

FEDERAL WATERS PORTION OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY – SCHEDULE UPDATE

Situation: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduled to receive an update from Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) about CINMS development of analytical documents and schedule for consideration of marine reserves within federal waters of CINMS. The most recent schedule revision is shown in exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 1, CINMS Marine Reserves Process Schedule as of November, 2003.

On Tuesday, June 15, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) is scheduled to review preliminary draft CINMS documents that will form a basis of a formal draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) at some point in the future. The SSC will report their initial findings and recommendations to the Council, in the context of providing information for the Council to facilitate discussion of the updated schedule proposed by CINMS. The Habitat Committee (HC) and Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) will also review information from CINMS. Similarly the HC and GAP may provide advice to the Council relative to the updated schedule proposed by CINMS. Preliminary draft CINMS documents that will be reviewed by Council advisory bodies are included under Exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 2.

Based on information provided by CINMS and the advice of the SSC, HC, GAP, the Council should consider how to coordinate with CINMS to meet their proposed schedule. This could include convening the Council's Ad Hoc Channel Islands Marine Reserves Committee in preparation for potential action at the September 2004 Council meeting. Such a meeting would consider the substantive reports of the Council advisory bodies on the CINMS draft documents (including the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) and Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) that would need to review the material after the June Council meeting) and any further information provided by the CINMS, towards a Committee recommendation on the range of proposed management alternatives at the September 2004 Council meeting.

Council Task:

1. Council Discussion and Guidance on CINMS Schedule.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 1: CINMS Marine Reserves Process Schedule as of November, 2003.
2. Exhibit G.1.b, Attachment 2: CINMS Preliminary Draft Analytical Documents (electronic copy on CD-ROM).
3. Exhibit G.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Schedule Update by CINMS Staff
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Council Discussion and Guidance on CINMS Schedule

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