

Member/Alternate

**Tourism**

Lauri Baker / Andrea Moe

**Business**

William Spicer / William Agosta

**Non-Consumptive Recreation**  
Warren Glaser / W. Scott Dunn

**Commercial Fishing**  
Chris Hoeflinger / Jim Marshall

**Recreational Fishing**  
David Bacon / Merit McCrea

**Education**  
Barbara LaCorte / Dan Powell

**Research**  
Dr. Robert Warner / Dr. Daniel Brumbaugh

**Conservation**  
Linda Krop / Greg Helms

**Public At-Large 1**  
Jim Knowlton / Phyllis Grifman

**Public At-Large 2**  
Eric Kett / Matthew Lum

**Chumash Community**  
Paulette Cabugos / Reggie Pagaling

**National Marine Fisheries Service**  
Mark Helvey / Lyle Enriquez

**National Park Service**  
Russell Galipeau / Gary Davis

**U.S. Coast Guard**  
CWO Ronald Fien / MSTC John Luzader

**Minerals Management Service**  
Dr. Fred Piltz / Dr. Ann Bull

**U.S. Department of Defense**  
Steve Schwartz / Walter Schobel

**California Department of Fish and Game**  
Marija Vojkovich / Kristine Barsky

**California Resources Agency**  
Brian Baird / Leah Akins

**California Coastal Commission**  
Rebecca Roth / Jack Ainsworth

**County of Santa Barbara**  
Dianne Black / Michelle Gibbs

**County of Ventura**  
Lyn Krieger / Jack Peveler

**Channel Islands Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**  
Chris Mobley

**Monterey Bay Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**  
Dr. Holly Price / Rachel Saunders

**Gulf of the Farallones Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**  
Maria Brown

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Linda Krop

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August 15, 2006

Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.  
Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Bldg HCHB, Room 5128  
14th & Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20230-0001

### Re: Marine Protected Area Monitoring in the Channel Islands

Dear Admiral Lautenbacher:

Our Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) has held numerous discussions regarding the anticipated release of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Federal Phase of Marine Reserves at the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS). As a result of these discussions, we would like to take this opportunity to urge you to assign the highest possible priority to a comprehensive program of monitoring marine protected area (MPA) effects and performance, including the effects and role of MPAs in populations of harvested marine species. Although not a specific mandate of the National Marine Sanctuary Act, there is a high level of continued interest in understanding the role MPAs play in fisheries management of sustainable fisheries within CINMS. In addition, targeted investments in marine science and monitoring were primary recommendations from the recent U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy (2004) and Pew Oceans Commission (2003), and we, as concerned stakeholders of the marine environment, strongly support the growth of science for better science-based management of our marine ecosystems.

Regarding our local CINMS needs, there is strong SAC consensus that a comprehensive program of MPA monitoring is a critical part of a successful and effective ecosystem-based management effort. To that end, in order to gauge the performance of the existing and proposed zones we urge funding and attention be paid to monitoring for the entire suite of MPA goals and objectives we all support, which include Ecosystem Biodiversity, Socioeconomic viability, Sustainable Fisheries, Natural and Cultural Heritage, and Education



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There is also a concern that some important MPA performance questions - such as the effects of MPAs on harvested species - could suffer reduced attention and funding due to either funding limitations, lack of support from all divisions in NOAA, or competing NMSP priorities. In fact, current monitoring efforts have experienced gaps or shortfalls in a few areas: trap and fixed gear survey techniques, identification of the location of fishing effort within the Sanctuary, and calibration of different survey techniques. These subjects address important indicators of MPA performance relative to fishing, and should be included in comprehensive evaluations of MPA effectiveness.

We therefore would like to emphasize the critical importance of a comprehensive, sustained program to monitor the performance of MPAs for the full range of goals identified by the local community. As reflected in the California Department of Fish and Game's Channel Islands MPA Monitoring Plan, such an effort would include collaborative research efforts and programs such as tagging and trap/gear studies. To that end, we urge you to provide adequate and sustained long-term funding, and support from all appropriate line offices in NOAA for this critical effort.

As always, the SAC stands ready to provide on-going community input and support and we look forward to NOAA's sustained long-term funding for this critical effort.

Sincerely,



Dianne Black  
Chair, Sanctuary Advisory Council, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

cc: Daniel J, Basta  
Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program

Enclosure: Sanctuary Advisory Council voting results



## Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council – Voting Results

July 21, 2006 voting results on a Council motion to send a letter to NOAA regarding the importance of marine protected area monitoring within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

<b>SAC Seat</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tourism	<absent for vote>	--
Business	<absent for vote>	--
Recreation (non-consumptive)	<absent for vote>	--
Recreational Fishing member	David Bacon	YES
Commercial Fishing alternate	Jim Marshall	YES
Education	<absent for vote>	--
Research	<absent for vote>	--
Conservation	Linda Krop	YES
Public At-large (1) member	Jim Knowlton	YES
Public At-large (2) member	Eric Kett	YES
Chumash Community member	Paulette Cabugos	YES
National Marine Fisheries Service	<absent for vote>	--
National Park Service member	Russell Galipeau	YES
U.S. Coast Guard	<absent for vote>	--
Minerals Management Service alternate	Ann Bull	YES
U.S. Department of Defense	Steven Schwartz	YES
California Department of Fish and Game	Kristine Barsky	YES
California Resources Agency	<absent for vote>	--
California Coastal Commission	<absent for vote>	--
County of Santa Barbara	Dianne Black	YES
County of Ventura	<absent for vote>	--