

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT
CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

The Habitat Committee (HC) understands that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is conducting an internal review and analysis to determine the most appropriate mechanism to establish fishing regulations within National Marine Sanctuaries (including evaluation of existing state rules). We expect the analysis will help us understand the relative effects of fishing regulation options on habitat, especially relating to scope and permanence of measures. Once the NOAA analysis is complete in mid-October, the HC will be ready to provide input at the direction of Council to aid preparation of sanctuary fishing regulations.

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