

**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Advisory Council**

**FINAL
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 1998
Radisson Hotel
Santa Barbara, CA**

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) met on Friday, December 11, 1998 at the Radisson Hotel in Santa Barbara. The following members were present:

Business: Rudy Scott	Channel Islands National Park: Tim Setnicka
Citizen-At-Large: Jean-Michel Cousteau	County of Santa Barbara: Dianne Meester
Citizen-At-Large: Marla Daily	County of Ventura: Lyn Krieger
Citizen-At-Large: Craig Fusaro, Ph.D.	Department of Fish and Game: Patricia Wolf
Conservation: Linda Krop	United States Coast Guard: Lt. Rick Sorrel
Education: Dave Long	United States Navy: Ron Dow
Fishing: Bruce Steele	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary: LCDR Edward Cassano
Recreation: Jim Brye	
Research: Leal Mertes, Ph.D.	
Tourism: Holly Lohuis	
California Coastal Commission: Gary Timm	
California Resources Agency: Brian Baird	

The following alternates were present:

Business: Dr. Dan Secord	County of Ventura: Jack Peveler
Citizen-At-Large: Barry Schuyler	Minerals Management Service: Fred Piltz
Citizen-At-Large: Dr. Jeff Auerbach	National Marine Fisheries Service: Marty Golden
Citizen-At-Large: Mick Kronman	United States Coast Guard: Mike Hamerski MST 1
Conservation: Peter Howorth	
Education: Larry Manson	
Recreation: Tony Gibbs	
Research: Matthew Cahn	
Tourism: Michael Finucan	

The following members were absent:

Gulf of the Farallones/Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary: Ed Ueber
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary: William Douros

National Marine Fisheries Service: Jim Slawson
Minerals Management Service: Drew Mayerson

The following alternates were absent:

California Coastal Commission: Jack Ainsworth
California Resources Agency: Melissa Miller-Henson
Department of Fish and Game: Lt. Jorge Gross
United States Navy: Gail Pringle
Fishing: Chris Williams

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, WELCOMING ADDRESS

A) Call to Order, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Sanctuary Manager, Edward Cassano at 8:40 a.m. Sean Hastings conducted the roll call - a quorum was present.

B) Welcoming Address

LCDR Edward Cassano, Sanctuary manager, opened the inaugural meeting with a brief discussion of the CINMS program and role that the SAC will play in furthering the management goals of the Sanctuary. The CINMS primary objective is protecting marine resources, which is outlined in the National Marine Sanctuary Act. Part of what makes the Act successful is the ability to form regional councils in order to seek collaboration on the formation of policy. The SAC will engage both members and alternates due to the overwhelming response of highly qualified individuals to the Council. In order to represent diverse interests and to engage the entire geographical region the alternates are encouraged to participate in SAC discussions. Furthermore, this model will permit and encourage the member/alternates to form caucuses amongst themselves. Jeff Benoit, Director of the Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, (OCRM), has approved all members/alternates under the National Ocean Service within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Ed Cassano concluded by saying that the objective of the SAC is to provide advice to the Sanctuary Manager.

II. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS, SELF- INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

A) Next meeting Proposed Agenda Items

Ed Cassano mentioned items he would like to incorporate into the next meeting agenda:

- Introduction of all CINMS staff and programs
- Nominate and elect the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Secretary
- A public comment time slot that would allow for opinions to be voiced from the public that are pertinent to the SAC

B) Introductions of Members and Alternates (in order presented)

Brian Baird- California Resources Agency, Ocean Program Manager

Mr. Baird has worked with the California Resources Agency since 1993. He is a UCSB, Environmental Studies postgraduate whose thesis was on liquefied natural gas terminal sites. This research introduced him to the Channel Islands and the sensitivity of the area to oil/gas development. He has been involved in many regional and international meetings including the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) SAC, Coastal Zone '97, and recently EXPO98 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Linda - Environmental Defense Center, Senior Attorney- Conservation Seat

The Environmental Defense Center (EDC), a non-profit public interest organization, was founded in 1977 to represent community groups which are dedicated to environmental protection in the tri-county area. EDC represents many sectors involved with marine and coastal issues, including oil/gas development, water quality, fishing, resource protection and land use. EDC has a staff of 14, which are located in the Ventura and Santa Barbara offices.

