

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, August 23, 1996
Holiday Inn, Coast Room
611 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA

AGENDA

- 8:30 Coffee and Sign In
- 9:00 Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of June 28, 1996 Meeting Minutes
- 9:15 Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- 9:30 Discussion: SAC Meeting Schedule
- 9:45 Discussion: SAC Authority /Possible Charter Revision
- 10:45 Presentation: Desalination Plants in the MBNMS
- 11:30 Discussion: Santa Cruz Wharf Project
- 12:00 Update: MBNMS License Plate Sales
- 12:30 Review: Monterey Bay Area Volunteer Directory
- 12:45 Lunch
- 1:45 Review: SAC DRAFT Comments on the Coastal Stewardship Task Force Report
- 2:00 Review: List of Potential Projects for the Sanctuary Foundation
- 2:30 Approve: 1995 SAC Annual Report
- 3:00 Sanctuary Manger's Report
- 3:30 Report from the Working Groups: Education
Research
Conservation
Business & Tourism
- 4:15 Comments from Council Members
- 4:30 Adjourn

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The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council met on Friday, August 23, 1996 in the Coast Room at the Holiday Inn, Santa Cruz. Public categories and government agencies present and representing a quorum were as indicated:

AMBAG: Katherine Beiers	Enforcement: Not Represented
CA Resources Agency: Brian Baird	Research: Gregor Cailliet
Agriculture: Richard Nutter	At Large: Karin Strasser Kauffman
Business & Industry: Steve Abbott	At Large: David Iverson
CA Coastal Commission: Tami Grove	At Large: Not Represented
Conservation: Rachel Saunders	CA EPA: Not Represented
Diving: Ed Cooper	Fishing: Dave Danbom
Education: Dorris Welch	Tourism: Not Represented
Ports & Harbors: Joe Townsend	Recreation: Thomas La Hue

The following non-voting members were present as indicated:

Monterey Bay NMS: Terry Jackson	GFNMS/CBNMS: Ed Ueber
Channel Islands NMS: Not Represented	ESNERR: Not Represented

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Karin Strasser Kauffman, at 9:08 AM.

Assemblyman Bruce McPherson graciously welcomed the Advisory Council to Santa Cruz, and expressed his appreciation for the Council's accomplishments. The Assemblyman informed Council members that the Bill he sponsored supporting the State Mussel Watch Program (SMWP) did not pass the Senate; however, some funding from the Governor's office was secured for 1997. Mr. McPherson assured Council members that he will continue his efforts to gain more long-term funding for the SMWP.

The Chair thanked the Assemblyman for his outstanding efforts to help support Sanctuary programs.

II. GENERAL COMMENTS

The Chair recognized Dave Danbom, Fishing representative to the Advisory Council, who, because of his fishing schedule, has not been able to attend recent meetings. Dave congratulated Karin Strasser Kauffman on her re-election as Chair for a second term. Dave also commended the U.S. Coast Guard for their courtesy and professionalism when boarding his vessel for inspections during this past Spring's fishing season.

Dave reported that the resources of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary look very healthy. He managed a successful fishing season without leaving Monterey Bay. Additionally, he saw sea turtles, whales, dolphins, and an abundance of forage food.

The Chair thanked Dave for his report about marine resources in the Sanctuary and added her congratulations to U.S. Coast Guard LCDR Dean Lee for his, and his staff's, conduct.

John Robinson was introduced as the MBNMS¹ new Public Relations Coordinator, a long-

awaited addition to the staff. The Chair reminded Advisory Council members that during last year's strategic planning sessions, public relations was identified as the greatest priority for the Sanctuary. She encouraged John to utilize the expertise of the Advisory Council and to work with individual Council members whenever possible.

Finally, the Chair relayed a request from U.S. Coast Guard CDR Jim Hall, a former member and original Secretary of the Advisory Council. Jim is applying for the position of Harbor Master in San Mateo County, and has asked the Advisory Council for a letter of recommendation. Council members discussed the request and decided that a letter of recommendation would be inappropriate. However, they agreed to forward a resolution, presented to Jim Hall on the occasion of his retirement from the Council, commending him on his outstanding service to the Advisory Council. The resolution will be accompanied by a neutral letter of support.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Sanctuary Advisory Council reviewed, amended, and approved the June 28, 1996 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1) Dr. Jim Hughes -- informed Council members that the latest shark attack at Bodega Bay represents about 10% of all shark attacks along the California coast.

