

## **California Coastal National Monument RMP Initial Public Scoping Meetings**

A list of attendees and staff present at each of the eight meetings and a brief summary of public comments and concerns from each meeting are provided on the following pages.

**Bodega Bay, California**  
**August 20, Tuesday, 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**(Bodega Marine Laboratory Lecture Hall)**

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- Should strive to maintain quality of recreation experience.
- Contact: Force Ten kayaks and Department of Boating and Waterways
- How will the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) enforce the plan? Concern over interagency jurisdiction
- Increased use of rocks will challenge agencies' management of resources
- Need to recognize long history of this management process
- BLM should investigate opportunity to coordinate with Oregon
- Concern for private property rights – could BLM acquire land from willing sellers? Will the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) affect how private landowners can use adjacent land?
- Develop key interpretive themes – should coordinate with other agencies; include both general and local themes – will need to be site-specific, depending on level of interest in recreation versus conservation
- Ensure plants are included in habitat considerations. Need to study and protect plant communities from invasive species. Shouldn't prohibit use of herbicides. Consider performing botany surveys.
- Archeological/cultural/prehistoric resources need to be surveyed and documented. There are several active tribes that should be contacted.
- Will CCNM impact the ongoing use of resources by Native American tribes?
- Need to preserve opportunities for scientific research, including collection of documents
- Will local communities have their traditions impacted (i.e. Trinidad, July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration)?
- Plan must be realistic and implementable
- Will plan benefit local communities? Will it provide economic viability?

## **BODEGA BAY, 8/20/02** (Cont'd.)

- Consider partnering with non-profit organizations to generate funds
- A wilderness designation is desired by the environmental community
- How will the CCNM be protected from offshore gas drilling?
- How will seaweed harvesting be handled?
- Has water towing been considered?
- Plan should consider indirect effects
- Need to clarify current regulations/laws that protect coastal regions
- Are there regulations that guide management of national monuments?
- Ask Bodega Laboratory Marine Reserve about boundaries and regulations
- Public access is a concern – want to protect monument from human disturbances
- Important to coordinate the interpretive elements of CCNM
- Marine Research Labs: UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, UC Los Angeles (interpretive center), Humboldt State, San Diego State, USC, Moss Landing, Sea World, MBARI, PRBO, MMC, CAS, LB AOP, Oakland Museum (interpretive center, starting Marine Lab), Cabrillo Museum in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara Natural History Museum
- It will be important to keep good record of data collection.
- Rocks provide great opportunity to study marine ecology. The areas are so untouched, they provide baseline data repositories
- How do you manage the entire system? Birds and mammals all use water
- California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) concerns are mostly in the water, not above “mean high tide”
- Bird Rock is a proposed Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) site; has bird population that may need protection. There is occasional human interaction now; abalone diving in the area
- Impacts to birds could come from oil, human disturbances, personal watercraft
- Important to preserve the rocks, but also to protect and preserve the birds and animals that use them.
- How do you make this process clear to the public? How do you explain what we’re trying to do?
- Need to communicate to the public that this process is not about fish
- Will access be prohibited?
- Have the rocks been numbered/inventoried?
- Has a list been compiled highlighting all potential recreation uses?
- Sea bird eggs are prized by some cultures
- Human uses continue to change
- Off-shore marine terminals, anchor points, desalination plants are all potential issues to take into consideration
- Has there been any biological surveys done on the rocks?
- Three potentially helpful GIS tools include: Channel Islands, NOAA Monterey Bay, Farallon Islands Sanctuary
- Consider making list available of potential graduate projects
- Does BLM have information on use trends? General access information, number of visitors for more popular areas, etc.?
- Seaweed harvesters on the coast may impact targeted species
- Will the Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) include a range of alternatives?
- The Farallon Sanctuary is looking into kiosks as a new way to introduce interpretive tools