Ron Dow- US Navy, Director of Environmental Division

Mr. Dow holds a M.S. in Ecology and feels his driving ideology is protectionism. The Environmental Division extends throughout portions of Ventura County and San Nicolas Island, both of which incorporate pristine ecosystems, for example, Point Mugu Lagoon. He feels he can best meet the needs of the SAC in three ways. First, he has experience with resources in this area. Second, he can offer coordination with naval agencies. Third, he can be a liaison to naval policy makers. As the Director of the Environmental Division he hopes to minimize the impacts of the footprint of the agency he represents upon the environment.

Dianne Meester- Santa Barbara County, Manager of Energy Division,
Planning and Development

Ms. Meester holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from UCSB and completed coursework for a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She has worked for the County of Santa Barbara since 1984 in a variety of planning positions providing her a broad background in the field. Ms. Meester currently manages the Energy Division for the Santa Barbara County. She is also an avid diver.

Marla Daily- Santa Cruz Island Foundation (SCIF), President- Citizen-At-Large Seat

Ms. Daily is a UCSB cultural anthropology graduate (Class of '73). She worked at the UCSB Santa Cruz Island field station, and was later hired by Dr. Carey Stanton, who owned 9/10ths of Santa Cruz Island at the time, to catalog his collections and collect oral histories. In 1985, Dr. Stanton founded SCIF. SCIF is a non-profit organization, which

promotes educational and cultural history of all eight Channel Islands. SCIF has an advisory council with 50 members and has published nine Occasional Papers to date. Ms. Daily is also writing a California Channel Islands encyclopedia. Often called a historical detective, Ms. Daily brings to SAC a vast and detailed knowledge of those who preceded us in local Channel Islands history. Ms. Daily hopes this knowledge, and attention to the unfolding of current events, will serve the cultural heritage of the Channel.

Gary Timm- California Coastal Commission (CCC), Director South Central Coast

Mr. Timm has an MA from California State University - Fullerton in Environmental Policy & Planning and has worked at the CCC for 14 years. The Coastal Commission is a planning and regulatory agency of the State of California created to preserve and protect coastal marine and land resources, public access to the coast, coastal recreational opportunities, coastal agriculture and coastal dependent industry. The challenge of working with many competing interests to achieve a balance which is most protective of coastal resources has been the most rewarding aspect of working for the Commission. The South Central Coast District of the CCC has regulatory oversight responsibility over the coastal zone portion of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties including the Channel Islands and the Malibu and Santa Monica Mountains portion of Los Angeles County.

Patricia Wolf - Department of Fish and Game, Southern Marine Manager/Offshore Ecosystem Coordinator

Ms. Wolf graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara with a B.A. in biological sciences, and did graduate studies in marine biology at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories near Monterey. During her 18-year career with the Department of Fish and Game, Wolf worked 14 years as a biologist in marine resources assessment and management, and served 3 years as Regional Manager for the Southern California/Eastern Sierra Region. Currently, she is responsible for managing marine programs in southern California and for coordinating policy coastwide for offshore resources. She is the Department's alternate member on the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

The Department of Fish and Game established the Marine Region in late 1997. The new region has resulted in significant changes, such as the consolidation of marine-related activities, including enforcement, into a single organizational unit; relocation of region headquarters to the coast; implementation of a team-based structure; a focus on collaboration and partnerships; and the adoption of an ecosystem approach to ocean management. This is a new philosophy and direction for the Marine Region. Wolf hopes her involvement with the SAC will enhance the Region's and the Sanctuary's coordination and collaboration efforts.

Mike Hamerski- US Coast Guard Alternate, Marine Science Technician 1 (MST1)

Mr. Hamerski has recently moved to the Santa Barbara area from Kodiak, Alaska and looks forward to discovering more about the region. As a MST 1 or “oil spill policeman”

his duty is waterway management and pollution response. This involves regulating oil platforms, fisherman, on-shore oil, and tourists. He holds a Bachelors degree from Fresno State University, CA in biology.