V. DISCUSSION: SAC MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chair shared her frustrations with the current meeting schedule, which she feels does not allow the Advisory Council to address or respond to specific issues in a timely manner. For example, the Council has been slow in responding to questions from headquarters concerning the group's authority. In addition, the Council was unable to meet the original deadline for submitting comments on NOAA's Coastal Stewardship Task Force report. The Chair recommended that the Council begin meeting again on a monthly basis, with a break for the Winter and Summer holidays.

Advisory Council members discussed the issue in detail. Expressed reservations about monthly meetings included all day absences from the workplace and long driving distances. As a compromise, Advisory Council members elected to meet every six weeks. The Council further agreed to meet for a half-day meeting on Friday, September 27 at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Pacific Lecture Forum, in Moss Landing.

VI. SAC AUTHORITY/POSSIBLE CHARTER REVISION

The Chair summarized several weeks of communication throughout the summer with NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD) concerning the authority of the Advisory Council to communicate beyond the Department of Commerce. Initially, the Anti-Lobbying Act was cited as rationale for prohibiting a letter from the Council to Congress in support of re-authorization of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Later directives from Washington were contradictory, according to the Chair. At issue now, is the question of independent judgment and communication on the part of the Council in exercising its authority to advise the Sanctuary program.

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which, Council members expressed their

expectations, questioned the legal interpretations coming from Washington, and agreed to review the SAC Charter, to which they have recently made suggested changes, in order to clarify this issue.

Key points raised during the discussion included:

- 1) The Council provides an excellent forum to discuss issues concerning, not only the MBNMS, but the entire California Coast; and
- 2) The Council encompasses various roles and responsibilities that help develop and support the Sanctuary program. One of the strengths of the MBNMS is the multitude of expertise available to assist the program.

In general, Council members were disturbed by SRD's decision, and determined that the applicable language in the National Marine Sanctuaries Act is not satisfactory. From collective experience, Council members agreed that the Department of Commerce does not always respond in a timely manner. Examples of issues still to be resolved include jade cove, shark chumming, and vessel traffic safety. Council members concurred that the public needs to be active on a number of fronts in order to be effective; hence, the success of the Advisory Council to date.

Following a formal motion and discussion, the Council decided on the following actions: 1) to draft a letter of response to SRD requesting a written explanation of the Advisory Council's authority; 2) that Stephanie Thornton, Chief of SRD, be invited to meet with Council members to discuss the issue; 3) to communicate to SRD the seriousness of this issue; 4) to revise the draft Charter, reflecting the advisory mission of the Council not limited to the Department of Commerce; and 4) to seek independent legal counsel to identify a friendlier interpretation of the ³Act².

Other courses of possible action mentioned, but not endorsed, were wielding Congressional authority and acting within the limits of what the ³Act² doesn't state can be done.

Council members reiterated their goal to support the Sanctuary program to the fullest extent possible and to serve as good, solid advisors and advocates for the interests in and around the MBNMS.

Finally, Council members emphasized the importance of public perception. NOAA's role needs to be clearly defined and it should be made very clear that the Sanctuary Advisory Council is NOT another arm of NOAA.

VII. PRESENTATION: DESALINATION PLANTS IN THE SANCTUARY

Patrick Cotter, Environmental Scientist for the MBNMS, gave a brief overview of desalination plants within Sanctuary boundaries. His presentation included mention of permitted plants, plants under construction, proposed or planned plants, and recent project activities dealing with desalination plants. Sanctuary concerns for desalination plants involve the following issues: 1) new types of discharge in the Sanctuary; 2) salinity shock to marine organisms; 3) long-term effects of brine discharge on marine communities; 4) cumulative effects of discharges; 5) assurances of adequate monitoring of the environment; and 6) assurances of adequate corrective measures if problems are found. (Please attachment A for more detailed information.)

Advisory Council members requested that the Sanctuary office ensure all desalination plants be closely monitored.

