

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (CINMS)

The Habitat Committee's (HC) concerns are addressed through the mechanism proposed by Vice Admiral Lautenbacher's letter of October 19, 2005 (Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 2).

With respect to protection of habitat and ecosystems, it is unclear to the HC whether there is a difference in habitat/ecosystem protection under Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) or National Marine Sanctuaries Act jurisdiction. In some cases, overlapping jurisdictions may be necessary to fully protect ocean ecosystems.

We urge the Council to seek mechanisms to address ecosystem management concerns through the MSA over the long term.

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