

MOTION FOR  
CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Request/direct PFMC staff to prepare a letter to the Director of NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program that states that the PFMC does not at this time support the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary's proposed Designation Document Revision to allow for the Promulgation of Fishery Regulations necessary for the designation of MPAs within federal waters under the Sanctuary Act. This letter should state that the PFMC has commented previously during the scoping and planning stage of the National Environmental Protection Act's required Environmental Initial Statement preparation process that the Sanctuary must fully evaluate the available avenues to achieve their goals of establishing MPAs in the federal waters portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, including the designation of MPAs by means of existing authorities under, the Magnusson Stevens Sustainable Fisheries Act and as necessary, State of California statute and regulation. The letter should further state that it is recognized by the PFMC that the Sanctuary entered into a partnership with the State of California with the goal being the establishment of contiguous and/or complementary MPAs in both federal and State waters at the Channel Islands. The letter should state that this process was anticipated by the State of California to be completed in a timely manner. The letter should include a statement that should it be determined after a review of the EIS analysis that the broader State/Federal Channel Islands MPA network, can not be achieved through existing authority or that significant delays in the process would occur, the PFMC would consider a limited Designation Document change that would provide for the establishment of federal MPAs as agreed upon through the State/federal MPA partnership process.