VIII. SANTA CRUZ WHARF PROJECT

Dorris Welch, Education Representative to the Advisory Council and Chair of the Sanctuary Education Panel, presented a draft plan for the Santa Cruz Wharf Sanctuary Center. The City of Santa Cruz, the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History, the Santa Cruz Museum Association, and other cooperating organizations have succeeded in drafting a generous and feasible plan for a Sanctuary interpretive center at the Santa Cruz Wharf. Over two million people visit the Santa Cruz Wharf each year. The proposed Sanctuary Center will provide an opportunity to improve public outreach efforts and marine education.

Ms. Marty Akerman, a representative of the City of Santa Cruz, attended the meeting and was introduced to the Advisory Council. She reiterated that the proposal being presented was still in draft form and was subject to change; however, she was confident that the Center was in little danger of becoming commercialized. Sponsors are mindful that material displayed at the Center be factual and accurate. Ms. Welch added that the Sanctuary Education Panel will aid in the review of material designed for the project.

Council members suggested that they also be included in the review of materials. They requested that the newly formed Business & Tourism Activity Panel be involved in developing criteria for center sponsorship and drafting the guidelines for products that can be sold.

Council members directed that a letter of support be sent directly to the sponsors of the project. The letter should state the Council's appreciation for the interpretive center.

IX. UPDATE: MBNMS LICENSE PLATE SALES

Nick Papadakis, Executive Director for the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), updated Council members on the status of license plate sales and current marketing strategies. The report included the following highlights:

- ... To date, 2,152 paid applications have been received.
- ... There is not a budget for advertising.
- ... With assistance from an educational grant from NOAA, six displays have been placed at BART stations in the Bay area. The displays contain educational information about the MBNMS and feature the plate's toll-free number.
- ... Nob Hill grocery stores will feature the license plate again on their shopping bags.
- ... Beginning the week of September 1, there will be T-shirts, with the license plate logo and ordering information on the front, available throughout the central coast region. The T-shirts are being produced free of charge to the Sanctuary and 25% of the profits from the shirts¹ sales will be contributed to Sanctuary programs. The T-shirts should be available at Sanctuary celebrations and a preliminary listing of distribution sites can be obtained through AMBAG at (831) 883-3750.
- ... Three non-profits have agreed to help sell the plates.
- ... AMBAG is promoting fleet purchases: the Seaside Company, the Pebble Beach Company, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the Odwalla Juice Corporation have purchased the plates for their company cars. Council members are encouraged to assist with corporate sales whenever possible.

... Current incentives to purchase the plates include free tickets to the Boardwalk courtesy of the Santa Cruz /Seaside Company, and free children's admission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium with the next 500 license plate purchases.

... Local banks have agreed to display the plates and extra display materials are available to any business wishing to help advertise the program.

... Chambers of Commerce will run another article about the program; and various organizations continue to run announcements in their publications and newsletters.

... AMBAG is beginning a media campaign targeted toward non-profit organizations associated with the school districts. The idea is to mobilize the students and their parents.

... AMBAG is also attempting to use the hospitality industry as sponsors for advertising, using the plates to attract tourists to the area.

... A four page advertising insert will be included in Santa Cruz and Monterey weekly newspapers.

... AMBAG is still looking for private sector donations to help with advertisement costs, and is hoping the Advisory Council can be a partner in the campaign.

Council members thanked Mr. Papadakis for the update and suggested that the advertisements should start mentioning the approaching deadline.

The Chair asked that the new MBNMS Public Relations Coordinator prepare a media marketing strategy to be presented at the September meeting.

X. REVIEW: MONTEREY BAY AREA VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY

Rachel Saunders, Conservation Representative for the Advisory Council and Chair of the Conservation Working Group, briefed Council members on the new volunteer stewardship opportunities guidebook. The publication, sponsored by the Center for Marine Conservation (CMC), BAYNET, and the MBNMS, will serve as a type of ³Yellow Pages² for persons interested in becoming more involved with the Sanctuary. The book focuses on community efforts and provides practical hands-on experience for working with wildlife, monitoring and restoration projects, and educational opportunities in field research. The Sanctuary Education Panel provided input. Approximately thirty organizations will be listed in the guidebook.

