

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary 2004 Sanctuary Advisory Council Work Plan

CINMS TASK	Possible SAC Contribution	Suggested SAC Approach <i>(Working Group, Subcommittee, Workshop, other)</i>	Schedule
<u>MARINE RESERVES</u>			
1. Marine Reserves Environmental Review Process	Provide input on the development of a draft environmental impact statement for consideration of establishing marine reserves within the Sanctuary to compliment the state marine reserves already in place.	SAC to receive preliminary DEIS materials (e.g. purpose and need statements, range of alternatives, alternatives analysis, proposed amendments to designation document), engage Working Groups and constituents to review materials, provide comments to CINMS at SAC meetings.	March and May SAC meetings, additional if necessary
2. Marine reserves biological and socio-economic monitoring program development and evaluation	Help raise constituent awareness, participation and cooperation in efforts to further develop monitoring programs for marine reserves; advise CINMS management on implementation issues if needed; serve as a public forum for presentation of monitoring program results.	SAC and Working Groups to receive regular reports on monitoring program development and results; serve as public forum for transmitting information to the community.	Ongoing, at each SAC meeting
3. Educational enforcement program development via Sanctuary Marine Watch implementation	Provide advice to CINMS on specific strategies and actions for developing and implementing the Sanctuary Marine Watch program, a volunteer-based, peer education program that will use education to achieve voluntary compliance with Sanctuary regulations. Assist in pilot program launch for summer 2004.	Agency seats and other interested SAC members to work with staff and existing working groups (ad hoc enforcement group, SET, others) on developing program implementation recommendations; SAC to provide advice to CINMS; ad hoc group to assist in developing and launching of on-water pilot program.	Jan-June for planning; July-October
4. Marine Reserves Education and Outreach Implementation	SET to use matrix and SAC and SET member experience to help identify current gaps in marine reserves education and outreach.	SET to develop a priority list of projects to take on in 2004 and begin implementing them.	Jan and March SET Meetings identify list, then ongoing

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<u>MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE</u>			
5. Biogeographic study	Assist in the review of draft products from the biogeographic study; provide a public forum for dissemination and explanation of final study results	SAC to receive periodic progress reports from the NOAA biogeography team; SAC to suggest reviewers for the study's preliminary results; interested SAC members to participate in a focused workshops to review preliminary results; SAC meeting to host presentation of final results.	Progress reports in January and May, final report in summer 2004
6. Public Release of Draft EIS and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP)	Assist in raising public awareness and understanding of the DEIS/DMP.	SAC to host an informational public meeting to help explain the plan and how/when to comment.	Spring 2004
7. Seek comments on DEIS/DMP	SAC to comment on the DEIS/DMP after public release	Review and discuss Draft EIS and DMP at Working Group and SAC levels; Decide on type of input to provide (individual, group, etc.) and decision-making approach; SAC to make written recommendations to CINMS	Spring 2003 (March and May meetings)
8. Public Release of Final EIS and Final Management Plan (FEIS/FMP)	Raise awareness and understanding of new final plan among various constituencies	Convene SAC working groups if needed; develop presentations for SAC members, communicate with constituencies, recommend and assist with additional management plan outreach strategies	Late 2004
<u>WATER QUALITY</u>			
9. Develop management recommendations to assure clean boating practices within the Sanctuary	Provide advice to CINMS on how to apply existing or develop new management programs aimed at assuring boating practices within the Sanctuary are compliant with resource protection laws and compatible with protection of sanctuary resources.	Invite expert speakers to inform the SAC and CINMS staff on clean boating practices, local programs in place or being developed, and applicable laws and regulations. Task existing SAC working groups to discuss threats, problems, needs and solutions. SAC to provide written set of recommendations.	Deliver advice by November 2004

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<u>WATER QUALITY (cont'd)</u>			
10. Review of CINMS emergency spill response plans	Assist in plan review; offer advice to CINMS on plan improvement, including involvement of volunteers	Briefings and presentations by spill response experts with the Coast Guard, Department of Fish and Game, and others; provide advice to CINMS on strengthening sanctuary preparedness and training.	Presentation(s) in Spring; begin CINMS review in November
11. Develop sanctuary water quality protection recommendations	Develop short and long-term water quality recommendations for the Sanctuary.	Establish a Water Quality Working Group. Initial SAC members willing to participate: Craig Taylor, Jeanette Webber, and Greg Helms. Working Group to develop recommendations for SAC consideration; SAC to advise CINMS.	Establish Working Group by July; advice to SAC by end of year
12. Develop sanctuary water quality educational strategies	Develop short and long-term water quality educational strategies starting with connections between current sanctuary education programs and existing water quality education programs in the region	SET to work with Water Quality working group and sanctuary education staff on this task. Find out water quality recommendations from WQ working group and then determine best education strategies and linkages	June-December
<u>MARINE ACOUSTICS</u>			
13. Develop recommendations regarding acoustic monitoring and resource protection	Provide advice to CINMS on how to address the monitoring of noise in the Sanctuary environment, and on additional resource protection actions needed, if any.	Complete discussion and consideration of recommendations generated by the Conservation Working Group. Invite expert speakers to inform the SAC and CINMS staff, as needed. SAC to provide written set of recommendations.	Deliver advice by mid-2004
<u>LARGE VESSEL TRAFFIC</u>			
14. Develop recommendations regarding large vessel traffic monitoring	Provide advice to CINMS on how to improve the knowledge about and monitoring of large vessel traffic within and near the Sanctuary.	Complete discussion and consideration of recommendations generated by the Conservation Working Group. Invite expert speakers to inform the SAC and CINMS staff, as needed. SAC to provide written set of recommendations.	Deliver advice by mid-2004

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<u>LIQUID NATURAL GAS</u>			
15. Increase knowledge about proposed liquid natural gas terminals near the Sanctuary; comment if necessary	Provide a public forum within which information can be shared regarding proposed liquid natural gas terminals; Provide to CINMS, if appropriate, suggestions on course of action to take.	Invite speakers to present to the SAC that are knowledgeable about specific proposals in the region, or experts on the technology involved, and the regulatory setting/process. If deemed appropriate, advise CINMS of the SAC's views on these projects as they relate to Sanctuary interests.	Ongoing throughout 2004
<u>MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION</u>			
16. Multicultural Education Needs Assessment and Education Strategy	Assist with development of a needs assessment (and key community leaders and partners) to determine the key elements that should be included in a CINMS multicultural education strategy targeting the Hispanic community. We would like to model the CINMS Multicultural education program after Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's MERITO program (see one pager)	SET to work with sanctuary staff to identify key community leaders and partners for needs assessment. Help determine and prioritize effective ways of adapting existing materials and programs to a multicultural audience.	Jan-Sept.
<u>OTHER TASKS & PRIORITIES</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on enhancing partnerships (e.g. between the sanctuary and park) • Consider need for and value of establishing a permanent Research Advisory Panel (incorporate membership from diverse scientific disciplines; assist with review of project proposals and general scientific review) • Develop mentor program for new SAC members 			