

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
FEDERAL WATERS PORTION OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE  
SANCTUARY

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the report of the Ad Hoc Channel Islands Marine Reserve Committee (CIMRC). The GAP agrees with that report with the following additional comments.

1. Both the GAP and the Scientific and Statistical Committee submitted detailed comments to the CIMRC regarding the data deficiencies in the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for considering marine reserves in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The GAP recommends the Council request the DEIS be re-written to correct those data deficiencies.
2. If the CIMRC is continued, the GAP believes the advisory subpanel representatives should be given full representation, including the opportunity to vote. This is not an unprecedented request, as the same process is followed on other Council committees, including the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System committee.

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