**BODEGA BAY, 8/20/02** (Cont'd.)

- Important to tie CCNM and other management efforts together through public education (MLPA, Marine Sanctuary Plans, etc.)
- Currently, there are no local interpretive facilities to help the public learn about the area

| <b>Elk, California</b>                          |  |
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| <b>August 21, Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm</b>       |  |
| <b>(Greenwood Community Center)</b>             |  |
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- Consider potential partnership with Sea Ranch homeowners
- Access is a concern – increased recreational use is affecting wildlife. Affects on flora due to human access.
- Navarro Estuary and rocks – there is a 12-year photo survey
- Great resources in the local community. Residents have a lot of environmental knowledge.
- Seaweed harvesting for 20+ years, mostly at Elk State Beach, [www.seaweed.net](http://www.seaweed.net)
- Scenic values – water bags would affect scenic values – transport, anchoring, mooring. If water bags break and wrap around rocks - what is BLM’s policy on this potential impact?
- David Colfax, County Supervisor – 3 anchor points
- [www.Gualalariver.org](http://www.Gualalariver.org) – water bag info
- Sea Ranch opinions: 1. Preserve views; 2. Access is increasing (kayaking, etc.)
- Increased access and use may affect CCNM and local communities - kayaking, abalone diving, use of rocks during harvesting
- Concerned about enforcement – illegal fishing, lack of offices available with CDFG
- Monitoring and enforcement are critical issues
- Sea Ranch has docents, mostly for seals. Docents may partner with CCNM.
- Navarro River estuary closure has reduced habitat and preserving habitat for harbor seals. CCNM habitat may then be more critical habitat.
- Sea pal, June-Sept., harvested from rocks
- Rock climbing potential on rocks
- Commercial fishing in spawning beds near-shore; live fishing industry may be impacted
- Helicopters flying over or landing on CCNM may directly affect resources
- Popularity of CCNM may increase, so conservation/education/preservation has to keep pace

**ELK, 8/21/02** (Cont'd.)

- Affects on individual homeowners when providing access nodes/pull-outs
- Provide the public with list of agency and contractor staff – web/mail contact information
- Why an RMP? It should just be left alone.
- RMP in place to protect resources? Plan designed for affects, uses, enforcement, education, research.
- Regarding research – what is BLM's goal? What types of research topics are being considered?
- Do not support oil drilling
- Historically, a wharf connected rocks, landings had ownership of rocks
- Contact Force Ten sea kayakers
- Local fishing happens year-round. How close can the fishermen get to the rocks?
- Does abalone diving have impacts?
- How will increased publicity impact traffic patterns? Will it cause hazards?
- Balance access with conservation
- Contact Coast Walk (Sebastapol)
- Why did the Wilderness Designation fail?
- Will the purpose of the RMP be to increase visitors?
- Why do you need an EIS?
- Will there be a draft hearing in Elk?
- What controversies do you foresee?
- Is collecting seaweed regulated?
- Will the monument impact fishing access? Any impacts to sport fishing?
- How does “mean high tide” relate to low tides?
- Will DFG remain in control of waters?
- Why isn't State Lands Commission a partner?
- What is in the Plan?
- Recreational fishing – how will the monument affect current regulations?
- Commercial fishing – need to have coordination between State Parks and Fish & Game regarding regulations and enforcement (i.e. live catch near shore, shellfish, muscles and sea vegetable harvesting)
- What's the point of the monument? Will it protect the waters from oil exploration?
- Does BLM have eminent domain? Beach access? New access thru willing sellers?
- Don't really care to have lots more people here – may impact rural feel of this town
- “I live here because it's rural”
- Is there an ability to have public involved with regulations and resource management?
- Need to have consistent policies so users aren't confused
- If water is taken, the ecosystem will be impacted
- Tourism is complex – affects economic development and has impacts – community should have input on how the monument will be publicized
- Community members have made conscious decisions/sacrifices to live here and we don't want to see it adversely affected
- Consider potential partnership with Pt. Arena Lighthouse
- BLM has a bad reputation via mineral/mining; skeptical of BLM
- Increased access is a concern
- Local visitor center could handle and disperse monument information.
- No offshore drilling – monument goals and policies should support no drilling
- Concerned over increased traffic

**ELK, 8/21/02** (Cont'd.)

- Oppose day use fees
- Local state park ranger needs boat to patrol area
- Will there be a staff increase?
- Request that telephone pole gets moved – move to Coffey's Cove
- Keep the status quo

**Trinidad, California**  
**August 22, Thursday, 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**(Trinidad Town Hall)**

