

Appendix C

Notes from Independent Scoping Meetings

C.1.1. Notes from USDI's Minerals Management Service (MMS), Pacific Regional Office Meeting

LOCATION: Camarillo, CA

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 29, 2002, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

- Rick Hanks, California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) Manager, BLM
- Dr. J. Lisle Reed, Pacific Regional Director, MMS
- Ellen Aronson, Special Assistant to Regional Director, MMS
- Tom Dunaway, Regional Supervisor, Office of Field Operations, MMS
- Dr. Maher Ibrahim, Regional Supervisor, Production, Development, & Resource Evaluation, OPORC, MMS
- Dick Wilhelmsen, Regional Supervisor, Office of Environmental Evaluation, MMS
- Drew Mayerson, Geologist, MMS
- Mark Pierson, Wildlife Biologist, MMS

NOTES:

- Lisle Reed said that MMS has had good interactions with NPS (primarily the Channel Islands National Park) and the National Marine Sanctuary (Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary), including joint educational programs and sharing helicopter use with NPS (cost reimbursable).
- MMS also has maintained a good working relationship with the oil and gas industry.
- L. Reed sees two main needs for the CCNM:
 1. Develop a system of “categories” for the rocks (e.g., “important” and “not so important”); and
 2. Avoid creating another “large” problem area that could keep other agencies (e.g., MMS) from carrying out their missions; sensitivity should not bear more weight than other surrounding resource values; avoid setting up something that can be used in “gamesmanship.”

- L. Reed added a caution: Focus on protection above mean high tide and we need to define what the management implications are.
- L. Reed also said that the CCNM provides a really good opportunity to coordinate with all groups.
- Reminded that the CCNM should coordinate with Pat Port, USDI environmental officer in Oakland re: oil spill program.
- Need to determine what is the appropriate educational approach for the CCNM and who does it best (e.g., Long Beach Aquarium has an excellent education program that focuses on three distinct marine environments)
- CCNM should be present at the upcoming California and the World's Oceans Conference (Santa Barbara, Oct. 2002).
- L. Reed feels the Coastal America Group, consisting of federal, state, local, and private entities, is a good group to work with because they are "straight shooters."
- CCNM plan components should include:
 - Education
 - Resources
 - Biological
 - Geology
 - Commercial uses
 - Enforcement
 - Historic/Cultural
 - Recreation
 - Human use
- BLM should develop an atlas for the rocks.
- Should contact Lee Thormahlen, MMS Mapping Cadestre, in Denver, the office that is responsible for mapping the state and federal boundaries on the outer continental shelf and setting the boundaries between the states and the international waters.

C.1.2. Notes from Channel Islands National Park (CINP), USDI National Park Service Meeting

LOCATION: Ventura, CA

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 29, 2002, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

- Rick Hanks, CCNM Manager, BLM
- Tim Setnicka, Superintendent, CINP-NPS
- Dan Richards, Marine Biologist, CINP-NPS
- Kate Faulkener, Chief Natural Resources, CINP-NPS
- Yvonne Menard, Interpretation/Education, CINP-NPS
- Ann Huston, Cultural Resources, CINP-NPS
- Jack Fitzgerald, Chief Ranger, CINP-NPS
- Tom Dore, Park Ranger/Special Events Coordinator, CINP-NPS
- Trish Buffington, CINP-NPS
- Sandra Aguilar, Contract Specialist, CINP-NPS
- Denise Domian, Human Resources, CINP-NPS
- Audrey Wagner, CINP-NPS

NOTES:

- CINP's legislated boundary is within 1 nautical mile of the park's shore.
- There are rocks of CINP within 12 nautical miles that are in federal ownership that are beyond the Park's 1 nautical mile boundary and are not military (therefore, they are CCNM rocks).
- Concern with seabird habitat and disturbance.
- Education should focus on sensitivity of the habitat.
- There is a marked increase in recreation activities around California's islands.
- CINP has two concessionaires in Ventura Harbor (near the CINP HQ) that provide trips to the islands.
- CINP has permitted five or six kayak outfitters.
- CINP also has permitted sailing charters to the islands.
- Sea caves are a key resource; they are of interest to sea kayakers and need to be inventoried for seabird nesting.
- CCNM can serve as a basis for bringing various groups together (e.g., conservation education, seabird research).
- Need a seabird disturbance video for public education purposes.
- BLM and CCNM could start an annual seabird count (e.g., "roosting day") as a vehicle for building a constituency.
- Building a constituency is a key element for the CCNM's success.
- CINP has a monitoring and research program that started in 1982 (data are available to BLM and its consultants).

