

FEDERAL WATERS PORTION OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS  
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY – SCHEDULE UPDATE

Situation: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduled to receive an update from Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) about CINMS development of analytical documents and schedule for consideration of marine reserves within federal waters of CINMS. The most recent schedule revision is shown in exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 1, CINMS Marine Reserves Process Schedule as of November, 2003.

On Tuesday, June 15, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) is scheduled to review preliminary draft CINMS documents that will form a basis of a formal draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) at some point in the future. The SSC will report their initial findings and recommendations to the Council, in the context of providing information for the Council to facilitate discussion of the updated schedule proposed by CINMS. The Habitat Committee (HC) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will also review information from CINMS. Similarly the HC and GAP may provide advice to the Council relative to the updated schedule proposed by CINMS. Preliminary draft CINMS documents that will be reviewed by Council advisory bodies are included under Exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 2.

Based on information provided by CINMS and the advice of the SSC, HC, GAP, the Council should consider how to coordinate with CINMS to meet their proposed schedule. This could include convening the Council's Ad Hoc Channel Islands Marine Reserves Committee in preparation for potential action at the September 2004 Council meeting. Such a meeting would consider the substantive reports of the Council advisory bodies on the CINMS draft documents (including the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) that would need to review the material after the June Council meeting) and any further information provided by the CINMS, towards a Committee recommendation on the range of proposed management alternatives at the September 2004 Council meeting.

**Council Task:**

**1. Council Discussion and Guidance on CINMS Schedule.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 1: CINMS Marine Reserves Process Schedule as of November, 2003.
2. Exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 2: CINMS Preliminary Draft Analytical Documents (electronic copy on CD-ROM).
3. Exhibit G.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Schedule Update by CINMS Staff
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance on CINMS Schedule

Dan Waldeck  
Sanctuary Staff

PFMC  
06/01/04

**REVISED**  
**Proposed Activities and Timeline -**  
**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary**  
**Environmental Review Process to Consider Marine Reserves**

---

**1999-2001**                      **Channel Islands Marine Reserves Community Based Process – Joint Partnership between the State of Calif. and NOAA to consider marine reserves in the sanctuary**

**Aug. 2001 –**                      **Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and**  
**Oct. 2002**                      **Game State Environmental Review Process and Decision**

**April 2003**                      **Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas implemented in state waters of the sanctuary**

**March 2003**

- Sanctuary prepares Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). *(completed)*
- Brief Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) on Sanctuary initiation of Environmental Review Process. *(completed)*
- Brief Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) on Sanctuary initiation of Environmental Review Process. *(completed)*

**April 2003**

- Sanctuary submits letter to PFMC describing Environmental Review Process for discussion at April PFMC meeting. *(completed)*

**May/June 2003**

- Sanctuary releases Notice of Intent to prepare DEIS in Federal Register. *(completed)*
- Sanctuary hosts scoping meetings in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. *(completed)*

**November 2003**

- Sanctuary briefs PFMC, State of CA, and Sanctuary Advisory Council on progress.
- Sanctuary begins drafting of Preliminary DEIS.

**Early 2004**

- Sanctuary sends consultation letters to PFMC, NOAA Fisheries, State of California and other entities regarding a potential change to the terms of designation of the Sanctuary (60 day response period).

## **REVISED**

### **Proposed Activities and Timeline - Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Environmental Review Process to Consider Marine Reserves**

---

#### **Early 2004 (continued)**

- Sanctuary notifies PFMC of opportunity to prepare draft National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) fishing regulations for the Exclusive Economic Zone portion of the Sanctuary (NMSA regulations allow for 120 days for PFMC response)

#### **Spring/Summer 2004**

- PFMC considers preparing draft NMSA fishing regulations and if it chooses prepares draft NMSA regulations (March/April 2004 PFMC meetings).
- Sanctuary, in cooperation with PFMC, State of Calif. and SAC, finalizes DEIS, appropriate proposed regulatory changes and related proposed change to the terms of designation.
- Sanctuary releases to the public and Congress the DEIS, proposed regulations and related proposed change to the terms of designation
- Conduct public review of the DEIS, and proposed regulations and related proposed changes to the terms of designation. This will include an opportunity for public comment of at least 45 days and must include at least one public hearing if the rulemaking necessitates a change in a term of designation

#### **Fall 2004**

- Sanctuary prepares responses to comments
- Sanctuary drafts Final EIS, and if necessary for chosen action, drafts final regulations and revises terms of designation

#### **Winter 2004**

- Sanctuary releases the Final EIS by publishing a notice of availability in the Federal Register and by providing copies to interested parties.