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- We live here because we love the beaches
- Love to view/appreciate the river otters
- Off-shore drilling and the possibility of its reinvigoration is a big concern
- No more implementation is needed
- For strong ideals, recommend reading “Walden Pond”
- Are surfers being represented in this process?
- Native American community needs to be approached
- Love to watch birds and sea mammals from the bluffs
- Not interested in generating large numbers of visitors
- Who decides on the interpretation tools used? Language on the signs needs to be written carefully – language implies ownership
- Possible to produce publications describing different sections of the coast?
- Problem arises when people impact resources
- Consider that human beings are sea mammals too
- What is the BLM really trying to accomplish?
- What if we suggest you do nothing?
- Concerned about preserving air quality, vegetation
- Local/regional focus is key
- Sitka Spruce grows only on rocks here
- Clarify how close to shore the rocks are (i.e. how accessible rocks are to public use at low tide and how management may impact those uses – clarify the jurisdictions)
- Management is unnecessary. Rocks are landmarks. Concerned that regulation will restrict current uses.
- Increased tourism over the years may be impacting bird and marine mammal populations. Recommend public education on these resources.

## **TRINIDAD, 8/22/02** (Cont'd.)

- Abalone divers hit rocks.
- Will CCNM prohibit piers from connecting to rocks?
- Will CCNM impact tourism to St. George's Reef?
- Recommend long-term studies on bird and marine mammal populations
- Brown Pelicans use rocks
- Contact UCD representative in Crescent City (Dr. Anderson), Tsuari representatives, Chuck Snell (intertidal expert)
- Coordinate with HSU Marine Laboratory and graduate students
- Coordinate with Ned Simmons, local historian at Trinidad Museum
- Crab fishing, whale watching, party boats and kayaking are popular recreational activities
- Contact Lowell at Northwest kayaking
- Trail access is a concern. The city is responsible for maintaining the trails and the Native Americans would like to reduce public access.
- Consider cooperative funding of education/interpretation (BLM with the Trinidad Museum)
- Need signage explaining threat of waves
- Should try to educate people on the result of human impacts
- Concerned about lack of local input on plan
- Concerned about inability to use/swim to or on Camel Rock
- Would like to see Presidential Proclamation
- Need to contact/involve Native American community
- Establish relationship with Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission
- Preserve coast environment and keep public access
- Use CCNM as a tool to manage/influence indirect impacts
- Preserve aesthetics/beauty; rocks increase scenic beauty
- Minimize new regulations; maximize interagency coordination, protection already exists
- Humboldt North Coast Land Trust – love Trinidad and the rocks
- County Board of Supervisors – protect resources and beauty; the key may be enforcement; prevent a few from ruining the rocks for us all
- Yurok Indians have valid existing rights and traditional uses on rocks
- BLM should get direct input from tribes and fishermen
- Sport fishing is a common activity near the rocks, especially in protected coves
- It is a good idea to just leave the rocks alone
- Need larger enforcement staff to protect CCNM resources
- Explore public interpretation and education opportunities with CDP&R
- CDP&R is also a key enforcement partner due to coastal presence
- Review and permit scientific research
- Important to prevent introduction of exotic species by people on rocks
- CCNM designation may increase ecotourism
- Business community would welcome extra business; business growth would be a goal
- CCNM may provide valuable natural history data
- Use CCNM as a vehicle to coordinate with other agencies coastal policies and management as a whole

| <b>San Diego, California</b>  |   |
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| <b>August 27, Tuesday, 7 pm to 9 pm</b>                               |   |
| <b>(Summer Auditorium, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD)</b> |   |
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- Are there rocks within or among the Channel Islands that are included in the monument?
- Is there a GIS inventory of the rocks that is available to the public?
- Will there be an attempt to secure additional funding?
- Is competition for land/air space an issue?
- What actions are you protecting the rocks from?
- Is there an inventory of biological resources? That information would be very informative.
- Is there an inventory of past military bombing areas?
- Concern over conflicts with special status species and military actions
- Military is concerned about decrease in mission – need to identify current/existing uses of offshore and adjacent areas; understand direct and indirect effect of those uses
- Department of Defense recently completed an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (San Clemente, San Nicholas, San Miguel areas and on-shore facilities). Contact: Dr. Gary White, NPS.
- EIS completed for Point Mugu; Fort Hunter-Liggett INRMP (for offshore rocks)
- Does CCNM include rocks offshore of the islands (i.e. Catalina Island)?
- Recreation uses in the area include scuba diving, fishing, kayaking, boating, abalone diving, private and commercially guided trips
- How will enforcement be handled? CDF&G wardens, Coast Guard, City of San Diego, volunteer stewards?
- Need to investigate status of rocks connected to the mainland (i.e. Whaler Rock at Crescent City)
- Consider geomorphic variability – sediment/sand accumulation, degradation, faulting uplift
- Consider management tools to coordinate and share data; develop agreements on data sharing and data use
- Does NEPA apply beyond three nautical miles? Series of NEPA documents applied to OCS
- Would like access to GIS database containing resources and ownership information
- What is the adequacy of the existing data? Is there enough to write a meaningful RMP?

