

MARINE RESERVES IN THE CHANNEL ISLAND NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Situation: The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) have been facilitating a community-based process for the consideration of marine reserves within the CINMS boundaries. The Council and several of its advisory committees received a presentation on this effort at the April 2001 Council meeting. Pursuant to Council discussion on this issue, a letter was sent to CDFG and CINMS requesting clarification and additional information (Attachment 1, including enclosures of the Council advisory body comments). A response letter has been received and is provided in Attachment 2. A substantial amount of documentation on the socioeconomic and scientific information used in the process was enclosed with the CINMS letter. These materials have been provided to the Scientific and Statistical Committee for review and comment. The designation, public outreach, and public comment documents referenced in the letter's list of enclosures are provided as part of Attachment 2 in your briefing papers.

Additionally, the Council will receive an update on the status of development of the marine reserves process for the Channel Islands. The Channel Island Marine Reserves Working Group gave a final report on its efforts to the Channel Island Sanctuary Advisory Council on May 23.

Council Action:

1. Provide guidance to Council staff and advisory bodies in light of the response to the Council letter and the update provided at this meeting.
2. Consider any recommendations made by the source agencies.

Reference Materials:

1. Letter to LCDR Matt Pickett and Ms. Patricia Wolf, April 17, 2001 (Exhibit E.2, Attachment 1).
2. Letter from LCDR Matt Pickett, May 16, 2001 and selected enclosures (Exhibit E.2, Attachment 2).
3. Public comment (Exhibit E.2.d, Public Comment).
4. Facilitator's Report (Exhibit E.2, Supplemental Attachment 3).

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5. Exhibit E.2.c, Supplemental GAP Report.
6. Exhibit E.2.c, Supplemental SSC Report.
7. Exhibit E.2.c, Supplemental HSG Report.