Peter Howorth- Marine Mammal Center-Alternate Conservation Seat

Peter Howorth has been involved in numerous nonprofit environmental organizations. He was president of the Santa Barbara Undersea Foundation, founding director and president of the Friends of Channel Islands National Park. Howorth has been a staunch supporter of the Nature Conservancy's Santa Cruz Island Project and has been involved in numerous research projects with the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Howorth has been recognized by several awards including the: Conservancy's state service award, a national "E-chievment " award, named a local hero by the Santa Barbara Independent, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network, NOAA environmental Hero and National Environmental Hero by U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer. Howorth is the director of the Marine Mammal Center, founded in 1976, which has earned him both state and federal Senatorial Commendations. His work has been featured in numerous television shows, including Cousteau, Nightly News, KCET and TBS.

Jim Brye- Ventura Yacht Club, Commodore Elect- Recreation Seat

Mr. Brye has a passion for boating and was transplanted many times while in the corporate world. The Ventura Yacht Club has 200 members and is part of a coalition of nine clubs with several thousand members in total. He is hoping to discover a convergence of needs from which the SAC can make the best decisions.

Dr. Dan Secord- OBGYN- -Alternate Business Seat

Dr. Secord received his MD from the University of California and has a BS in biology. He is currently a Councilman for the City of Santa Barbara.

Dr. Jeff Auerbach- - Jewish League for Environmental Awareness- Alternate Citizen-At-Large Seat

Dr. Auerbach has had a reverence for the Channel Islands since visiting Anacapa Island when he was ten years old. In the 90's he became active in a religious movement for environmental protection. The Jewish League for Environmental Awareness is part of an umbrella coalition that incorporates three other religious groups. Professionally he is a Chief Psychologist. He is also Political Chair of the Sierra Club for Ventura/Santa Barbara County. Dr. Auerbach hopes to link the Sanctuary with the faith communities by providing a large volunteer base.

Larry Manson- Ventura College-Alternate Education Seat

Mr. Manson is from the Hawaiian Islands and came to Ventura College in the 70's. He currently teaches history and is on the National Board of Directors for the Surfrider Foundation.

Michael Finucan- Hornet Sport Fishing- Alternate Tourism Seat

Mr. Finucan has been owner/operator of Hornet Sport Fishing since 1986 based out of Santa Barbara Harbor; he has been fishing out of Santa Barbara since 1978. In addition to Charter boat fishing, Mr. Finucan holds a commercial fishing license for lobster, and he is also qualified to teach. He is a member of the Danish Refugee Organization, an honorary member of the Montagnard, and active in the Save the Children Fund. His interests lie in humanitarian efforts and marine education.

Mick Kronman- National Fisherman Magazine, Editor- Alternate Citizens-At-Large Seat

Mick Kronman was raised in Santa Monica and spent his youth fishing, diving and surfing throughout Southern California. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a B.A. in Political Science in 1972, then began a career in fishing. He was a partyboat skipper, then a commercial fisherman before switching to fisheries journalism and consulting. He currently serves as Pacific Bureau Chief of National Fisherman magazine and consults for public agencies and private organizations alike. Mr. Kronman also currently serves as vice chair of Santa Barbara City's Harbor Commission.

Tony Gibbs- Island Magazine, Retired Writer/Editor- Alternate Recreation Seat

Mr. Gibbs is a New Yorker who was fortunate to visit many islands while he was a working with Island magazine. He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Boat Owners Association of the United States and is primarily concerned with boat owner issues.

Marty Golden- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alternate

Mr. Golden holds an M.A. in biology and is a Naval Reserve Officer. NMFS, a sister agency to the CINMS/NOS, has three main program focuses. First, the protection of species, especially marine mammals and protected/endangered species. Second, habitat protection, which is mainly wetlands, but other marine habitats are also incorporated, especially those elevated by the Magnuson –Stevens declaration of critical habitats. Third, fishery management issues, which involves recreational and commercial fishing, international fishing, and working with the California Department of Fish and Game. He stated that conservation is best achieved by public outreach/education, and hopes that the SAC will create new partnerships.

