Attendance:
- Robert Valney & Howard Beyers: Seabiscuit Sportfishing
- Monica Baker: Island Packers
- Sandy Delano: Ventura Harbor Village
- Cameron Benson: Environmental Defense

Scoping Comments:

- Outreach is not successful; there is not enough lead time.
- Fishermen filing for bankruptcy and laying off crew members.
- Guys are disgusted with the process; sour on the whole thing.
- The frustration is high in all harbors.
- Quotes:
  “Not another inch of Reserves”
  “Damage is done!”
  “We’re getting hit from all sides by Federal and State agencies.”
  “Trickle down of Reserves impacts on Restaurants and Hotels.”
- Sandy Delano, Ventura Port District:
  “It’s very confusing as to what is closed and what is not. This causes fishermen to refrain from making reservations on Charter Boats.”
  “Prime fishing areas are closed. This has impacted 40% of my business”
- Reluctant to continue to be involved because they feel that their voice is lost.
- Where does commercial fishing fit in to the CINMS equation?
- Budget cuts at a Federal level: How will CINMS pay for expanding the Reserves?
  “Have not given the existing Reserves a chance to prove their effectiveness.”
  “There would be a lot more fishing going on in deeper waters if the Department of Fish and Game allowed us to.”
- Rockfish in winter: complete fishery $
- Sea Bass in deeper water
- There are areas 6 miles out that are shallower than 300’ and good fishing grounds.
- Congestion in open areas and increased pressure may impact other species.
- On the water businesses (Captain) perspective is important
- Industry in North waters (WA, OR) in CINMS
- Account for economic cycles considering the discretionary income trends in the past (i.e. 1992) and present.
- Analyze the general economic climate relative to the economy of fishing industries (especially sport fishing)
- Economic/Environmental impacts of fishing boats shifting to wildlife/tourism business.
- Determine the extent of economic hardship caused by MPA- comparison of revenue prior to and subsequent to April closures.
- Maritime insurance example: In 4 years the number of boats insured dropped from 670 to less than 100.
- License sales decrease, purchase date in June related to rockfish closure?
- Public perception is that all of the Sanctuary is closed.
- DFG is operating like the secret service.
- Private boaters are uninformed and fish in closed areas unknowingly.
- Concern over Warden power.
- Gap in the organizations that are implementing resource protection.
  ~lots of “small” regulations
  ~cutting things up into bits and pieces
  ~i.e. depth, gear, area restrictions
“take a hard look at existing regulations from all regulatory agencies and determine whether Federal Reserves are needed.”
- Can there be some “give” not just “take”
  “in search of cooperation”—commercial fishermen
“More reserves do not work as illustrated by areas with 20 year protection”
“Marketing outreach is not getting the word out about the success of Reserves”—reopening closed areas
- Work with other agencies to reduce the impact of Fishermen
- Simplify and condense regulations and information
- IP is not feeling negative impacts
- Tourists are confused about the Scorpion Anchorage
- Gull/Carrington/ANI importance of seasonality (2-3 week periods) w/respect to fishing areas/SBI [Oct/Nov]/Scorpion Anchorage
- Who owns Sanctuary water?
- Should there be a polling of the general public interests?