

**CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Sanctuary Advisory Council 2009 Work Plan**

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Possible SAC Activities</i>	<i>Comments/Notes</i>	<i>Priority High, Medium, Low¹</i>
1. <u>LARGE CETACEANS AND SHIPPING</u>			
1a. Ship Strikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC Subcommittee and Sanctuary Education Team to develop long-term recommendations for addressing ship strikes to whales in the Santa Barbara Channel 		H
2. <u>ENERGY PROJECTS</u>			
2a. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive periodic reports from staff on status of Clearwater Port proposed project • Advisory Council and working groups to comment on Clearwater Port draft EIS/EIR, if released this year • SAC to support/co-host possible educational forum on LNG (as was done in 2005 for Cabrillo Port project) 		M
2b. Wind and Wave Energy Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to review information, or receive presentations, about emerging wave or wind energy proposals within the CINMS marine region. Develop comments as appropriate. 		M
3. <u>FISHERIES EDUCATION</u>			
3a. Sanctuary Education and Outreach on Fishing within CINMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing representatives (commercial and recreational) provide educational talks to the SAC, including information on new California halibut trawl fishery gear that causes lower bottom contact impacts • SAC fishing reps. advise CINMS on Sanctuary-related fishing facts for use in educational products 		M
4. <u>MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION</u>			
4a. Prioritization of Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to provide advice on prioritization of action plan strategies and activities 		M

¹ Rankings based on 15 Council member surveys received in January 2009. High = very important priority for Council action/agenda time; Medium = important to receive some Council agenda time; Low = to be placed on meeting agenda only if time allows.

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5. <u>MARINE ACOUSTICS</u>			
5a. Ongoing Developments responsive to SAC Recommendations on Marine Acoustics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive periodic updates on CINMS acoustic monitoring projects from Dr. John Hildebrand and colleagues • Invite shipping industry representative to provide a presentation to the SAC on industry efforts to mitigate vessel noise impacts 		L
6. <u>MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)</u>			
6a. Biological monitoring program for existing Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Dept. of Fish and Game to present information on 2009 planned monitoring activities and preliminary results (as in years past), soliciting SAC feedback/comments. 		H
6b. Socio-economic monitoring program for Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC and public to receive periodic reports on monitoring program implementation 		M
6c. Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive MLPA Initiative process status reports, primarily to understand implications for the Channel Islands MPA network. 		H
7. <u>WATER QUALITY</u>			
7a. CINMS Response to SAC Recommendations on Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive periodic reports from staff (or invited partners) on progress toward addressing the SAC water quality recommendations from Sept 2005 • Receive educational presentations from staff or invited partners on Sanctuary water quality topics, including Channel Keeper report on CINMS water quality characterization 		H
7b. Clean Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a boater focus group to develop advice, for SAC consideration, on effective ways to promote clean boating within CINMS, including raising awareness of and compliance with the CINMS discharge regulation. 		M

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8. CLIMATE CHANGE EFFECTS			
8a. Ocean Acidification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive periodic progress reports from staff on efforts to pursue Advisory Council recommendations contained with the Council's 2008 report on Ocean Acidification • Provide advice on development of CINMS education strategies, messages, and audiences. 		H
8b. Carbon Budget Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee to resume work on the Council-supported "carbon budget for CINMS" as part of the ONMS Clean Seas/Green Communities project. 	<i>Note: funding limitations have slowed progress on this, and will be a limiting factor affecting the pace and scope of this work.</i>	L
9. EDUCATION CENTERS AND EXHIBITRY			
9a. UCSB Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC members to learn about and provide feedback on the new CINMS office building and education center being designed and built on the campus of UCSB. 		L
9b. Boating Instruction and Safety Center (Channel Islands Harbor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on this new center and solicitation of SAC input on CINMS signage/exhibits/programs planned for the new center 		L
10. OTHER			
10a. Chumash Education and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chumash Community Working Group to work with staff to understand and help shape the Chumash cultural components of Sanctuary programs; discuss and inform the Advisory Council 		L
10b. Sanctuary-Wide Integrated Monitoring (SWIM) Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive and discuss final SWIM report, when ready. Advise staff on use of the report. 		M
10c. SAC Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Council retreat in spring or fall 2009 		L

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10d. SAC Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide SAC Chair with input on issues of concern to be raised at 2009 SAC Summit (May 4-7, 2009) • If asked to present a case study at that meeting, assist the Chair in preparing to present an ocean acidification presentation. 		M
10e. Communications and Partnership with Monterey Bay NMS Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC members can join the MBNMS Advisory Council at their October meeting in Cambria to discuss common interests/issues 		L
10f. Oxygen Minimum Zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Council with an educational talk. Understand the linkages to plankton blooms, and Humboldt squid. 		L
10g. Shipping Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all impacts to the marine environment in/around CINMS associated with shipping. Consider convening an expert panel to speak on this. 		M
10h. Signage and Wildlife Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the issues (in particular, the inappropriate feeding of seabirds) and identify potential solutions. Discuss the role of signage in helping to protect Sanctuary wildlife, including seabirds and marine mammals. 		M
10i. Abalone issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit input from the SAC on black abalone critical habitat (working with NOAA Fisheries), and provide the Council with information on other abalone issues (reds, whites). 		H