

HABITAT STEERING GROUP COMMENTS ON
MARINE RESERVES IN THE CHANNEL ISLANDS MARINE SANCTUARY

The Habitat Steering Group (HSG) received a report from the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary staff discussing progress on the Channel Islands marine reserve process. The HSG recommends that the Council remain actively involved in the Channel Islands process to ensure that Council goals and objectives are met.

The HSG further recommends:

1. The Council and appropriate advisory bodies review the recommendations of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (to be released June 19, 2001) and any related decisions by the California Fish and Game Commission. These could be presented to the Council and advisory bodies by Channel Islands and California Department of Fish and Game staff at the September 2001 Council meeting.
2. The potential contribution of the proposed Channel Islands reserves be evaluated and incorporated into future rebuilding plans.
3. The Channel Islands Marine Reserve Working Group developed several tools and analyses that could be useful in other marine reserve processes. This valuable work should be reviewed by the Council and appropriate Council advisory groups.

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