COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) met October 5, 2005 in La Jolla California and reviewed the available materials in support of the Council's decision and was briefed by Council staff on Council recommendations from the September 2005 Council meeting. The CPSMT notes the anticipated determination on the viability of achieving the goals and objectives of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary under the existing authorities of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and the State of California was not available.

The CPSMT agreed that management of fisheries and fishing activity occurring within the proposed sanctuary boundaries, under any alternative, is best achieved through the MSA and the Council process.

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