

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

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) met via conference call September 6, 2006 and reviewed the available materials and was briefed by Council staff on an action to close fishing above habitat areas of particular concern within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS).

The CPSMT reiterated its concern that management of fisheries and fishing activity occurring within the proposed sanctuary boundaries is best achieved through the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Council process, and where appropriate, the state of California. The CPSMT opposes extending CINMS authority to include management of fisheries, given of the precedent established by such an action, as well as replication of existing conservation and management authorities and costs, and finally, the potential to confound both the research and enforcement efforts that will be needed to monitor the status of the newly designated marine protected areas.

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