

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday May 20, 1999  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Chase Palm Park Center  
236 East Cabrillo Blvd.  
Santa Barbara, CA**

**In Attendance:**

**GOVERNMENT SEATS**

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**

Alternate Mark Helvey

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

Member Jim Shevock

**US COAST GUARD**

Alternate Mike Hamerski, MST 1

**MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

Alternate Fred Piltz Ph.D.

**US NAVY**

Member Ron Dow

Alternate Gail Pringle

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

Member Patty Wolf

Alternate Lt. Jorge Gross

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY**

Member Brian Baird

Alternate Melissa Miller-Henson

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

Member Gary Timm

Alternate Jack Ainsworth

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Member Dianne Meester, Vice-Chair

**COUNTY OF VENTURA**

Alternate Jack Peveler

**COMMUNITY SEATS**

**TOURISM**

Member Holly Lohuis, Secretary  
Alternate Michael Finucan

**RECREATION**

Member Jim Brye

**FISHING**

Member Bruce Steele

**EDUCATION**

Member Dave Long  
Alternate Larry Manson

**RESEARCH**

Alternate Matthew Cahn

**CONSERVATION**

Member Linda Krop

**AT-LARGE**

Member Jean-Michel Cousteau  
Alternate Barry Schuyler

**AT-LARGE**

Member Craig Fusaro, Ph.D., Chair  
Alternate Mick Kronman

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

LCDR Edward R. Cassano, Manager

**Not attending:**

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**

Member Jim Slawson

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK**

Alternate Gary Davis

**US COAST GUARD**

Member Lt. Rick Sorrel

**MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

Member Drew Mayerson, Senior Staff

**DFG**

Member Patricia Wolf

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY**

Member Brian Baird

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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Alternate Jackie Campbell

**COUNTY OF VENTURA**

Member Lyn Krieger

**BUSINESS**

Member Rudy Scott

Alternate Dr. Dan Secord

**RECREATION**

Alternate Tony Gibbs

**COMMERCIAL**

Alternate Chris Williams

**At-large**

Member Marla Daily

Alternate Dr. Jeff Auerbach

**MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

William Douros, Superintendent

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES/CORDELL BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES**

Ed Ueber, Manager

**RESEARCH**

Member Leal Mertes, Ph.D.

**CONSERVATION**

Alternate Peter Howorth

**MORNING SESSION**

**1. Administrative Items**

**a. Approval of meeting minutes (12/11/98, 2/25/99, and 3/26/99)**

The December and March minutes were approved with some minor modifications required. All suggested changes are to be made and then the minutes will then be available to the public. The minutes will be posted on the Sanctuary's website as well as made available in hard copy upon request. The minutes from the February meeting were not available for review.

**b. Approval of biographies document and letterhead**

A biography document is being produced and is currently in draft form. Council members who have not submitted a biography are requested to do so. If Council biographies are submitted a draft biographies document will be compiled and sent to Council members prior to the July Council meeting for review. When complete the biographies document will be posted on the Sanctuary web site.

The Council letterhead is near completion. Many thanks to Jim Brye and the students who have put many hours of work into the letterhead creation. Sanctuary staff will make a final edit and send to the Council for final approval.

### **c. Manager's Report**

#### **Research/Education**

Ed provided dates and details for the upcoming Sustainable Seas Expeditions. Council members are invited to tour the NOAA ship MacArthur on June 5, 1999, contact Sanctuary staff to make arrangements. The Chumash will formally welcome the Sustainable Seas Expedition in a ceremony on June 5, 1999 in the Santa Barbara Harbor.

#### **Management Plan**

Anne Walton, Sanctuary Management Plan specialist, discussed the on-going management plan revision process. The Council is an integral part of this process. Several Council members have already met with their constituents. A Notice of Intent will be published in the Federal Register. Additionally, local advertisements and the Sanctuary's web site will notify the public of the upcoming scoping meetings. Comments are welcome.

#### **Administrative**

The Sanctuary has a new southern office on Channel Islands Harbor thanks to Lyn Krieger. The address is 3600 South Harbor, Channel Islands. The southern office provides an exciting opportunity to create a presence and point of contact in our southern region.

#### **Policy/Permits**

The negotiation over the demobilization of the Navy's White Site Cable Project is moving forward. Ed and Sean participated in a formal consultation with the Navy and Sanctuary headquarter staff. The demobilization is scheduled for June 1-10 and July 10-20. The underwater portion of the White Site, which includes dozens of underwater cables that terminate 5 miles offshore in a hydrophone array, is located off Valley Anchorage, Santa Cruz Island.

