

Sanctuary Advisory Council

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Member/Alternate

Tourism

Andrea Mills / Garrett Kababik

Business

Michael Cohen / Capt. Kip Louttit

Non-Consumptive Recreation

Debra Herring / Stuart Wilson

Commercial Fishing

Bruce Steele / Stephanie Mutz

Recreational Fishing

Capt. David Bacon / Merit McCrea

Education

Amanda Allen / Cliff Rodrigues

Research

Dr. Robert Warner / Dr. Mark Steele

Conservation

Kristi Birney / Greg Helms

Public At-Large 1

Phyllis Griffman / Victor Cox

Public At-Large 2

Eric Kett / Rich Block

Chumash Community

Luhui Isha Waiya / Mati Waiya

National Marine Fisheries Service

Elizabeth Petras / Shelby Mendez

National Park Service

Russell Galipeau / David Ashe

U.S. Coast Guard

LCDR Casey Hehr / LCDR Joseph Giammanco

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Donna Schroeder / Dr. Ann Bull

U.S. Department of Defense

John Ugoretz / Walter Schobel

California Department of Fish and Game

Dr. Craig Shuman / Kai Lampson

California Resources Agency

Rich Rozzelle / Amy Vierra

California Coastal Commission

Dr. Jonna Engel / Kristen Hislop

County of Santa Barbara

Dianne Black / <vacant>

County of Ventura

Danielle Tarr / <vacant>

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Chris Mobley [non-voting]

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Paul Michel / Karen Grimmer [non-voting]

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

Maria Brown / Brian Johnson [non-voting]

Chair: Dianne Black

Vice Chair: Phyllis Griffman

Secretary: Michael Cohen

January 23, 2015

Group Project Selection Committee

Bren School of Environmental Science and Management

2400 Bren Hall, University of California Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, California 93106-5131

Dear Group Project Selection Committee:

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) is a 21-member body that brings together community members and representatives from government agencies to advise the Sanctuary Superintendent and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. The Sanctuary's mission is to provide long-term protection to its nationally significant marine resources, while facilitating compatible human uses.

Since 2008 the SAC has been interested in measures to reduce the impact of vessel strikes on endangered whales, including incentive-based approaches to vessel speed reduction. We tracked a pilot Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) trial that took place in 2014 and are encouraged by the success of the trial to support further exploration of this approach.

We write to express support for a proposed University of California, Santa Barbara Bren School group project titled: *Vessel Speed Reduction, Air Pollution, and Whale Strike Tradeoffs in the Santa Barbara Channel Region: Solution-oriented Integration of Health and Ecosystem Service Valuation*. Ms. Shannon Walker, Ms. Jennifer Bone, and Ms. Kendall Mills, students proposing the project, presented to us at our January 23, 2015 meeting. We believe their project will advance the body of work to date and our collective understanding of these issues.

We support this collaborative research project because it builds on existing data, fulfills identified research needs, and contributes to the Sanctuary's mission. We look forward to providing the Advisory Council process to the Bren students as forum to share and guide their progress.

Sincerely,



Dianne Black, Chair, Sanctuary Advisory Council¹

Attachment: Council voting record.

¹ 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.

ATTACHMENT:

Voting Record for Letter of Support to UCSB Bren School for Proposed Graduate Student Thesis Project,
 from Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 January 23, 2015

<u>Voting Seat</u>	<u>Voting Individual</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Tourism	Andrea Mills	---
	Garrett Kababik - alternate	Y
Non-Consumptive Recreation	Debra Herring	Y
	Stuart Wilson – alternate	---
Business	Michael Cohen [Council Secretary]	Y
	Capt. Kip Louttit – alternate	---
Conservation	Kristi Birney	Y
	Greg Helms – alternate	---
Commercial Fishing	Bruce Steele	Y
	Stephanie Mutz – alternate	---
Recreational Fishing	Capt. David Bacon	Y
	Merit McCrea – alternate	---
Education	Amanda Allen	---
	Cliff Rodrigues – alternate	Y
Research	Dr. Robert Warner	Y
	Dr. Mark Steele – alternate	---
Public At Large #1	Phyllis Grifman [Council Vice-Chair]	Y
	Richard Block – alternate	---
Public At Large #2	Eric Kett	---
	Victor Cox – alternate	Y
Chumash Community	Luhui Isha Waiya	Y
	Mati Waiya – alternate	---
NOAA Fisheries	Elizabeth Petras	---
	Shelby Mendez – alternate	---
National Park Service	Russell Galipeau	---
	David Ashe – alternate	---
US Coast Guard	CDR Casey Hehr	---
	LT CMDR Joseph Giammanco – alt.	---
Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt (BOEM)	Donna Schroeder	Y
	Dr. Ann Bull – alternate	---
Dept. of Defense	John Ugoretz	---
	Walt Schobel – alternate	Y
CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife	Dr. Craig Shuman	---
	Kai Lampson - alternate	---
CA Natural Resources Agency	Rich Rozzelle	Y
	Amy Vierra – alternate	---
CA Coastal Commission	Dr. Jonna Engel	---
	Kristen Hislop	Y
Santa Barbara County	Dianne Black [Council Chair]	Y
	<vacant>	---
Ventura County	Danielle Tarr	Y
	<vacant>	---

YES: 17 ABSTAIN: 0 NO: 0