- CCNM has a great opportunity to establish “control sites” for research and monitoring (e.g., comparison reference for rocky intertidal zone).
- Botanical studies on Prince Island off San Miguel Island and for Santa Barbara Island (book in visitor center).
- CINP is “big scale” and CCNM is “small scale” – providing the potential for a unique opportunity for coordinating long-term research and monitoring initiatives.
- Mark Lorie is a good National Marine Fisheries Service contact (San Diego office).
- CINP is in the process of updating its General Management Plan – Public meetings in September (info on-line).
- Recommend creating a public group to assist CCNM (e.g., “Friends of Off-Shore Rocks”).
- Carlos Robles (CSULA?) has done extensive work on Catalina Island and Steve Murray (CSU Fullerton) is the Orange County coastal researcher.
- Maritime museums, et al.: Ventura County Maritime Museum (Mark Basin, Executive Director, Oxnard); Sea Center; Cabrillo Marine Center (San Pedro); Long Beach Aquarium; Los Angeles Maritime Museum; etc.

C.1.3. Notes from California Marine Protected Areas Working Group & California Ocean Management Program (COMP) Meeting

LOCATION: San Francisco, CA

DATE & TIME: Thursday, September 5, 2002, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

- Rick Hanks, CCNM Manager, BLM
- Mike Rushton, CCNM plan coordinator, Jones & Stokes
- Brian Baird, California Ocean Management Program (COMP) Manager, California Resources Agency
- Melissa Miller-Henson, Policy Analyst, COMP
- Jim Berry, Senior Ecologist, California Department of Parks & Recreation
- Paul Reilly, Fisheries Biologist, California Department of Fish & Game
- Marina Cazorla, Environmental Specialist, California Coastal Commission
- Katie Wood, Planner, Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- Marnie Meyer, CSO State Marine Management Areas Inventory Intern

- Peter Connor, Bodega Marine Laboratory, UC Davis
- Frank Palmer, California Water Resources Control Board (on telephone)

NOTES:

- Brian Baird said CCNM could focus on research and seabird habitats.
- Research protocols could be developed for the CCNM.
- Some restoration of seabird habitats should be a focus.
- Inventory and research should be a priority.
- “Management” – What does it mean?
- Majority “nearshore rocks”?
- CCNM should link with Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary’s SIMoN (Sanctuary Integrated Monitoring Network) project.
- Brian Baird said that the Resources Agency is willing to help CCMM and BLM work with any of the appropriate state agencies.
- B. Baird also offered his assistance in working in “partnership” for Federal dollar packaging (e.g., federal Coastal Zoning Management Act grants).
- Paul Reilly said that, from DFG’s perspective, with no money then what’s it (CCNM) worth to DFG?
- How does the CCNM tie in with the State’s Marine Protection Areas initiative?

C.1.4. Notes from California Coastal Commission Meeting

LOCATION: San Francisco, CA

DATE & TIME: Friday, September 6, 2002, 1:00–3:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

- Rick Hanks, CCNM Manager, BLM
- Peter Douglas, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission (CCC)
- Jaime Kocser, Deputy Director of Energy, Ocean Resources & Water Quality, CCC
- Alison Dettmer, Manager of Energy & Ocean Resources Unit, CCC
- Mark Delaplaine, Federal Consistency Supervisor, CCC
- James Raives, Federal Consistency & Contaminated Sediment Coordinator
- Kit Stycket, Federal Consistency Coordinator

- Marina Cazorla, Environmental Specialist, CCC

NOTES:

- Initially, CCC staff were interested in BLM's responses to "why are the rocks worth protecting?" and what is the role the monument will play in protecting the California coast?
- Once we got beyond the initial discussion of the role of BLM and the monument, the following was decided:
 - Work with the Federal Consistency staff and the Ocean Resources folks.
 - Contact the various CCC District Offices to get the local focus on policy & area politics.
 - Reviewing the various county Local Coastal Programs (LCPs) could be worthwhile to get an idea what the coastal issues are for the 15 counties and if any of them address any of the rocks within the CCNM.
- CCC has coastal mapping contacts (John VanKoops).
- Peter Douglas says that he is very supportive of the CCNM initiative and especially supports the protection emphasis (i.e., anything that increases coastal protection).
- Peter Douglas also added that the CCC wants to work as a "partner" with BLM and CCNM and its other "managing partners" (DFG and CDPR) **but** does not need an MOU.
- Marina Cazorla will be the CCC contact for the CCNM planning effort

In February 2003, an e-mail was received from Marina Cazorla summarizing CCC's primary concerns as stated at the September 6, 2003, meeting regarding the CCNM RMP. Those concerns are "related to public access, recreation, permit requirements for any development or change in intensity of use (including any access restrictions), and acknowledgement of our [CCC] federal consistency authority under the CZMA" [the federal Coastal Zone Management Act].