

How to Improve the Management of Ocean Resources

6-9 p.m., Thurs., October 9, 2003, Library Program Room, 625 Harbor Street, Morro Bay

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Questions:

1. How well are the various regulatory agencies working together for ocean management?
2. What are models for improved coordination and useful examples from elsewhere, if any?
3. How can local communities and stakeholders have an effective voice in the regulatory processes?

How could regulatory agencies more effectively deal with the following kinds of concerns that the Marine Interests Group has heard from previous workshops?

- a. What can be done to develop better methodologies for assessing marine species, especially longer-lived fish species? Are there examples of ecosystems that have improved methods? Are broader-based collaborative opportunities possible to more accurately find and count the fish?
- b. What can be done to better resolve ecosystem imbalances--e.g. overpopulation issues with sea lions?
- c. How can there be more effective regulation of ocean health risks--e.g. land-based pollution affecting sea otters?
- d. What can be done to prevent future threats of offshore oil development?
- e. What can be done to resolve agricultural run-off problems and point source pollution affecting the marine water quality?
- f. What can be done to prevent toxic dumping?

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