Matthew Cahn- Director Center for Southern California Studies, CSU Northridge- Alternate Research Seat

Matthew Cahn is Director of the Center for Southern California Studies and Associate Professor of Public Policy at California State University Northridge and is Adjunct Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Southern California. His research and teaching focuses on environmental policy issues and California policy processes. He is currently involved with the development of the new CSU campus in Channel Islands.

Craig Fusaro, Ph.D.- Director Joint oil/fisheries liaison office - Citizen-At-Large Seat

Dr. Craig Fusaro was appointed to an At-Large seat on the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Dr. Fusaro came to Santa Barbara in 1971 to study marine science after receiving his Bachelor's in Biological Science from San Jose State University and Moss Landing Marine Laboratory. His dissertation work focused on environmental cues controlling population structure of the common sand crab, *Emerita analoga*, on both Santa Cruz Island and mainland populations. Currently, Dr. Fusaro is the Director of the Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office, an interindustry communications and conflict resolution program in the Santa Barbara Channel and Santa Maria Basin. He has also been an instructor of Environmental Biology at Santa Barbara City College since 1981, and a lecturer in Ocean

Resource Management in the Bren Graduate School of Environmental Science and Management at U.C. Santa Barbara. Dr. Fusaro brings 16 years of experience in mediating disparate points of view to the Advisory Council process.

Bruce Steele- Sea Urchin Diver- Fishing Seat

Mr. Steele pointed out that the ocean was in a constant flux, shown by the strength of surrounding currents and the nature of pelagic organisms. He also said that there is important anthropological evidence in and around the islands that needs to be considered. Mr. Steele expressed his views on the bottom-up approach to management, which focus on the micro-processes. He has worked with the CA Dept. of Fish and Game on several occasions and hopes that, given the 50% reduction in commercial fishermen, economic aspects are taken into account.

Holly S. Lohuis- Island Packers- Tourism Seat

Ms. Lohuis holds a UCSB degree in marine biology and works full-time as a marine educator / naturalist with Island Packers, a boat concessionaire to the Channel Islands National Park. With an average annual passenger load of 35,000 visitors (almost a third that are students who participate in IPCO's Floating Classroom Program), Island Packers recognizes the tremendous responsibility of not only providing transportation services to the Channel Islands, but providing educational excursions that instill in the passengers a desire to best protect unique places such as the CINMS and the CINP. She sees the SAC as the perfect bridge between conservation management and public education and support.

Barry Schuyler- Santa Barbara Maritime Museum- Alternate Citizen-At-Large Seat

Arent H. Schuyler, Jr., “Barry”, is a retired faculty member from the Environmental Studies Program at UCSB. He has a doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering from UCLA and his research has been on the hazards of marine traffic and oil operations in the Santa Barbara Channel. He has sailed the Channel for many years and at present he is chairman of the Trustees of the newly formed Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

Fred Piltz-Minerals Management Service (MMS)-Alternate

Dr. Piltz was born in 1948 in Riverside, California and grew up in Southern California living on or near the coast. He attended the UC Irvine and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1970. He went on to California State University Long Beach and graduated in 1974 with a Masters of Arts in Biology, and then moved to the University of Southern California where he completed his Ph.D. in 1979. Dr. Piltz’s research interests focus on evolutionary genetics, environmental impact assessment, and marine invertebrate taxonomy. Dr. Piltz joined the Department of the Interior in 1979 with the Environmental Studies Program and he has been Chief of the Section since 1984. He has served on several National Research Council reviews as an agency liaison. He has chaired scientific committees for the State of the Santa Monica Bay Report and Pacific Northwest Outer Continental Shelf Task Force (Oregon, Washington, Northwest Indian Tribes, and Minerals Management Service).

