

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Work Topic Priorities for Sanctuary Advisory Council Activities in 2011

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Possible SAC Activities</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Priority: High, Medium, Low¹</i>
1. <u>EXTERNAL SUPPORT for SANCTUARY MISSION</u>			
1a. Development of External Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive situation updates as fiscal year 2011 budget is confirmed and outlook emerges for fiscal year 2012 and beyond. • Consider formation of subcommittee focused on developing recommendations for enhancing external support (grants, partnerships, etc.). SAC discussion and advice. • Discussion with Dennis Long, Executive Director of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation, regarding the Foundation's planned expansion into the CINMS area 		H
2. <u>SHIP-RELATED ISSUES</u>			
2a. Whale Ship Strikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive presentation from UCSB Bren School team on their completed project. Consider next steps and advise. • Receive updates and provide feedback on implementation of ship strike emergency response plan during 2011 whale season. • Receive progress reports from CINMS staff on how Council advice is being utilized, and provide feedback. • Possible SET help with outreach to the shipping industry, including pursuit of external funding for this purpose. 		M
2b. Port Access Route Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive updates from US Coast Guard on the study. Discuss findings when made available. 		H
2c. Oil Spill Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive updates from US Coast Guard on possible oil spill exercise tentatively scheduled for Sept. 2011 using a ship-related spill scenario near CINMS. • Learn from results of the drill. Possible outreach assistance from the SET. 		H

¹ Based on a survey of 23 Council members conducted at the Jan. 21st, 2011 SAC meeting. **High** = high priority for Council action/agenda time; **Medium** = moderate priority for Council agenda time; **Low** = to be placed on meeting agenda only if time allows.

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3. <u>ENERGY PROJECTS</u>			
3a. Wind and Wave Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel of speakers to provide information to SAC on wind and wave energy. Receive, discuss and take action on Conservation Working Group's energy report. 		M
4. <u>FISHERIES EDUCATION</u>			
4a. Sanctuary Education and Outreach on Fishing within CINMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fishing representatives (commercial & recreational) provide educational talks to the SAC. Fishing reps. advise on Sanctuary-related fishing facts for use in educational products. 		M
5. <u>ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION & NEEDS</u>			
5a. Implementation of Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive report on status of management plan implementation. Provide feedback/advice on moving forward. 		M
5b. Science Needs Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with RAP to discuss the CINMS staff's assessment of science gaps/needs Presentation to and discussion with SAC on CINMS science needs assessment. 		H
6. <u>MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)</u>			
6a. Biological monitoring of Channel Islands MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hear from Research Activities Panel about status of monitoring programs and activities, soliciting SAC feedback/comments. 		H
6b. Socioeconomic monitoring of Channel Islands MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an update and provide feedback on implementation of CINMS Social Science Plan for MPAs. 		M
6c. Marine Life Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss new MPAs designated along mainland coast, especially those in local counties – impacts, opportunities, relation to CINMS MPAs, education/outreach needs, etc. 		H

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6d. Tribal MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing from Chumash representatives to understand and consider tribal marine protected areas. 		? ²
7. <u>WATER QUALITY</u>			
7a. Progress on and Planning for Understanding and Managing Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff response to Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper water quality characterization report (Sept. 2010). Council advice for moving forward. 		M
8. <u>CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS</u>			
8a. Ocean Acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When made available, Council to review and comment on draft Ocean Acidification (OA) Action Plan prepared by the west coast OA Task Force. Progress reports related to Advisory Council recommendations contained with the Council's 2008 report on Ocean Acidification. SET: Possible hosting of an OA lecture; complete post-OA workshop evaluations; conduct follow-up training session Oxygen minimum levels – understand this better and its implications 		H
9. <u>CHUMASH COMMUNITY</u>			
9a. Chumash Community Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by and discussion with Chumash Community members. 		M
9b. Submerged Artifact Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff response to Chumash questions about procedures and protocols for research and potential handling of submerged cultural artifacts within the sanctuary 		M
10. <u>EDUCATION CENTERS, INTERPRETIVE PLANS AND SIGNAGE</u>			

² Only five rankings received, which was determined insufficient to establish a clear Council priority.
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10a. UCSB Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC members to receive updates on construction of the new CINMS office building. • SAC to learn more about and provide feedback on the planned Outreach Center for Teaching Ocean Science (OCTOS). 		L
10b. Long Range Interpretive Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff presentation on development of a long range interpretive plan for CINMS. • Council input, leading to possible Council endorsement. 		M
10c. Boating Instruction and Safety Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff presentation on this developing Channel Islands Harbor boating center. 		L
10d. Sanctuary Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive staff presentation on current and planned CINMS signs. 		L
11. <u>SAC-RELATED EVENTS</u>			
11a. SAC Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide SAC Chair with input on issues of concern to be raised at 2009 SAC Summit (May 4-7, 2009). • If asked to present a case study at that meeting, assist the Chair in preparing to present an ocean acidification presentation. 		L
11b. SAC Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Council retreat in summer 2011 – may need to be a cost-share event. 		L
12. <u>OTHER</u>			
12a. Acoustics Science			H