

MEETING BRIEF

CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

Meeting Date: September 19, 2000

Location: Waterfront Classroom, Santa Barbara Harbor, Santa Barbara CA

Concerning the role of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary with regard to a proposed 3-D seismic survey adjacent to the Sanctuary, the Conservation Working Group adopted the following resolution:

“The Conservation Working Group urges the Sanctuary to assert its full breadth of authority, including permit authority, over seismic surveys such as Cavern Point, on the basis of the potential impacts to Sanctuary resources and the unique characteristics of the Santa Barbara Channel. The CINMS should attempt to identify and evaluate potential harmful impacts, especially in an effort to add non-cetacean species' impacts. The CINMS should require that an aerial survey be added to the list of mitigation measures if the project is to be conducted, and should significantly expand the notification process to include the full range of affected Sanctuary users.”

On September 20, 2000, the above resolution was reported by the Conservation Working Group to the Sanctuary Advisory Council.