Dave Long- Cabrillo High School Aquarium (CHSA)- Education Seat

Mr. Long moved to Lompoc in 1964 and has been diving since 1952. He once worked with the continent of Oceania in Amateur Sports and has seen the sea change over his lifetime. He and the Cabrillo High School Aquarium are attempting to bring the K-12 together to use the ocean as a catalyst for education. This technique has received national attention as well as demonstrated the need for a new facility. His group is a member of the Marine Educators Regional Alliance (MERA) and he invites the SAC to see the CHSA students and the program in operation. He hopes that the SAC will develop a strong curriculum, implement educational programs, and increase public awareness.

Jean-Michel Cousteau- Jean-Michel Cousteau Institute- Citizen-At-Large Seat

Mr. Cousteau is from the South of France and has witnessed the destruction of the pristine waters where he grew up. He noted that certain fish, that were once considered by-catch in this area, have taken the place of marketable fish, due to over exploitation. He is dedicated to better understanding the ocean and using varying techniques to convey his findings. Producing films, publishing books/articles, and creating software are a few of his mediums. Mr. Cousteau has also been instrumental in the Free Willy (KEIKO)

Project and teamed up with the Natural Resources Defense Council to stop the Mitsubishi Corporation salt extraction project in Baja. Mr. Cousteau fears that the SAC has great intentions but nothing will come of it, adding that the SAC represents the best chance we have to address ocean conservation issues.

Tim Setnicka- Channel Islands National Park Service (CINPS), Superintendent

Mr. Setnicka pointed out that the Park was very young, going on its 22 year and that its mission is tied to that of the Department of Interior. Hence, it has different mandates and legal requirements than that of the Sanctuary. He also offered that multiple-use principle creates inherent conflict, using the juxtaposition the Yosemite National Park with its buffer zone and the CINP as an example. The CINP is also currently going through a general plan re-write, which must take a stand on preservation. In mentioning the weather station on Anacapa Island and zonal fishing, Mr. Setnicka concluded that it is good to have consensus, but that decisions have to be made.

Rudy Scott- Jordano's Incorporated- Business Seat

Mr. Scott represents a third generation wholesale beverage and food service distribution company founded in 1915. These businesses serve San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, primarily as the leading local distributor. Mr. Scott graduated from Humboldt State College with degrees in animal behaviouralism and fishery sciences. Subsequent to this he graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a Masters Degree in Education. He has a background in commercial fishing as well as managing a sportfishing business in Morro Bay and San Simeon, Calif. Mr. Scott brings a working business background and perspective to the Advisory Council.

LCDR Edward Cassano- CINMS, Manager

LCDR Cassano noted that the Cousteau family had awoken him to the many passions the ocean can reveal. He has spent many years on the ocean, on schooners, research platforms, and NOAA vessels. He has worked on dolphin and sea turtle research. He has been in the NOAA Corps since '86 and became CINMS manager in 1995.

Lt. Rick Sorrel- United States Coast Guard

Lt. Sorrel is very pleased to be part of the SAC and looks forward to taking part.

Leal Mertes, Ph.D.- UCSB- Research Seat

Dr. Mertes has been in Santa Barbara for eight years. She has studied the Amazon River basin and the Santa Cruz Island small river systems as a geomorphologist. She is currently developing a GIS database and hopes to bring research expertise to the SAC.

Lyn Krieger- County of Ventura Harbor Department

Ms. Krieger hopes that the SAC will balance interests.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alex Janesis- Introduced himself as a 15-year boater, who for the last eight years has been General Manager of the Santa Barbara Sailing Center. He is concerned about two items, helping the harbor people, namely with their commercial interests, and the recent development surrounding the Makah Native Americans whale hunting initiative. He believes that if hunting whales is allowed, then Gray Whale behavior and migratory patterns might be altered to the detriment of the whale watching industry.

Discussion followed.

Ed Cassano noted that the first point made by Mr. Janesis was not a Sanctuary issue, however, the second issue on whaling may be considered for a future SAC meeting.