After a 30-day "cooling off" period, the final regulations appear in the Federal Register and the Sanctuary sends the final regulations and revised terms of designation to Congress and to the governor's office, if State waters are involved. The final regulations will take effect after the close of a review period of 45 days of continuous session of Congress. If State waters are involved, and the governor certifies that the change in terms of designation (and therefore the final regulations or portions thereof) is unacceptable, the affected final regulations will not take effect in State waters.

**Glen Pittman**

---

1301 Crossing Place # 121, Austin, Texas 78741

RECEIVED

April 09, 2004 10:22 PM

Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200  
Portland, OR 97220

APR 14 2004

PFMC

Subject: Support for Preferred Alternative Marine Reserve Network at the Channel Islands

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council:

I write to encourage your support for the establishment of a network of fully protected marine reserves within the federal waters of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The preferred alternative is fully supported by the CEQA document and by the California Fish and Game Commission.

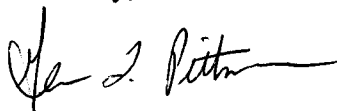
Fully protecting portions of the waters around the Channel Islands within a network of marine reserves is the only real way to help the once thriving marine life around the Islands rebound and thrive. The islands receive important protections as a National Marine Sanctuary, however new measures are needed to restore declining fisheries and preserve habitat.

There is now compelling scientific evidence that an appropriately designed system of marine reserves can help restore damaged rockfish and invertebrate populations. To ignore these problems at this time simply invites a more severe crisis in the future. Our Channel Islands support diverse marine habitats and a unique ocean ecosystem. I strongly urge that you support a configuration of fully protected marine reserves, which protects the Islands' many habitats, including rocky reefs, sandy seafloor, and subsea canyons. By leaving a portion of our coastal waters undisturbed, marine reserves can restore biological diversity and prevent the extinction of individual species. The resulting protected areas can also provide tangible, long-term benefits to commercial and recreational fishermen.

Please finish the marine reserve network recently approved by the California State Fish and Game Commission, by completing the federal portion of this carefully-negotiated, science-based protection for key ecosystems at the Channel Islands.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,



Glen Pittman

Text-only e-mail? Please open this page in your web browser:  
<http://www.bluevoice.org/jcemail/BVchannelislands.htm>

e

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

finding the ways that work

Save the Channel Islands

## Protect the Channel Islands - "The American Galapagos"

**BlueVoice.org**, on behalf of Environmental Defense, invites you to take action on this important issue.



The waters around the Channel Islands, off the coast of central California, support a lush diversity of marine life, including giant kelp forests, migrating blue and humpback whales, southern sea otters, Guadalupe fur seals, dolphins, sharks and more. California brown pelicans and the California least tern ply the skies, while once-abundant fish populations include giant sea bass, sheephead and rockfish. The islands of San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa and Santa Barbara rise majestically from the sea, enticing millions of visitors to nearby coastal communities each year.

### **TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE CHANNEL ISLANDS:**

The State of California just recently decided to fully protect portions of the state's waters that surround the Channel Islands in a network of marine reserves. However, other portions of Channel Islands waters under federal control don't yet enjoy the same protections. Take action and send a message to the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Urge them to follow California's lead and fully protect portions of the federal waters that surround the Channel Islands. Timing is critical. Take action now!



**Send a letter to the following decision maker(s):** Pacific Fishery Management Council

**Below is the sample letter:**

### Take Action!

#### **Instructions:**

[Click here to take action on this issue.](#)

#### **What's At Stake:**

#### **CHANNEL ISLANDS AT RISK:**

The diverse marine ecosystems around these islands are at risk. While Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the Channel Islands as a national monument in 1938, and the area later achieved designation as the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, in the decades since, legions of white abalone, Guadalupe fur seals, and a number of rockfish have been disappearing. We are now witnessing what could become a wave of extinction.

