

# Sanctuary Advisory Council

## CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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#### **U.S. Coast Guard**

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#### **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

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#### **U.S. Department of Defense**

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#### **California Department of Fish and Game**

Marija Vojkovich / Kristine Barsky

#### **California Resources Agency**

<vacant> / Amy Vierra

#### **California Coastal Commission**

Dr. Jonna Engel / Steve Hudson

#### **County of Santa Barbara**

Dianne Black / Susan Curtis

#### **County of Ventura**

Lyn Krieger / <vacant>

#### **Channel Islands Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**

Chris Mobley [non-voting]

#### **Monterey Bay Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**

Paul Michel / Karen Grimmer [non-voting]

#### **Gulf of the Farallones Nat'l Marine Sanctuary**

Maria Brown / Brian Johnson [non-voting]

**Chair:** Eric Kett

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**Secretary:** Phyllis Grifman

June 13, 2012

Mary D. Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, PO Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

### **Re: Investment of Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds to Incentivize Large Ocean-Going Vessels to Reduce Speed**

Dear Chair Nichols:

As chair of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, I am writing with regard to the development of an investment plan for the use of cap-and-trade auction proceeds to help reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Specifically, the advisory council supports the use of auction proceeds to incentivize large ocean-going vessels to reduce speed.

The advisory council provides advice on management, use and protection of sanctuary waters. The council is comprised of 42 individuals representing the general public, tourism, business, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, non-consumptive recreation, education, research, conservation and Chumash community interests, as well as local, State and Federal government agencies.

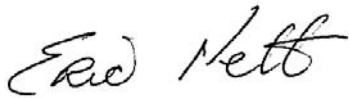
At our May 2012 meeting, sanctuary and Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District staff informed us of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) process to develop the investment plan. Staff further suggested that by allocating some of the auction proceeds to incentivize large ocean-going vessels to reduce their speed off the California coastline, there would be substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental benefits from slower moving ships.

In a 2009 sanctuary report endorsed by the advisory council<sup>i</sup> we recommended that incentive-based approaches to slow ships down be explored, specifically, to reduce ship strike risks on endangered whales. We are familiar with the successful Vessel Speed Reduction Incentive Program at the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles that offers monetary-based incentives to slow ships approaching and departing these ports, yielding significant air quality benefits.

Slowing large ocean-going vessels offers a substantial reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as well as reducing nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide pollution. Slower ships also provide enhanced protection of marine mammals by reducing noise and ship strike impacts on endangered blue, fin and humpback whales. Therefore, the sanctuary advisory council supports allocating auction proceeds to incentivize large ocean-going vessels to reduce their speed off the California coastline.

A unique and compelling opportunity now arises to develop an incentive-based program focused on reducing ship speeds to address the state's goals under the cap-and-trade program, and help protect endangered whales off our coast. I hope the support of our sanctuary advisory council will be given due consideration as part of the California Air Resources Board's public consultation process.

Sincerely,



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Eric Kett, Chair  
Sanctuary Advisory Council<sup>ii</sup>

cc: William J. Douros, Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries  
Chris Mobley, Superintendent, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary  
Brian Shafritz, Manager, Technology and Environmental Assessment Division, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

enclosure: Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voting results, May 18, 2012.

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<sup>i</sup> "Reducing the Threat of Ship Strikes on Large Cetaceans in the Santa Barbara Channel Region and Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary: Recommendations and Case Studies." Available online at: <http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/pdf/sscs10-2-09.pdf>.

<sup>ii</sup> *The council is an advisory body to the sanctuary superintendent. The opinions and findings of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of the sanctuary and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

**Voting Results: May 18, 2012 – Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

Voting results on a motion approving the Sanctuary Advisory Council’s Executive Committee to prepare a letter to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) supporting CARB's consideration of allocating some of the cap-and-trade auction proceeds to an incentive program that would be designed to encourage reduced speeds from large ships; including a reference to a specific recommendation concerning exploring incentive programs within a ship strike report previously endorsed by the sanctuary advisory council; and supporting the council’s views being mentioned at a May 24th CARB public meeting on the matter. May 18, 2012, Santa Barbara, California.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Council Seat - position</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Capt. Mat Curto	Tourism – alternate	Yes
Debra Herring	Non-Consumptive Recreation – member	Yes
Capt. Richard McKenna	Business – member	Yes
Linda Krop	Conservation – member	Yes
Bruce Steele [Vice Chair]	Commercial Fishing – member	Yes
Capt. David Bacon	Recreational Fishing – member	Yes
Maria Petueli	Education – member	Yes
Dr. Mark Steele	Research – alternate	Yes
Phyllis Grifman [Secretary]	Public At Large #1 – member	Yes
Eric Kett [Chair]	Public At Large #2 – member	Yes
Luhui Isha Waiya	Chumash Community – member	Yes
Elizabeth Petras	NOAA Fisheries – member	Yes
David Ashe	National Park Service – alternate	Yes
CDR Christina Davidson	US Coast Guard – member	Yes
Donna Schroeder Dr. Ann Bull	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management – member Bureau of Ocean Energy Management – alternate	ABSENT
John Ugoretz	Dept. of Defense – member	No
Marija Vojkovich	California Department of Fish & Game – member	Yes
<vacant> Amy Vierra	California Natural Resources Agency – member California Natural Resources Agency – alternate	ABSENT
Dr. Jonna Engel	California Coastal Commission – member	Yes
Susan Curtis	Santa Barbara County – alternate	Yes
Lyn Krieger <vacant>	Ventura County – member Ventura County – alternate	ABSENT

**Yes –17      No –1      Abstain –0**