Initial funding is available to print 2,000 copies, which will be distributed throughout the Sanctuary. The guidebook will also appear on the Sanctuary web-page; the electronic format will allow ease in updating information on a regular basis.

Council members congratulated Ms. Saunders on the project and made the following suggestions: the electronic version of the guidebook should feature links to all entities listed, include some Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary volunteer opportunities, and include some mention of the Advisory Council and its working groups - namely, its existence and its role.

Completion of the Sanctuary Volunteer Guidebook is expected by the end of September.

XI. REVIEW: SAC DRAFT COMMENTS ON THE COASTAL STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE REPORT

Due to the limited time allotted for Council members to review the original proposal, the Advisory Council decided to send a letter addressed to Stephanie Thornton, Chief, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, respectfully asking for an extension of the comment

period deadline. Council members were asked to please review the DRAFT Comments on the Coastal Stewardship Task Force Report and to return comments and edits to Ms. Jane DeLay at the Sanctuary Office no later than Monday, September 9, 1996. The document will be presented for approval at the September 27 meeting.

XII. REVIEW: LIST OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR THE SANCTUARY FOUNDATION

Advisory Council members were presented with a DRAFT Strategic Plan Outline for the MBNMS Marine Sanctuary Foundation. The top priority of the Foundation is to allow the public to make charitable contributions to the Sanctuary, and to utilize received moneys to supplement Sanctuary programs. Council members made the following comments on the plan:

... Edit the present Mission Statement to read as follows, ³To raise public awareness of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and to raise funds for its programs.²

... Development of long-term educational plans for the Sanctuary should be further defined.

... Rather than using the phrase ³education² throughout the document, replace it with ³programmatically products.²

... Stress the Foundation's importance to the goals of the Sanctuary Program -- education, research, and resource protection.

... Request that we have another retreat to discuss the strategic plan for the Sanctuary Foundation.

Council members discussed criteria for future Foundation Board members, such as an individual with product development and marketing experience, individuals able to make considerable financial contributions to the Foundation, and individuals with connections to potential donors.

At present, Board members consist of: Michael DeLapa, Executive Director; Rachel Saunders; Warner Chabot; Scott Hennessey; and, possibly, Nora Deans from the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Advisory Council members overwhelmingly directed that the name of the Foundation be officially referred to as the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

XIII. SANCTUARY MANAGERS' REPORT

Ed Ueber, Manager of the Northern Portion of the MBNMS, provided the following activities report:

... Ed attended the Northern Region Business & Tourism meeting: four business and several people from Half Moon Bay participated.

... Ed hopes to install signs mentioning the MBNMS at Stinson Beach, the San Francisco Presidio, and the Half Moon Bay visitors center.

... The Smithsonian Ocean Planet Exhibit Opening enjoyed a very successful turn-out. The Sanctuary office will continue to work together on displays and cooperative ventures. Ed offered to arrange an Advisory Council field trip to see the exhibit.

... September 28 is Harbor Day in Half Moon Bay; the Sanctuary will feature a display that describes the entire National Marine Sanctuary program.

... Ed will be visiting the southeast Farallones Islands for a week.

... The Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations will be featured on an August 26 national public radio open panel discussion on water quality issues and plans

for transportation of San Francisco's sewage. A key to the entire project is the proposed cross town tunnel through San Francisco. This remains a very live issue in the San Francisco area and the tunnel is still considered to be a viable alternative. Ed encouraged Council members to call in with their questions and comments as this is a good way to get concerns aired and answered. The radio broadcast will be on channel 88.5 FM from 10-11 AM.

... The Sanctuary Managers meeting is in Savannah, GA from September 14 15.

Terry Jackson, Manager of the MBNMS, provided a report on Sanctuary activities; please see the written report (Attachment B). In addition to the written report, he mentioned the following items:

... Andrew DeVogelaere, MBNMS Research Coordinator, will be doing intertidal research with some graduate students.

... The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary has provided their 56 foot boat to the MBNMS for research purposes. A one-day media/public relations trip is being scheduled; if space is available, Advisory Council members may be invited to attend.