**SAN DIEGO, 8/27/02** (Cont'd.)

- RMP will be a working document and new information will be incorporated as it becomes available. RMP should last approximately 10 years
- Important to consider the CCNM in an ecosystem context
- Does the RMP trigger Coastal Zone Management Act compliance? The California Coastal Act? The plan should consider consistency with the California Coastal Commission policies, including local coastal plans
- According to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, RMPs need to be consistent with local plans
- Other groups to contact in area include San Diego Council of Divers, Catalina Conservancy, Vandenberg Air Force Base (confirm ownership, uses, resources), Baykeeper, Coastwatch, Environmental Health Coalition, Harborkeeper, Surfrider Foundation, Audubon Society
- Need to make sure the plan incorporates military concerns/operations
- Get the Coast Guard involved in process
- Sport fishing organizations may have useful information (CDFG has list of organizations). United Anglers Association and Sportfishing Association of CA are the two major groups
- Need to identify where the military operates (land, air uses) and make sure these specifics get incorporated into the plan. Military representatives (Steve Huber) can help identify these locations
- In-flight military operations (passes) may be more of an issue than “use”
- Images of GIS layers on the CCNM web site would be a useful tool for the public and military
- Vandenberg Air Force Base may have database on resources; Camp Pendleton has information on shore birds, but no rocks or off-shore species
- As with the MLPA, it is likely that the armed forces will give one coordinated response to the CCNM. CCNM and MLPA response likely to be very similar
- Military typically goes to the regulatory agencies for resource information
- The Coastal Commission is concerned about protecting and promoting access – this may become an issue for the CCNM
- MLPA deals with discreet areas, but could be potential opportunities to overlap with CCNM
- BLM may consider giving the CCNM over to the state to manage – may be easier

**Laguna Beach, California**  
**August 28, Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**(Wells Fargo Bank)**

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- Who will be responsible for enforcing plan? Could an MOU with the city be developed to cover above mean high tide?
- Are there funding sources available and who approves the Final Plan?
- Do the rocks in the CCNM, incorporate all the rocks along the coast?
- By not protecting fish under the rocks, are we creating a problem with the seals/sea lions?
- Need to look at the system as a whole
- How will sonar testing by the Navy be incorporated into the plan?
- Will you have enough personnel to cover 11,000+ rocks?
- Problem example – concrete platform to Goff Rock allows human access to island. Sea lions, birds have left. Will wildlife return if access is removed?
- Generate list of CCNM rocks in Laguna Beach to help beach stewards.
- Lack of awareness of the rocks, preservation, sensitive resources.
- City of Laguna Beach lifeguards have primary responsibility for enforcement of protections. Seeking funding for vessel.
- Valid existing rights/uses of historic structures need to be investigated. Investigate effects/benefits of structure removal
- What is biological integrity of CCNM?
- What are the biological impacts of squid boats with lights?
- What underwater protections are required to protect birds and mammals?
- Evaluate indirect, ecosystem-level impacts to sea birds and marine mammals that use the CCNM
- Monthly CDFG data on principal haul out sites. Review data to find correlations between preservation, use, and human contact.
- Commercial squid harvests/populations – data at San Pablo Marine Institute
- Squid harvesting increasing; squid are a key prey for marine mammals
- Provide markers/buoys/signs to increase awareness/sensitivity
- Existing parks and overlooks are great places for interpretive/educational signs
- Orange County developing a universal “marine protected area” - John Lowengrubb, Marine Life Protection Committee

