

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
STATUS OF MARINE RESERVES PROPOSALS FOR
CHANNEL ISLAND NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) discussed information presented by Council staff on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) marine reserves process. The GAP also reviewed a draft of the Scientific and Statistical Committee's report on its subcommittee analysis of CINMS scientific data. The GAP appreciates the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) sharing their draft report.

After reviewing the SSC report, the majority of the GAP interprets it to mean there is no scientific rationale for establishing a marine protected area in the CINMS comprising 30% to 50% of the CINMS area.

A minority of the GAP supports the full SSC report as drafted.

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