

## UPDATE ON OTHER MARINE PROTECTED AREA ACTIVITIES

Situation: This update on ongoing marine protected areas (MPAs) activities covers the following areas:

1. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) MPA Planning.
  2. Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) Marine Reserves Process.
  3. NOAA Meeting on Integration of MPA Science with Fisheries Management.
  4. MPA Workshop to be Held in Seattle on March 27.
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1. The **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary** has developed a set of proposed action plans as part of the central California Sanctuaries' Joint Management Plan Review process. The plans relate to MPAs, bottom trawling effects on benthic habitats, krill harvesting, fishing-related research and education, and protection of Davidson Seamount. Staff from the MBNMS will provide a brief overview of MPA planning efforts in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary's MPA Action Plan is included (Exhibit H.2.b, MBNMS Report.) The Council also received public comment related to MBNMS (Exhibit H.2.e, Public Comment).
  2. **CINMS Marine Reserves Process.** The CINMS is in the process of preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on marine reserves in the federal waters of CINMS. It is likely that a draft of the portion of the EIS describing the range of alternatives will be ready for review by the Ad Hoc Channel Islands Marine Reserve Committee before the June 2004 Council meeting. A review of the process and schedule for this effort may be available at the April 2004 Council meeting.
  3. **NOAA Meeting on Integration of MPA Science with Fisheries Management.** NOAA held a meeting in Santa Cruz on February 26-27, 2004 to develop terms of reference for a series of workshops to integrate the science of MPAs and fishery management. The meeting was attended by representatives of NMFS Northwest and Southwest Regions, National Ocean Service, Council, Sanctuaries, and Oregon State University. Council staff will provide a brief summary of the meeting. A review of the process and schedule for this effort may be available at the April Council meeting.
  4. The **National Marine Protected Areas Center's Training and Technical Assistance Institute** has developed a one-day workshop for the general public entitled "Understanding Marine Protected Areas." A workshop will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the Seattle Aquarium. The target audience for the workshop is the general public, and the workshop has been designed to be politically neutral. Council staff will be happy to provide more details about the workshop if requested.

### Council Task:

1. **Council Discussion.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit H.2.b, MBNMS Report: MBNMS's Special Marine Protected Areas Action Plan.
2. Exhibit H.2.e, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

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| a. Agendum Overview                                     | Dan Waldeck    |
| b. Report of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary | Huff McGonigal |
| c. Report on NOAA Workshop                              | Dan Waldeck    |
| d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies              |                |
| e. Public Comment                                       |                |
| f. Council Discussion                                   |                |

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