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.

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

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

• Submit online comments at 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.

• 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.

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

For more information on the management plan review process and to access the full documents, visit channelislands.noaa.gov
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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