

wd: RE: clarification regarding my association with CINMS Socioeconomic Panel

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SSC members -

Pls read. I will be raising this topic during open discussion at our September meeting.

-Cindy

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>Dear Cindy,

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>Our apology for the misunderstanding, your name will be removed from all documentation, and our website, related to the Socio-Economic Panel that is supporting the Channel Islands Marine Reserves Process. Regarding the public statement at the last Council meeting, I understand Sean Hastings, CINMS Staff, provided clarification to the Council that you were never on the Panel, and only provided data to the Panel. I'd be happy to detail this in writing to the Director and the Council. Thank you for the data you were able to provide, and thanks in advance for providing a review of the socio-economic analysis.

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>Matt Pickett

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>-----Original Message-----

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>Matt,

>In August 1999, Ed Cassano (who was then the CINMS manager) invited several
>people from Cal Fish and Game and Minerals Management Service, as well as
>myself, to meet with CINMS staff and NOS economists to discuss an effort
>being initiated by CINMS to consider marine reserves. At that time, I (as
>well as the CDFG and MMS participants) provided CINMS with information
>regarding existing data and studies that might be relevant to an evaluation
>of the effects of marine reserves. My very clear understanding when I left
>that meeting was that the NOS economists, along with their contractors,
>were going to conduct an analysis of socioeconomic effects of marine
>reserve options, and that I might be asked to review this analysis when it
>was done. I have had no contact with the CINMS staff or NOS economists
>after that meeting until this spring, when the NOS economists sent me a
>draft of their analysis.

>A document that CINMS recently sent to the Pacific Council lists me as a
>member of the CINMS Socioeconomic Panel. This surprises me, as I never
>agreed to be a member of any such panel and have had nothing to do with the
>socioeconomic analysis. This misperception that I'm on the Panel has
>prompted a Council member to publicly question whether it's appropriate for
>me to be reviewing analyses produced by the Panel. It's a fair question
>and the concern underlying it is a serious one, both for myself and the
>SSC. The SSC goes to great lengths to ensure that individual SSC members
>do not review their own work. As SSC chair, it's particularly important
>that I avoid even the appearance of conflict of interest.

>I request your immediate attention to this matter. Specifically, I want my
>name removed immediately from all documents that associate me with the
>Socioeconomic Panel. My name is apparently also listed on your website,
>and I'd like it removed from there as well. I also request that you
>provide Don McIsaac, the Council's Executive Director, with written
>clarification regarding my lack of involvement in the socioeconomic
>analysis. As I'm sure you'll agree, we all have too many substantive
>issues on our plate to be distracted by misunderstandings like this.

>Thank you. --Cindy Thomson

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