Steve Dunn-Santa Barbara- Mr. Dunn, a local Santa Barbara fisherman, commented that water quality issues do not recognize the politically delineated boundaries of the Sanctuary. For example, the surrounding watersheds reach from the top of the mountains to the deep ocean. He stated that a holistic water flow approach would need to consider run-off/creek contamination from Punta Conejo to Point Conception, the area he considered the entire Southern California Bight. His reasoning for this more expansive view was the transitory nature of pelagic larvae. He also noted the ineffectiveness of CEQA and the EPA to consider large scale impacts.

Discussion followed.

Brian Baird did not necessarily believe that expansion of the Sanctuary boundary was required to address water quality issues. He suggested inviting Steve Weisberg, with the So. Calif. Coastal Water Research Project to brief the Council on water quality assessments in the Bight.

Mike Lunsford- Gaviota Coastal Conservancy (GCC), Outreach Chair- Mr. Lunsford discussed the GCC interest in National Seashore Designation for the Gaviota Coast. At some point the GCC would like to make a presentation to the SAC. He also hoped that Timothy Tyndall from the Regional Alliance of Information Networking (RAIN) could be allowed to speak about some of his ideas.

Discussion followed.

- Leal Mertes announced that the Council should involve everyone by actively inviting individuals to Council meetings.
- Marla Daily believed the SAC should go beyond just notifying the general public, sending SAC meeting notices directly to individuals.
- Mr. Lunsford voiced a similar sentiment calling for a collaborative effort.

- Linda Krop suggested that the Council should publicize/disclose Council affairs by engaging the media ahead of time, asking for an assigned reporter, and getting the word out. She also mentioned that she was a member of the GCC.
- Marty Golden suggested that e-mailing be an avenue for dissemination of information.
- Ed Cassano mentioned that CINMS was going to incorporate the entire group into an e-mail list serve primarily and use facsimile as well.
- Dave Long suggested that members/alternates be used as a mechanism to get information out, and the Santa Barbara Education office.
- Gary Timm added that there needs to be a filter for issues presented to the Council, so as to keep on track.
- Peter Howorth suggested establishing criteria for what and how the public can comment, and suggested that there be a sign up sheet that asks for the subject to be presented.

IV- PRESENTATION: SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE, RESOURCES AGENCY INVOLVEMENT IN MAJOR ISSUES (SEE MEETING HANDOUT)

A) SAC Experience

Mr. Baird's presentation centered on the key issues regarding the Resources Agency participation in the MBNMS SAC. The overall message was that the SAC provides an excellent forum to address key management issues in the region. Sanctuary Personnel and SAC members have provided an invaluable resource for the Resources Agency to identify and respond to key issues regarding research, conservation, enforcement, and education needs within the region. He cited the following presentations where the Resources Agency and the SAC were involved. The National Ocean Governance Study Group- Ocean Conference 1994, California's Ocean Resources: An Agenda for the Future, California World Ocean 1997, Coastal Zone 1997, and EXPO98 Year of the Ocean.

B) Resources Agency Involvement in Major Issues

- Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Colony- Concern for the safety of tourists and the Elephant Seals fostered emergency action from the Agency. They awarded \$75,000 to the Elephant Seal Docent program for enforcement and containment, thus creating a means to safely experience the species.
- Jade Cove- Successfully participated on a committee that encouraged limiting the collection of this mineral and provided a write-up of the issue in California's Ocean Resources: An Agenda for the Future.

- Cooperative Enforcement within the MBNMS- Established a way with which the Sanctuary Foundation could accept private funds to enhance enforcement and established a cooperative enforcement Program for the MBNMS between federal and state agencies.
- ATOC Shark Chumming Water Quality Program- The Resources Agency's departments such as the CA Coastal Commission, Fish And Game provided key input regarding prohibiting shark chumming in the MBNMS.

Discussion followed.

- Linda Krop mentioned that water quality is a CINMS issue, just as it is a MBNMS issue.
- Fred Piltz asked how the SAC would react to sensitive areas, questioning the format for public input.
- Mr. Baird stated that the SAC public comment period facilitates all discussion under the purview of the SAC chair.

V- BRIEFING: LOGISTICS

LCDR Edward Cassano asked all participants to turn to their Advisory Council Charter and go through it section by section. The following are the main points raised.