New measures are needed to preserve this unique ecosystem. Scientists agree that an appropriately designed network of fully protected marine reserves would help to restore marine life in the waters around the Channel Islands. Marine "no-take" reserves, special ocean areas closed to all extractive activities, including fishing, have

Subject: Support for Preferred Alternative Marine Reserve Network at the Channel Islands Dear [decision maker name automatically inserted here], I write to encourage your support for the establishment of a network of fully protected marine reserves within the federal waters of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The preferred alternative is fully supported by the CEQA document and by the California Fish and Game Commission.

Fully protecting portions of the waters around the Channel Islands within a network of marine reserves is the only real way to help the once thriving marine life around the Islands rebound and thrive. The islands receive important protections as a National Marine Sanctuary, however new measures are needed to restore declining fisheries and preserve habitat.

There is now compelling scientific evidence that an appropriately designed system of marine reserves can help restore damaged rockfish and invertebrate populations. To ignore these problems at this time simply invites a more severe crisis in the future. Our Channel Islands support diverse marine habitats and a unique ocean ecosystem. I strongly urge that you support a configuration of fully protected marine reserves, which protects the Islands' many habitats, including rocky reefs, sandy seafloor, and subsea canyons. By leaving a portion of our coastal waters undisturbed, marine reserves can restore biological diversity and prevent the extinction of individual species. The resulting protected areas can also provide tangible, long-term benefits to commercial and recreational fishermen.

Please finish the marine reserve network recently approved by the California State Fish and Game Commission, by completing the federal portion of this carefully-negotiated, science-based protection for key ecosystems at the Channel Islands.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.



proven successful in other parts of the world at helping damaged ecosystems to recover. Other activities that are compatible with protecting habitat - like recreational diving, pleasure boating and scientific research - can continue. Currently, only 0.2% of California's coastal waters are within fully protected marine ecological reserves. By leaving a portion of the ocean undisturbed, marine reserves can restore biological diversity and prevent the extinction of individual species within the ecosystem. These protected areas can also provide tangible, long-term benefits to commercial and recreational fishermen. Reserves that maintain intact habitat where fish can feed, grow and spawn effectively help to increase fish populations elsewhere. The larger, older fish, more typically found in marine reserves, produce more young and provide the best opportunity for achieving successful species recovery.

Visit Environmental Defense on the web for more information about efforts to strengthen protections for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

**Campaign Expiration Date:**  
February 28, 2003

To unsubscribe, please visit our home page at <http://www.bluevoice.org>, enter the e-mail address where

you received this message in the text box, select the 'unsubscribe' radio button and click 'Join'.

RECEIVED

NOV 07 2003

PM 11

Jennifer L. Ferrick  
5011 Kinter Hill Road  
Edinboro, PA 16412  
October 31, 2003

Pacific Fishery Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200  
Portland, OR 97220

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council:

I write to encourage your support for the establishment of a network of fully protected marine reserves within the federal waters of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The preferred alternative is fully supported by the CEQA document and by the California Fish and Game Commission.

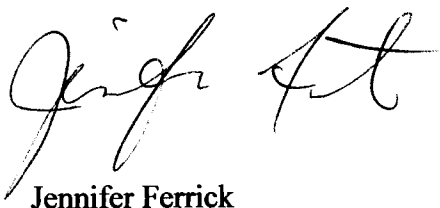
Fully protecting portions of the waters around the Channel Islands within a network of marine reserves is the only real way to help the once thriving marine life around the Islands rebound and thrive. The islands receive important protections as a National Marine Sanctuary, however new measures are needed to restore declining fisheries and preserve habitat.

There is now compelling scientific evidence that an appropriately designed system of marine reserves can help restore damaged rockfish and invertebrate populations. To ignore these problems at this time simply invites a more severe crisis in the future. Our Channel Islands support diverse marine habitats and a unique ocean ecosystem. I strongly urge that you support a configuration of fully protected marine reserves, which protects the Islands' many habitats, including rocky reefs, sandy seafloor, and subsea canyons. By leaving a portion of our coastal waters undisturbed, marine reserves can restore biological diversity and prevent the extinction of individual species. The resulting protected areas can also provide tangible, long-term benefits to commercial and recreational fishermen.

Please finish the marine reserve network recently approved by the California State Fish and Game Commission, by completing the federal portion of this carefully-negotiated, science-based protection for key ecosystems at the Channel Islands.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ferrick