

## **Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

July 21, 2017

### **Council Approves Comment Letter on Executive Order 13795**

At their public meeting on July 21, 2017, the CINMS advisory council approved by vote (11 yes, 1 no, 5 abstain) a council comment letter on Executive Order 13795 (Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy). Because of a small (15 square mile) CINMS boundary adjustment implemented in 2007 to allow for square-shaped outer boundaries of four marine reserve areas designated within the sanctuary, the comprehensive review called for by the Executive Order applies to CINMS. Council members considered a draft proposed comment letter on the Executive Order, introduced by conservation seat council member Kristen Hislop. The letter emphasized that the council does not support a rescission of the 2007 CINMS boundary adjustment because that action did not significantly expand the sanctuary, did not have significant impacts on management costs, did follow thorough review protocols, and did not have significant opportunity costs to energy and mineral exploration. Council members discussed the ability, or lack thereof, of federal agency seats to vote on the letter. The connection between the marine reserves establishment and the Executive Order was also addressed by council member Capt. David Bacon, who indicated he could not support the proposed comment letter and fairly represent his recreational fishing constituency.

### **Council Officer Election Results**

At their public meeting on July 21, 2017, the CINMS advisory council unanimously elected the following individuals as members of the Executive Committee:

- Phyllis Grifman, Chair
- Dianne Black, Vice Chair
- Michael Cohen, Secretary

September 15, 2017

### **Council Provides Initial Feedback on CINMS Condition Report**

At their public meeting on July 21, 2017, the CINMS advisory council received a detailed overview of the developing 2018 sanctuary Condition Report. ONMS contractor Jenn Brown presented information and fielded numerous questions. Council feedback was positive, including appreciation expressed by the Chair of the council's Research Activities Panel (RAP) for the responsiveness that ONMS and CINMS staff had shown in responding to RAP comments and suggestions made during a 2009 Condition Report review. Council members were provided an opportunity to volunteer to serve as an individual select-reviewer during the upcoming report review stage.

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## **Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

## **Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

No significant advisory council actions taken this quarter.

## **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

July 10, 2017

### **Letter in support of the proposed California Coastal Commission settlement agreement with CEMEX**

A motion was made to approve a letter in support of the proposed California Coastal Commission settlement agreement with CEMEX. The settlement agreement will lead to the cessation of the sand mining operation in Marina, California. This sand mining operation has caused significant beach erosion, habitat loss, property loss and discharge of pit mine water.

July 19, 2017

### **Letter of public comment to Regulations.gov on the President's Executive Order on National Marine Sanctuaries**

A motion was made to approve a letter of public comment on the President's Executive Order that started a review evaluating national marine sanctuary expansions after 2007. The letter is in support of the inclusion of Davidson Seamount in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) for the value it brings to local communities. MBNMS expanded to include Davidson Seamount in 2009.

## **Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

September 22, 2017

### **Resolution to Support Vessel Incident Working Group's Recommendations**

The OCNMS Advisory Council, by consensus, passed a resolution supporting the Vessel Incident Working Group's (VIWG) recommendations for OCNMS to implement activities designed to reduce or mitigate against future vessel losses in the Sanctuary. The VIWG's nine recommendations were endorsed by the council with a request to include a Gray's Harbor Safety Committee in addition to the recommended Puget Sound Harbor group.