

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary



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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is Volume II of the revised draft management plan for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS). Volume I, the Draft Management Plan (DMP), contains information about the Sanctuary's environment and resources, staffing and administration, priority management issues and actions proposed to address them over the next five years, and performance measures. Volume II, the DEIS, evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the Sanctuary's proposed actions, i.e., the proposed revisions and additions to CINMS regulations. The Sanctuary's proposed actions and several other alternative actions are described in Chapter 2 of this DEIS. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the lead agency for this proposed project.

This EIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations, 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508. The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare this EIS (64 FR 31528) is provided in Appendix A.1 of this document.

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