... An article describing the Sanctuary's line of demarcation in Santa Cruz and Moss Landing harbors will be forthcoming in local newspapers. Technically, those areas inside the lines are not a part of the MBNMS. Terry has asked that the Moss Landing Harbor District and the City of Santa Cruz continue to implement Sanctuary regulations until clarification on the issue is reached.

... The position of Sanctuary Manager is currently being advertised; Terry has submitted his application;

... With respect to the ATOC project, the separate studies with suspended arrays and lower frequencies are finished. The project scientists will return to completing the original higher frequency studies. The ATOC project should be over by the end of the calendar year. The Advisory Council requested that an update on the ATOC results be scheduled for a meeting next Spring.

XIV. APPROVE: SAC ANNUAL REPORT

The 1995 Sanctuary Advisory Council Annual Report was approved as amended. The Chair directed that the report be forwarded to the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division and to Congress.

XV. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

1) Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP) - Dorris Welch, Chair of the Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP), provided highlights on recent activities of the working group, which included mention of the following:

... Dorris, Liz, and Kip attended and presented at the National Marine Educators Conference in New Hampshire; she reported a nice coming together of educators from all over the world.

... There will be a marine education position focusing on the Sanctuary opening at Long Marine Laboratory; prospects of getting funding from the Hearst Corporation, GSCCF, and the MBNMS to help pay for the program are good.

... The text draft of the Sanctuary book produced by Long Marine Lab is finished; Dorris will provide a copy for Advisory Council members to review upon request.

... The SEP is working on teacher training programs in collaboration with MARE and the MBNMS.

... Advisory Council support is needed to help with the Sanctuary outreach booth at the Santa Cruz County fair; the dates are Sept. 10-15. Call Dorris at 459-2358 or Lorraine Riversong at 462-9122 for more details.

... The Long Marine Lab Open House is Oct. 13.

The next meeting of the Sanctuary Education Panel is Thursday, September 12 from 2:30 - 5:30 PM at MBARI.

2) Research Activity Panel (RAP) - Greg Cailliet, Chair, Research Activity Panel (RAP), provided highlights on recent activities of the working group which included mention of the following:

... The RAP met on Friday, August 9 at the Watershed Institute at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB). In accordance with the new RAP meeting format to feature an activities report from the hosting institution, the RAP heard three presentations about CSUMB: 1) an introduction to CSUMB; 2) a briefing about the work of the Watershed Institute; and 3) the work being done to improve water quality through watershed and land restoration.

... Dr. Holly Price, Director of the MBNMS Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP), provided an update on the WQPP.

... The RAP discussed the underwater park proposed for Monterey and Pacific Grove. Working group members were reassured that their concerns expressed about the original proposal are addressed in a rewritten proposal expected to be submitted by Rachel Saunders and the Center for Marine Conservation.

... There was some discussion about missing research buoys and the RAP requested that the MBNMS help advertise about not taking or damaging buoys.

... Don Potts, University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), briefed RAP members about recent activities regarding the International Marine Biodiversity Inventory (IMBI) and remained positive about establishing an International Marine Biodiversity Center at UCSC's property on Fort Ord.

... Greg reported that the RAP identified major marine biodiversity sites in California. RAP members are confident that the suggested sites will be accepted by the CA Biodiversity Council.

... The RAP commended the California Resources Agency's Document California's Ocean Resources: An Agenda for the Future, and commented on how much the document has accomplished in furthering California's marine goals.

... Andrew DeVogelaere, MBNMS Research Coordinator, and Jan Roletto, Gulf of the Farallones NMS and Cordell Bank NMS Research Coordinator, provided written reports on Sanctuary research activities. The reports are informative and have helped enhance coordination between the Sanctuaries' research programs.

... The Sanctuary is continuing to evaluate the McArthur cruise.

... With respect to the Fort Ord studies, samples have been sent to UCSC and a report is expected by the end of the year.

... Items of action -- the RAP voted to write to the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division of NOAA offering the working group's willingness to provide advice in the selection of a Sanctuary Manager and an Environmental Scientist. The RAP requested that, at the very least, there should be some local input for the positions.

