note that the charge of the MSWG is not to manage port operations at the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Given that the MSWG is a working group of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, management recommendations should still focus primarily on the sanctuary and adjacent waters, and be mindful that proposed actions and advice from the MSWG may have affects outside the study region.



**Figure 1: Initial MSWG Study Region (April 2015)**



**Figure 2: Revised MSWG Study Region (June 2015)**