

Member/Alternate

Tourism

Kathleen Fitzgerald / Andrea Mo...

Business

Capt. Richard McKenna / <vacant>

Non-Consumptive Recreation

Debra Herring / Perry Ferguson

Commercial Fishing

Bruce Steele / <vacant>

Recreational Fishing

Capt. David Bacon / Merit McCrea

Education

Maria Petueli / Jose Chicote

Research

Dr. Robert Warner / Dr. Mark Steele

Conservation

Linda Krop / Greg Helms

Public At-Large 1

Phyllis Grifman / Amy Spandrio

Public At-Large 2

Eric Kett / Dan Powell

Chumash Community

Jacy Ontiveros / <vacant>

National Marine Fisheries Service

Peter Fischel / Elizabeth Petras

National Park Service

Russell Galipeau / <vacant>

U.S. Coast Guard

CDR Jason Collins / LTJG Brittany Steward

Minerals Management Service

Dr. Fred Piltz / Donna Schroeder

U.S. Department of Defense

Steven Schwartz / Walter Schobel

California Department of Fish and Game

Marija Vojkovich / <vacant>

California Resources Agency

Brian Baird / Amy Boone

California Coastal Commission

Steve Hudson / Barbara Carey

County of Santa Barbara

Dianne Black / Susan Curtis

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Lyn Krieger / Marilyn Miller

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Sanctuary Advisory Council

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

July 31, 2009

Mr. Chris Mobley, Sanctuary Superintendent
Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
113 Harbor Way, Suite 150
Santa Barbara, California 93109

Re: Base Funding for Aircraft Services

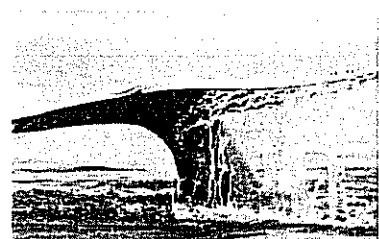
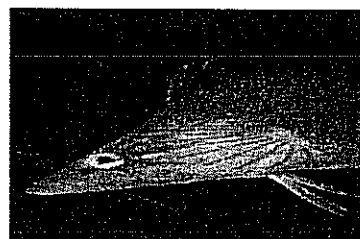
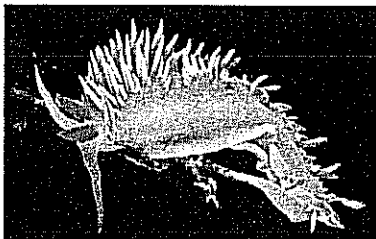
Dear Mr. Mobley,

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) Advisory Council would like to express our appreciation to NOAA leadership for the recent stationing of a Twin Otter aircraft in Monterey to better serve west coast sanctuaries.

The West Coast Twin Otter affords the CINMS and other west coast sanctuaries an effective way to track and survey living marine resources and visitor/vessel use. This information is critical for adequate management of sanctuary resources, and can provide much-needed data on the effectiveness of zonal management, such as marine protected areas and whale advisory zones. The Sanctuary Aerial Monitoring and Spatial Analysis Program (SAMSAP) at CINMS has already benefitted from some Twin Otter time, and is in need of additional flight hours.

The Twin Otter aircraft is also an essential, cost-effective tool for conducting sanctuary surveillance. Surveillance flights can be helpful for enforcing new sanctuary regulations, allowing enforcement officials to safely and efficiently get offshore.

The Twin Otter aircraft can help to enhance and build new sanctuary partnerships. This includes partnerships within NOAA, such as NOAA Fisheries and the Office for Law Enforcement, and with other agencies and research entities. By improving regional collaboration and coordinated emergency response, these partnerships can greatly increase the value of NOAA aircraft services.



The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries provides NOAA with a unique opportunity to create a new model for regional aircraft utilization. The CINMS Advisory Council requests that NOAA provide base funding for Aircraft Services to fully support the West Coast Twin Otter in protecting the resources of CINMS and other west coast sanctuaries. In addition, we request that this letter is forwarded to NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchencho and NOAA RADM Jonathan Bailey.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Eric Kett
Chair, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

cc: Dan Basta, Director, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Capt. Ted Lillestolen, Deputy Director of Facilities, Safety, Vessels and Aircraft, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
William Douros, West Coast Regional Director, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Matt Pickett, Aircraft Operations Coordinator, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Enclosure: Sanctuary Advisory Council voting results on a motion to transmit this letter

Enclosure: Voting Results

Below are the July 17, 2009 voting results of a Sanctuary Advisory Council motion to send a letter to Chris Mobley (Sanctuary Superintendent) regarding the Twin Otter aircraft assigned to the west coast by NOAA.

| Name | Council Seat | Vote |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Kathleen Fitzgerald | Tourism | Yes |
| Debra Herring | Non-Consumptive Recreation | Yes |
| Capt. Richard McKenna | Business | Yes |
| Linda Krop | Conservation | Absent for vote |
| Greg Helms - Alternate | | Absent for vote |
| Bruce Steele | Commercial Fishing | Absent for vote |
| Capt. David Bacon | Recreational Fishing | Yes |
| Maria Petueli | Education | Absent for vote |
| Jose Chicote - Alternate | | Absent for vote |
| Dr. Robert Warner | Research | Yes |
| Phyllis Grifman [Council | Public At Large #1 | Yes |
| Eric Kett [Council Chair] | Public At Large #2 | Yes |
| Jacy Ontiveros | Chumash Community | Absent for vote |
| Elizabeth Petras - Alternate | NOAA Fisheries | Yes |
| Russell Galipeau | National Park Service | Absent for vote |
| CDR Jason Collins | US Coast Guard | Yes |
| Dr. Fred Piltz | Minerals Management Service | Absent for vote |
| Donna Schroeder - Alternate | | Absent for vote |
| Walt Schobel - Alternate | Dept. of Defense | Yes |
| Marija Vojkovich | CA Dept. of Fish & Game | Absent for vote |
| Brian Baird | CA Natural Resources Agency | Absent for vote |
| Amy Boone - Alternate | | Absent for vote |
| Steve Hudson | CA Coastal Commission | Absent for vote |
| Barbara Carey - Alternate | | Absent for vote |
| Dianne M. Black | Santa Barbara County | Yes |
| Lyn Krieger | Ventura County | Absent for vote |
| Marilyn Miller - Alternate | | Absent for vote |

Yes – 11

No – 0

Abstain – 0