

Alternative Protective Measures

[Note: This workshop addresses possible measures to further protect or enhance marine resources along the San Luis Obispo County coast. The Working Committee will be considering these and potentially other options, including a "no action" alternative, in its later deliberations.]

6-9 p.m., Wednesday, October 15

Community Center, 1001 Kennedy Way, Morro Bay

A. POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF THE MBNMS

Panelists with understanding of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary:

Scientific perspective

Chris Harrold, Ph.D., Monterey Bay Aquarium

Fishing perspective

Tom Canale, Santa Cruz commercial fisherman

Conservation perspective

Kaitilin Gaffney, Ocean Conservancy

Harbor perspective

Brian Foss, General Manager, Santa Cruz Port District

Questions:

1. What have been the effects (both positive and negative) of marine sanctuary designation upon the Monterey Bay area?
2. How has the MBNMS worked with (related to) other regulatory organizations? How have they managed these relationships? Where have results improved with the sanctuary? Where have difficulties, conflicts, or confusion arisen?
3. How would extension of the MBNMS to the remainder of SLO County affect the Shared Hopes outlined by the Working Committee members of the Marine Interests Group? [see www.mbnep.org/mig]
4. What would be potential impact on fisheries issues?

How would a sanctuary relate or not relate to the 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?

Note: This workshop will be rebroadcast on Channels 20 and 21 as a public service of Charter Communications. See www.slo-span.org <<http://www.slo-span.org>> for a schedule. Tapes will be available at the San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay libraries.