

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed the summary of options for Council recommendations on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary designation document changes (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1).

The GAP has held numerous meetings on Channel Islands issues over the course of several years. Regardless of the merits (or lack thereof) of various proposals to designate marine reserves around portions of the Channel Islands, the GAP continues to strongly support actions affecting fisheries be taken only by the Council through the processes available to it. The issue of whether or not to create marine reserves is not under debate here; rather it is how you decide to do it, if that is the fisheries management action chosen. The GAP unanimously supports Option 2, recommending no changes to the CINMS designation document.

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