

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON THE NATIONAL
MARINE SANCTUARIES COORDINATION REPORT

The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) thanks Dr. Lisa Wooninck for providing a webinar presentation on the National Marine Sanctuaries (NMS) Coordination Report on February 21, 2018. She outlined the NMS Program's goals for the report, which include 1) improve communication with the Council; 2) share information; 3) provide an update on NMS activities and priorities; and 4) stimulate opportunities for partnership activities.

The CPSMT considers the report to be very comprehensive and informative, and it meets these goals. The report provides a useful update on the process and status of potential designations for recently proposed sanctuaries and the status of management plan reviews for existing sanctuaries. The CPSMT appreciates and supports NMS efforts to utilize information and undertake activities in common with the Council, such as the NMFS Integrated Ecosystem Assessment and Essential Fish Habitat designations. Such complementary and coordinated efforts are mutually beneficial in achieving sustainable fisheries and ecosystem function.

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