Ed placed a call to Frank Holmes, Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) representative, to inform him of the Council's vote not to expand the Council membership at this time, and also to explore other ways the oil industry can get involved with the Council.

The recreational vessel *Bottom Line* grounded at East Fish Camp on Anacapa Island. Ed and Sean were on scene and documented the incident, which included a diesel slick and boat debris moving away from the Island. The Anacapa Park ranger safely rescued the owner and passenger.

#### **Education**

The next Marine Educators Regional Alliance (MERA) meeting will be held on July 8, 1999 at the RAIN network, 1129 State St. Santa Barbara, CA.

## **2. Public Comment Period (Open to any issues not on the agenda)**

Dave Fortson introduced the Citizens Planning Association, a non-profit environmental planning group that has been working in Santa Barbara county since the 1960's. This organization offers a wide range of services tracking government agencies and the legislature, and is interested in having a seat on the Council. Mr. Fortson also offered to help the Council if they are in need of support. There are over 1200 members in the Association.

Neil Guglielmo, a commercial squid fisherman and processor, is concerned about the joint state/federal process to consider marine reserves. Mr. Guglielmo mentioned that the weekend closures on squid fishing will reduce fishing effort by over 25%. Closed areas would negatively affect the squid fleet because squid are found in site-specific areas. He would like the squid fleet to be represented in the process.

A brief discussion followed on the weekend squid closures, which begin in June 1999, and on how to get involvement from this fishing sector. Mick Kronman nominated Neil Guglielmo to the marine reserves working group.

Mick Kronman would like an agenda item on a proposed federal bill from Congressman Hefley (Colorado). The proposed legislation calls for a moratorium on trawling in several areas and specifically lists the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

Steve Dunn, representing Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara Inc., endorses the creation of an additional commercial fishing seat on the Council.

Abraham Powell, president of Get Oil Out (GOO), is concerned about the oil industry's attempt to gain a seat on the Council. If an oil seat were created, then GOO would argue that an additional environmental seat be created. GOO is comfortable with the current size and make-up of the Council. Mr. Powell is also interested in participating on Council working groups.

## **3. Agenda Items carried over from March 26, 1999 meeting**

### **a. Standard working groups**

#### **Education**

Report from Dave Long that Marine Educators Regional Alliance (MERA) is interested in serving as a supportive but informal Council education working group on a trial basis for 6 months. MERA stands to offer tremendous representation in the broader community. Also, anyone is welcome to join MERA.

#### **Research**

The Sanctuary's Research Activity Panel (RAP) potentially could serve as a basis for a Council research working group. The research seat would like to see the RAP's membership expanded to other areas and broadened to include other institutions. The Council will continue the discussion on the creation of a research working group. There

was a recommendation to contact Greg Calliet, chair of the research working group for Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, to get his input.

### **Conservation**

Linda Krop is very interested in creating a conservation working group to support her and the Council. The Council approved the formation of a conservation working group by consensus.

### **Fishing**

Members of the commercial and sport fishing community hosted an evening meeting to discuss the need for a fishing working group. At the meeting, representatives from the sport fishing community expressed interested in having a separate seat on the Council. The goal of a fishing working group would be to effectively communicate with different harvesters on Sanctuary activities and issues, and to get their input on these activities and issues.

**Motion: By consensus a Fishing Working Group and Conservation Working Group were established.**

Sanctuary staff will be assigned to the working groups to provide support. There was a discussion on means of communication with working groups, electronic mail was suggested, as well as the telephone. It was pointed out that the education, research and conservation communities are already well networked, which is not the case in the fishing community.

Council members felt that the working groups and the Council need some press in order to inform the general public on ways to get involved.

There was a question on how best to involve the recreational community in the Council. The recreation seat has a plan to reach out first to the Yacht clubs in the area, which represent thousands of boaters. Suggestions on how to reach out to other recreationist are welcome.

## **BREAK**

## **4. Marine Reserve Process Update**

### **a. Marine Reserve Science Panel development-**

The Council Subcommittee designated to review the nominations for the marine reserves science panel (science panel) met and deliberated over the 35+ nominees. The selection process and criteria used to choose the panel were discussed. Criteria included: the scientist's local knowledge of the Santa Barbara Channel and/or Southern California Bight, expertise in a particular discipline, no reserve "agenda", multi-disciplinary group, geographic balance, institutional balance, link to the NCEAS Reserves Theory group, availability to serve as a panel member.

