

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

The Council has been coordinating with Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) in their development of proposed marine reserves and marine conservation areas within CINMS. Their proposed actions seek to complete a network of reserves and conservation areas “to maintain the natural biological communities, and to protect, where appropriate, restore and enhance natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes.”

The National Marine Sanctuaries (NMSs) Program believes establishment of proposed marine reserves and marine conservation areas would require changes to the CINMS Designation Document. Currently, the CINMS Designation Document does not allow regulation of fisheries by the Sanctuary. Therefore, CINMS distributed a consultation letter dated February 16, 2005 from Mr. Daniel J. Basta, Director, National Ocean Service Office of NMSs to the Council, state, and federal government agencies, and other interested parties requesting input on the proposed changes to the Designation Document within 60 days. This 60-day review period has been timed by the CINMS to coincide with the Council’s March and April 2005 meetings, ending April 15, 2005.

The CINMS Designation Document consultation letter was reviewed by the Council and its Advisory Bodies at the March 2005 Council meeting and can be found with the March Briefing Book materials on the Council web site. At that time, the Council discussed a range of potential Council responses to the Designation Document changes and directed Council staff to summarize this range for review and comment at the April meeting (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1).

Council Task:

- 1. Review the range of Council responses to the CINMS Designation Document consultation letter and consider adopting a response.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: Summary of Possible Options for Council Recommendations on CINMS Designation Document Changes.
2. Agenda Item G.1.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the Sanctuary Staff
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Final Recommendations on the Designation
Document Consultation Letter

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