

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FEDERAL WATERS PORTION OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE
SANCTUARY

The Habitat Committee (HC) heard a report on the recent Ad Hoc Channel Islands Marine Reserves Committee (CIMRC) meeting by its representative at the meeting, Mr. Michael Osmond.

The HC discussed the report of the Ad Hoc CIMRC and has the following changes. The HC recommends that in addition to potential fishery benefits and/or impacts, the CINMS Draft Environmental Impact Statement include information about the habitat types for each area that would be protected in the proposed alternatives and the Council-managed species that utilize these habitats.

The HC also recommends the analysis of alternatives outlined in 5a consider a mix of marine reserves with marine conservation areas within the three draft federal alternatives. Such a mix could be drafted utilizing public input that has already been received.

Finally, the HC recommends a permanent non-voting Sanctuary seat be added to the Ad Hoc CIMRC.

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