## **LAGUNA BEACH, 8/28/02** (Cont'd.)

- Universal sign will “brand” monument so it is more easily recognizable/understood
- Volunteer docents to help with enforcement and education; put new stand at Rockpile.
- Environmental education is very popular—should do outreach to schools. Resource: Ocean Inst.
- “Reporters” in local cities; locally knowledgeable people with long-term observations; should coordinate with empirical data collection, standardize methods
- CCNM should coordinate data collection, sharing, aggregation, interpretation
- Red and black abalone are gone; brown pelican has recovered, less kelp today
- Water pollution/runoff can adversely affect resources
- Steven Murray, CSU Fullerton - long-term studies of intertidal ecosystem
- Very large number of users on rocks/tide pools
- Signage needs to be visual due to many non-English speakers; new ethnic groups bring different eating/harvesting practices
- Consider importance of rocks to Native Americans; Goff Island was a traditionally used area
- Can bird surveys coordinate with Audubon?
- Laguna Beach has “vision process.” Ocean Laguna focusing on the “blue belt” – currently working on developing plan and mission.
- Seal and Bird Rock protected now by the city, but still have issues with the public using the rocks. It’s a good thing what the CCNM is doing.
- Enforcement is an issue. Education will be important to assist with enforcement
- Divers and kayakers are active in the area
- There are good opportunities for signage in Laguna Beach area
- Consistency will be important – need to sort out which agencies are responsible for enforcement
- MLPA has many different organizations/groups involved in their process – probably a good place to get information. Coordination with MLPA actions will be important.
- There appears to be a very low awareness of the CCNM demonstrated by the fact that many CDFG staff were unaware of its existence.
- Not a lot of rocks in Newport, but the area is a big polluter. Will BLM be responsible for tracking water quality?
- If the ocean is contaminated or polluted, will BLM be responsible for protecting the rocks from that polluted water?
- Could the plan provide recommendations to other agencies with management responsibilities near to the monument?
- Signage along the coast will help to educate the public (e.g. Surfrider signage in Santa Cruz) - doesn’t seem like many people are aware of the monument’s existence
- Name of the monument implies one specific area, an individual place; hard to visualize
- Are rocks off San Clemente/Catalina included in the monument? Does the 12-mile zone include these rocks? There are 5 or 6 rocks off Catalina that should be investigated for ownership
- Friends of Irvine Coast is an active organization and would likely be interested in this process
- Beaches in Laguna area see about 3 million people per year – Laguna lifeguards keep track of this information as well as enforcement contacts
- [www.USLA.org](http://www.USLA.org) has public access information; Dave Kiff, Assistant City Manager for Newport, is also a good source of information
- Offseason activities include kayaking and diving; Laguna Sea Sports would be a good source of information
- [www.PADI.com](http://www.PADI.com) - diving association
- Contact Kristin Valette regarding project “AWARE”

**Santa Barbara, California**  
**August 30, Friday, 1 pm to 3 pm**  
**(Santa Barbara Maritime Museum Theater)**

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- Concern over recreation uses – hang gliding, wind surfing, and potential impacts on birds
- Public may lack awareness of CCNM; may be problematic for the preparation and review of RMP
- Identify existing values that need to be managed
- How to manage/balance between values and uses?
- Does BLM know how public values the CCNM? If unknown, it's problematic. Need to know values to manage them.
- Existing rules and regulations need to be known and publicized, especially protection of biota.
- Need to know what (if any) ground rules are already in existence
- Concern over access restrictions for boating, surfboards, kayaks and other recreation activities
- CCNM management jurisdiction needs to be verified, and coordination of management responsibilities clarified
- Ownership of Richardson and Wilson Rock and other rocks off Channel Islands need to be confirmed
- Public should have access to CCNM managers and resource database
- Need to clarify CCNM relationship with National Marine Sanctuaries
- Any studies of biological trends, degradation?
- What is the cost of the RMP plan and process?
- Native Americans have long-used rocks. Now people are using radio-controlled airplanes, motorized equipment; new technologies may cause impacts
- Can motorized equipment be banned?
- Important to have new policies for new uses and new technologies
- Para-gliding, kite boarding are becoming popular activities
- People use offshore rocks to stand on and fish from; boat fishing and fishing from the shore is popular
- Department of Navy concerned about any proposal that would restrict training, traditional uses. Also need to verify ownership, reserved for military purposes.
- Wilderness Act designation possible?

