An update on the

Joint Management Plan Review

Monterey Bay
National Marine Sanctuary
Advisory Council

June 3, 2005
1. Pacific Fishery Management Council Recommendations

2. Timeline for Public Review
National Marine Sanctuaries Act - Section 304(a)(5)

**Applies:** When considering regulations that may affect fishing

**Purpose:** Provide Fishery Management Council with opportunity to prepare draft fishing regulations

**Issue:** Comprehensive protection of Davidson Seamount and fauna below 3000 feet in region, including restriction of fishing

**Decision:** April 7th, 2005 - Tacoma, Washington
Davidson Seamount - Proposed Regulations

- No disturbance of seabed by any means

- No disturbance, collection, or take of resources below 3000 feet in the area, including fishing
Pacific Fishery Management Council

- Unanimous support for inclusion of Davidson Seamount and the goals and objectives
- Declined opportunity to draft regulations
- Potential protection of Davidson Seamount through Essential Fish Habitat process under Magnuson Stevens Act.
- Support authority to prohibit release or introduction of non-native species
Reply to Pacific Fishery Management Council

May 25, 2005  NMSP ⇒ PFMC

• Acknowledge PFMC timeline to identify Essential Fish Habitat alternatives at June meeting

• Acknowledge regulatory strategies will be developed later in EFH process

• Provide technical advice regarding EFH alternatives that can meet NMS goals and objectives for Davidson / Cordell
JMPR

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement Revised by NEPA Contractor
- Complete Revisions to Mgmt Plan, DEIS, Proposed Rule
- Review by NOAA General Counsel, Enforcement, Fisheries Service

NMFS - EFH

- June 15, 2005 - PFMC Considers Groundfish EFH Alternatives
- Identify and Develop Regulatory Strategies
Public Review and Comment:

Document Release
- Complete in July
- NOAA Clearance in August and September (8 week process)
- Printing and Distribution
- So….October ?

SAC Review
On JMPR Current Schedule - Review at Meeting in December
Davidson Seamount
View from the Southwest