Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

September 16, 2016

Advisory Council Expresses Support for Saving Local Data Buoy
Members present for the July 15th, 2016 public meeting of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voted unanimously to express concern about the impending loss of a local marine data buoy located off Goleta Point in the Santa Barbara Channel. In the approved letter, which will be sent to leaders of relevant state, federal and university organizations that have all had a history of either providing funding for the buoy or utilizing the data it reports, the council lists a variety of important services the buoy uniquely supports. The council calls on letter recipients to work together to find funding for ongoing operation and maintenance of the buoy.

Advisory Council Sets Public Meeting Schedule for 2017
Members of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council voted unanimously at their September 16th, 2016 meeting to adopt the following meeting schedule for 2017:

- Jan 20, 2017 – Santa Barbara
- March 17, 2017 -- Ventura
- May 19, 2017 – Santa Barbara
- July 21, 2017 -- Oxnard
- Sept 15, 2017 – Santa Barbara
- Nov 17, 2017 -- Ventura

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils

August 25, 2016

The advisory councils for Cordell Bank and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries met jointly on August 25, and at that meeting, the councils unanimously agreed to have the two chairs send a letter supporting the nomination of Greater Farallones, Cordell Bank and Monterey Bay national marine sanctuaries, as part of a “California Current Conservation Complex World Heritage Site,” for inclusion in the tentative list of places to consider for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site status. Following the meeting, the letter was sent to Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service (NPS). The NPS coordinates the United States list of proposed sites for submitted to UNESCO.
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

August 19, 2016

Letter of Support to be Considered Regarding World Heritage Site Nomination
A motion was made to consider a letter of support for World Heritage site nomination at the October MBNMS Advisory Council meeting. The letter was to be drafted and edited prior to the October meeting.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.