



# HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary is undergoing a management plan review. The revised management plan will be informed by current issues and knowledge, and will help the sanctuary continue to protect natural and cultural resources.

**DEC. 17**

NOAA published the draft management plan and draft environmental assessment, kicking off a public comment period.

**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

Sanctuary management welcomes your input about the draft plan during a public comment period through February 24, 2022.



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Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary protects 1,470 square miles of ocean waters around the Northern Channel Islands: Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel, and Santa Barbara islands. A special place for endangered species, sensitive habitats, historic shipwrecks, and cultural resources, the sanctuary provides protection through research, education, conservation, and stewardship.

## We invite you to submit comments in one of several ways:

- **Submit online comments** at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), using docket number NOAA-NOS-2019-0110.
- **Provide comments at virtual public meetings:** details and registration information can be found at [channelislands.noaa.gov/manage/plan/revision.html](http://channelislands.noaa.gov/manage/plan/revision.html).
- **Written public comments may be mailed to:**  
Attn: Public Comment  
NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary  
UCSB Ocean Science Education Building 514  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

**Sanctuary management will consider public comments, then prepare a final management plan and environmental assessment.**

# PROPOSED ACTION PLANS

Action plans detail specific strategies and activities to address priority conservation and management issues and to implement core sanctuary programs over the coming decade.

## The draft management plan is composed of 10 proposed action plans:

- Climate Change
- Marine Debris
- Vessel Traffic
- Introduced Species
- Zone Management
- Education and Outreach
- Research and Monitoring
- Resource Protection
- Cultural Resources and Maritime Heritage
- Operations and Administration

## Sanctuary Regulations

- No changes to sanctuary regulations are proposed with the draft management plan.
- Staff have not identified the need for any changes to sanctuary regulations at this time, but modifications may be considered in the future.



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For more information on the management plan review process and to access the full documents, visit [channelislands.noaa.gov](https://channelislands.noaa.gov)