Following discussion, Advisory Council members approved a motion to inform SRD in writing that the Council would be willing to provide advice and to contribute local input in the selection of a Sanctuary Manager.

3) Conservation Working Group -- Rachel Saunders, Chair of the Conservation Working Group (CWG), provided highlights on recent activities of the working group which included the following:

... The CWG discussed their schedule for future meetings; they decided to hold them at different locations throughout the Sanctuary. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 at the Montara Lighthouse in Montara, CA. It is hoped that by holding

regular meetings in the northern and southern ends of the Sanctuary, the CWG will make connections and recruit additional members. The CWG will be back at the Moss Landing Harbor District Office for the October meeting and in San Luis Obispo in November.

... The working group reviewed a proposal by the Fish and Wildlife service to de-list the California Sea Otter from the Endangered Species List. CWG members cautioned against the action because of the small population size and continuing threats of oil spills from vessel traffic.

... CWG members expressed their concerns about the proposed underwater park and the obstacles facing it; Rachel commented that she will do her best to get it through.

... The conservation community remains concerned about the recent attacks to the California Coastal Commission and its Director. CWG member organizations will continue to stay involved in the issue.

... The issue of man-made noise came up again: there is a proposal by the Navy to conduct noise testing at levels much greater than ATOC. The testing would be throughout the CA coast and would include the MBNMS. Scoping and work for the Environmental Impact Report is in progress. The Natural Resources Defense Council will be submitting some comments about this on behalf of the conservation organizations.

... The CWG is contributing to the Sanctuary celebration in September.

... The Save Our Shores Sanctuary Steward program is recruiting another class.

... BAYNET just graduated their third class -- there are now close to 50 BAYNET volunteers. Recruiting for the next class will begin in October. BAYNET organizers are also talking with San Luis Obispo County to help establish a docent program for Piedras Blancas.

... CWG members are working on a training workshop for sometime in November for volunteer monitors and agencies.

4) Business and Tourism Activity Panel (BTAP) - Steve Abbott, Business & Industry Representative for the Advisory Council, briefed the Council on the premier meeting of the MBNMS Northern Region Business & Tourism Activity Panel. Held in Half Moon Bay on August 15, the meeting was well attended by local citizens and some businesses. The meeting was a productive introduction to the goals and objectives of the project and the group promised to meet again to define concrete strategies for promotion of Sanctuary interests. Issues that were mentioned during the meeting included Sanctuary signage in the northern section of the MBNMS, and the pending Sanctuary Field guide.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

1) Dean Lee -- publicly thanked BAYNET for helping the Coast Guard during the ³sea lion invasion².

2) Due to the TWA crash, all Coast Guard commanders are tasked with having to practice plane crash rescues at sea. Dean is planning to insert a mock fuselage in the Sanctuary so that the Coast Guard can test their rescue systems. The Coast Guard will remove the debris when the drill is finished.

3) Brian Baird -- The final, in-house version of the Resources Agency's document California's Ocean Resources: An Agenda for the Future is currently being reviewed by the State's Secretaries. The Governor's office has been briefed on the document and Brian hopes that the report will be released within the next six-months.

4) There will be an ocean conference in San Diego, March 23 -27, 1997. Papers have been submitted from all over the world; there may be a political panel on which Advisory Council members can participate. The deadline for abstracts is Monday, August 26, 1996.

5) David Iverson -- Save Our Shores (SOS) is active in San Mateo County. SOS programs include: volunteer training sessions; organizing field trips to the Ocean Planet exhibit in San Francisco, Pt. Montara, Pillar Point; and a hike over Montara Mountain on October 12.

6) The Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival is scheduled for the third week in October; SOS will have a booth in support of the Sanctuary.

7) David Iverson will be speaking about the Sanctuary to the Lions Clubs in San Mateo and Burlingame. He plans to show the Sanctuary video.

Advisory Council members requested a viewing of the Sanctuary video at the next meeting.

8) Ed Cooper -- the Monterey Bay Dive Festival and Nikonos Shoot out is October 19-20, 1996.

9) Greg Cailliet -- the Moss Landing Marine Labs Open House is Oct. 19 -20, 1996.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. DeLay
MBNMS Advisory Council Coordinator