**SANTA BARBARA, 8/30/02** (Cont'd.)

- Enforcement of existing laws is lacking
- Will maps be clarified to show CCONM around Channel Islands?
- May want to contact Fullsail Windsurfing Club, Paddlesports (company tours), local Santa Barbara Soaring Association
- In order to educate the public, need to explain what a National Monument is, and what it is not, in terms of public uses.
- Will alternatives focus on regulations?
- Vandenberg Air Force Base is an information resource for the rocks. Will continuing to fly over them be a problem?
- Should contact Coast Guard
- Vandenberg has a historical site on the rocks (off of Honda Pt.)
- Gaviota National Seashore Study
- Torch oil legal settlement – money for restoration, birds, etc.
- Channel Island – Marine Sanctuary boundary
- Central Coast Sanctuary – trying to expand
- Morro Bay Greenbelt Alliance – National Estuary office – contact Mike Multari 805-772-3834 (Steve Larson of BLM Bakersfield office is aware of the Alliance)
- Water pollution/quality contact: Julia Dyer (805-594-6144) is already involved in monitoring water quality
- What prompted the Presidential Proclamation?
- Will there be penalties if rocks are damaged?
- How will the rocks be managed? Protected? Enforced?
- What impacts will the management plan have on public uses?
- Consider impacts to fishermen

**Monterey, California**  
**September 4, Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm**  
**(Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station Lecture Hall)**

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- Does the BLM have dedicated funding for implementation, public education, management, monitoring, research, and enforcement?
- Were there any regulations proposed with the original Presidential Proclamation?
- Are the rocks mapped? Is this information available to the public?
- Is there a size limit to the rocks included in the monument? 11, 507 seems like a low number
- Historically, not much attention has been paid to these sites
- Management plans for local parks include information on the historical and cultural significance of these rocks
- Are the rocks GIS plotted?
- USFWS has bird surveys
- How will the public be notified if areas become restricted?
- Sea palms are harvested in the area
- Important to start public education in schools for young audiences
- Concern over rock picking abalone, mud slide impacts, squid fishing
- A creative funding source would be to offer naming opportunities for the rocks
- NASA shuttle mapped the coast in early 1990s – may want to get that information
- May want to contact Bay Area Divers Association for information on diving
- How will submerged reefs be treated?
- How will public access issues be treated (i.e. flying helicopters over rocks)?
- If necessary, how will road reconstruction be dealt with (i.e. mudslide on Hwy. 1)?
- How will the BLM work with organizations responsible for managing tide pools?
- Will there ever be an entrance fee for the CCNM?
- CDFG has published 2 atlases regarding the birds and mammals on the rocks
- Important to be aware of access provided by personal watercraft.
- Access by people is a growing issue – CCNM should pay attention to it and anticipate it when possible
- Sea stacks at Bixby may be southern most nesting spot for common murres

## **MONTEREY, 9/4/02** (Cont'd.)

- Local knowledge of residents should be captured/recorded especially for pinnipeds
- Will a research and monitoring program to track changes, trends, and management needs be incorporated into the plan?
- Question is how to integrate management and protective measures with other jurisdictions?
- Ventana Wilderness Society Big Sur Ornithology Lab – Craig Hohenberger, Director
- How do you do outreach for the entire state?
- Partnerships will be required for cost effectiveness
- Review existing FAA rules and regulations for flights over coast. FAA could be a vehicle for education, distributing information
- Have biologists reviewed over-flight rules for adequacy?
- Harry Carter, Senior Biologist at USFWS in Dixon has information on over-flight issues, experiences
- Point Lobos has existing over-flight rules, as well as Ano Nuevo, Anacapa, but FAA challenged their jurisdiction
- Can do outreach through aquaria – education, information, protection messages
- Rocks and islands have dynamic geomorphic history (and future).
- Scuba diving organizations, dive shops have outreach infrastructure - divers have just about the only access to many rocks
- Square Black Rock near Black Creek, no longer square or black (e.g. of dynamic geology)
- Who is responsible for naming and cataloging the rocks? The local Monterey County placename book has many names for rocks
- Jeff Norman, Big Sur historian/biologist, has local knowledge of coast resources, local names
- Each county has a placename book; local historical societies may be other resources
- Does BLM have responsibility for shipwrecks? Should connect with maritime museums
- Recommend calling directors at each aquarium to get contact information and to coordinate outreach efforts
- Many people do not know about CCNM so BLM may not receive many public comments or questions
- A videotape of scoping meeting in Monterey will be available for public access channels
- NMS just went through scoping, so there may be “scoping fatigue”
- Will the BLM or the contractors write the plan?

