CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON PRELIMINARY PREFERRED MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR 2023-2024

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) from California Department of Wildlife (CDFW) have identified another waypoint in need of correction upon additional review of the 100 fm Non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (NT-RCA) boundary line currently specified in regulations off Anacapa Island of the Northern Channel Islands in the Southern California Bight. The EC from CDFW request the new latitudes and longitudes identified in Table 1 be included with #2 on the Action Item Checklist - RCA coordinate updates as a preliminary preferred alternative.

The waypoint identified cuts off a portion of the 100 fathom depth contour on the east end of Anacapa Island. There is approximately one square mile of the 100 fathom depth contour that lies seaward of the RCA boundary line specified in regulation. This open area creates confusion among anglers and strains enforcement resources. The proposed modification would better align the RCA boundary line with the depth contour, lessening the burden to enforcement resources.

Table 1. Proposed modification to the Channel Islands 100 fathom Rockfish Conservation Area boundary, east of Anacapa Island.

Fathom Line	Waypoint Number	Action	Old Lat Deg	Old Lat Min	Old Long Deg	Old Long Min	New Lat Deg	New Lat Min	New Long Deg	New Long Min
100	10	Move	34	2.93	119	18.06	34	2.97	119	16.89