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A panel of 13 scientist from a variety of institutions and disciplines were recommended to the Council; an additional three scientist are to be invited to complete the panel. Please see the Marine Reserve Science Panel handout.

Discussion on the Science Panel included: the need to develop goals and objectives, as well as a clear set of questions for the Science Panel to address; the overall role of the science panel the relationship between the science panel and the marine reserves working group; development of a web page, similar to the Tortuga 2000 Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary to keep the public informed; the High Energy Seismic Survey science group serves as a good example of the role of a science panel.

There can be several sources of goals and objectives for reserves. The Sanctuary's and Dept. of Fish and Game's goals and objectives will serve as a foundation of goals and objectives. Other sources will include the scientific literature and the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis reserve work group, and the general public.

The discussion moved to the nature of the relationship of this process to the Fish and Game Commission and state reserve process. Rob Collins, Dept. of Fish and Game, described a three prong approach: 1) Interagency review of the existing reserve system, the findings are currently being circulated in-house for review and will be made available soon; 2) statewide marine ecological reserve policy development similar to the state listing process for endangered species; 3) the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Dept. of Fish and Game partnership and Council involvement is serving as a model on how to address the marine reserve issue.

**Motion: The membership to the marine reserve science panel was confirmed by acclaim.**

**Council member announcement**

Dave Long, Education Seat, announced that the Cabrillo High School plans for an expanded aquarium facility have been approved, ground breaking happens this summer. The nationally acclaimed aquarium project has served and will continue to serve as a fine example of a school to career venture.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH**

**b. Marine Reserve Working Group development**

The Council reviewed nominations for the Marine Reserve Working Group (MRWG). There was a debate over how to balance the size of the group and maintain adequate representation of all parties concerned. The following points were also raised:

- Expanded fishing representation to include Purse Seiners, and other gear types
- Involve marinas, possibly via a charter boat representative

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- Remove the economist and research seats
- A facilitator is essential
- Engage the sport community, i.e. divers, fisherman, photographers, etc.
- Engage kelp harvesters

There was a lengthy discussion on how best to represent diving interests and marina/business interests. The Council decided that additional nominees are needed to represent a diving seat and marinas/business seat. Nominations for these seats will be accepted until June 27, 1999. Council members are encouraged to send in names and contact information to the Sanctuary office.

The Council decided that the conservation and fishing seats should choose the non-consumptive/conservation and consumptive/fishing MRWG representatives respectively. Both the conservation and fishing seats held brief caucuses with their respective constituents.

The conservation seat recommended the following four members for the non-consumptive/conservation seats:

- Alicia Stratton
- Warner Chabot (to act on behalf of Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, American Oceans Campaign and the Center for Marine Conservation)
- Steve Roberson, with Jim Donlon as an alternate
- Rob Wilder

The fishing seat recommended the following four members for the consumptive/fishing seats:

- Neil Guglielmo
- Chris Miller
- Dale Glantz
- Tom Raftican

**Motion: The Council approved these recommendations by acclaim.**

These eight members join the five council members and a sea grant representative who at the previous Council meeting volunteered for the Working Group. The Council members are Patty Wolf, who will Chair the MRWG, Mark Helvey, Craig Fusaro, Gary Davis and Marla Daily. Deborah McArdle, Sea Grant, was approved at the May Council meeting.

The SAC also discussed the setting of a timeline for the MRWG. The California Fish and Game Commission has been focussing on a December 1999 timeline, it was recommended the Council consider this date in deciding an overall timeline. Ed Cassano said that it is too premature to set a timeline, but that the shortest timeframe to adequately cover all aspects of the issue would be best.

## **6. Representation on Advisory Council - Carry over from March meeting**

**Motion: Representation on the SAC will not be expanded. It was decided to allow the present SAC membership and structure to function for six months.**

## **7. Sanctuary Field Excursion**

The Sanctuary Field trip to the Sanctuary, scheduled for July 22, has been postponed until a later date, possibly in the fall 1999.

## **8. Future Agenda Items for the July 22, 1999 meeting**

- Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Program presentation
- Continuation of the Marine Reserve Process, Marine Reserve Working Group and Science Panel Updates
- Review of the proposed Federal trawling legislation

**Adjournment-** 5:00 p.m.