

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND THE MONTEREY BAY
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the information relating to the above sanctuaries. If the Council wishes to consider fishing regulations for these areas we make the following recommendations:

The Cordell Bank needs to be identified by latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates representing the 50 fathom isobath. This would be consistent with past line enforcement strategies.

In order to eliminate confusion, the EC suggests identifying the specific kinds of gear to be excluded from within the Sanctuary boundary. We believe the Sanctuary should utilize the definitions currently used in the 50 CFR Part 660. We believe their intent is to prohibit the use of bottom trawl and fixed gear with the exception of vertical hook and line.

For the Davidson Seamount within the Monterey Bay Sanctuary, our recommendation is the exclusion of bottom trawl and fixed gear as defined by 50 CFR Part 660. Preferred option one would be a challenge to enforce, due to the restriction of fishing activity below 3,000 feet. It would be the EC's preference to exclude the gear types having potential to impact the bottom. These gear types would be bottom trawl and fixed gear.

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