| <b>San Francisco, California</b>                    |   |
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| <b>September 5, Thursday, 7 pm to 9 pm</b>          |   |
| <b>(Golden Gate Room, Fort Mason Center, GGNRA)</b> |   |
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- Has the CCNM considered running a railway along the coast? And a highway?
- Define roles of CDFG and CDPR
- Does the CCNM extend up vertically?
- What are some of the current recreational uses? Current threats?
- Where does CDFG jurisdiction come in?
- What is the staffing of the CCNM?
- Are parks considered part of the monument?
- Use of jet skis for rescue should not be allowed (i.e. Surfrider and other commercial entities currently use them)
- Concern over disturbance caused to mammals and birds caused by low over-flight; BLM and USFWS should get the word out to mitigate the over-flight disturbances
- Murre Project funding – can BLM partner to assist with future murre research? Assist with annual aerial (over-flight) research?
- Could transportation increases along the coast affect the habitat?
- What actions are not allowed according to the Presidential Proclamation?
- Coast Guard is moving to a more environmental approach; keep informed - don't want to be left out of the loop
- Coast Guard to assist with enforcement activities
- Keep consistent with regards to boundaries/buffers around rocks and islands
- Identify places along the coast where the Coast Guard has jurisdiction
- Coast Guard maintenance activities should be scheduled in a way to best protect murre habitat
- Fitzgerald Marine Reserve – bus loads of kids invade the rocks. Can interpretation/messages be given to schools, parks, municipalities to educate the public about protection of habitats? Fitzgerald promoted as a place to come to for schools; schools should direct kids/teachers to other places able to accommodate educational needs. Fitzgerald in boundary of the GGNRA; NPS can be another partner at Fitzgerald
- Put up public outreach signs to inform people about why we need to protect rocks

## **SAN FRANCISCO, 9/5/02** (Cont'd.)

- Tide pool educational signs (i.e. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, CA and on Maui, Hawaii) are ideas for supporting and protecting rocks and islands
- Can BLM play a role in access issues regarding monument visitation/sightseeing (easements, fee title)?
- Is BLM coordinating research and access to rocks and islands? Who does someone go to first – BLM, State Parks, Fish and Game if interested in research? Need central coordination point
- Does BLM have protocol for overseeing research activities?
- Need outreach to research institutions to let them know permits are needed to conduct research activities; notify them about agency protocols
- Can noise affect marine habitat? Possible to protect these areas from noise caused by low over-flights?
- Harvesting of sea weed should be addressed – happens certain times of year
- Marine life included in the monument area should be considered
- Who has responsibility for waters below mean high tide?
- The coordination between agencies responsible for management activities will be critical element to the plan
- Is the historical significance of the rocks being considered?
- Native American Heritage Commission has information available on Native American uses
- Important for various agencies developing management plans to put their plans into context so it helps the public understand the various efforts
- USFWS has annual sea bird counts – could assist with funding
- SEALS has information on human impacts to marine mammal populations
- Beach Watch may lead into Sea Watch – possible partnership opportunity. Contact Jan Roletto, Gulf of Farallon Sanctuary Office in San Francisco
- Low-flying aircraft is currently the biggest disturbance to many rocks in the area. Important to do outreach to pilots on impacts; funding of outreach/coordination of efforts will be important (i.e. coordinate with USFWS on development of outreach material)
- Consider developing public outreach plan – Oregon's is a good example
- Educating users to explain impacts will be very important – understanding impacts will help the public self-regulate behavior
- Save Our Shores (S.O.S) on the San Mateo coast does boating education
- Has there been an increase in use by organized tourist groups? Has this use been tracked? Have these groups been reached out to?
- 1976 California Handbook on Natural Areas of Significance (published by Governor's OPR office) may have useful information
- Opportunity for research project to study how habitats may be impacted by sea level changes – impacts of global warming
- Canada Geese populations are an issue
- Increasing popularity of kayaking is becoming an issue. Sara Allen conducted a study and found kayakers significantly impact seal populations.
- Incorporate the resource values of the above-water areas with the planning for the MLPA areas. MLPA areas may restrict harvest or consumptive use, but won't restrict access that could affect birds
- Roy Lowe, USFWS trainer for military pilots in Oregon, has outreach program posters in airports, etc.