A) Members and Officers-

- The Sanctuary Manager or a designee must be at the SAC meetings.
- MBNMS and the Gulf of the Farallones/ Cordell Bank are not required to attend, but are in place to provide continuity amongst California Sanctuaries.
- All Sanctuary Managers are non-voting.

B) Administration

- The first order of business at the next meeting will be to elect the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Secretary. The Chair officially represents the SAC. Voting is cast in written format and will be tallied immediately after.
- CINMS will provide lunch for members and alternates.
- CINMS will cover travel costs for non-government members and alternates beyond a certain distance. Distance to be determined.
- CINMS will provide staff to draft minutes, correspondence, etc... The appointed Secretary will work with the staff member to prepare them.

C) Operation

- Advice is to be given by a majority vote, negative votes or abstentions will be noted, or given by general consensus reached during discussion, with minority opinions noted.
 - If the member is not available then the alternate will have voting privilege.
 - Only the assigned alternate will replace the member.

- If member and respective alternate not present during vote, their vote is lost, or vote may be pushed to a later date.
- The SAC can advise outside of the CINMS, only with approval of the Sanctuary Manager and SAC Chair.
- The Council's opinions and or findings do not necessarily reflect the position of CINMS or NOAA.
- Advice is to be provided in a written recommendation or a motion passed and reflected in the minutes.
- Section 4, calls for official SAC letterhead to be used in all SAC documents.
- Section 5, sub-committees and working groups are to fulfill different roles.
 - Sub-committees are composed only of member/alternates to the SAC.
 - Working groups may utilize outside expertise, but must be chaired by a member of the SAC.
 - Both will be useful to broaden constituency base.

Discussion and questions followed.

- Ed Cassano pointed out that the Marine Educators Regional Alliance (MERA) and the Research Activity Panel (RAP) are good working group models for education and research. He also put on the table an idea for a cultural working group.
- Tim Setnicka voiced concern as to how far a field the working groups could be and advised defining the nature of working groups.
- Can an alternate member bring an issue to the Council? Yes
- Can an at-large alternate fill the seat if an at-large member and the designated alternate are not present? No, like the other seats, the alternates are assigned directly to a specific member and can not fill another member's seat.
- Can alternates participate on sub-committees? Yes

D) Amending the Charter, Mechanism for Charter Change:

Ed Cassano stated that the Council could assign new public seats if, by majority vote and Sanctuary Manager approval, it was deemed necessary for balanced representation.

Discussion followed.

- Ed Cassano noted that for example, if an expansion of the Sanctuary boundaries did occur, that there would be a way to expand representation of oil or cultural interests within the SAC.
- Fred Piltz questioned what other industries might be affected by Sanctuary policy, citing the difference between business and industry.
- Ed stated that in formulating the SAC he had envisioned business/industry as a single package.
- Bruce Steele also commented on this issue, asking whether or not the oil business was the same as the fishing business.
- Ed stated that the business seat captured the oil interests as well as industrial interests.
- Marty Golden commented that he liked the inclusion of the alternate, due to the loss of continuity when switching occurred.

- Mick Kronman raised a point about recording the meetings for future prosperity and historical reference. Several different views arose to the pros and cons of this. Marla Daily supported the recording of SAC meetings as a means of capturing an audio history.

V. DISCUSSION: SCHEDULING NEXT MEETINGS

Meetings will be held every other month so as to alternate with the MBNMS Advisory Council. The meetings will attempt to switch from Santa Barbara to Ventura every other meeting.

Suggested Locations and Dates:

- Santa Barbara-Chase Palm Park- Thursday, February 25, 1999
- Ventura-March 26, 1999
- Santa Barbara-Chase Palm Park- May 20, 1999
- Sanctuary Trip proposed- July 22, 1999
- Santa Barbara, September 30, 1999

It was proposed that the February agenda also include:

A paper or handout that clarifies the multiple jurisdictions in the Sanctuary.
Sanctuary Research and Education agendas.
Handout relevant reading to members prior to meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Race
Advisory Council Administrator