

Management Plan Review Working Group: Wildlife Disturbance – Ocean Noise

Final Recommendations

1. We recommend increasing research efforts, including CeNCOOS (Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System) monitoring sound as a core variable tracked over time, and work to integrate the project into similar NOAA efforts. We recommend collaboration with and support for the MBARI real time cable hydrophone and adding additional nodes so it can precisely locate sounds.
2. We recommend sound be featured in the Sanctuary's visitors centers- utilizing exhibits, events and outreach programs describing sound in the marine environment that will reveal how sound is used by animals in the ocean and that manmade sound can have impacts.
3. We recommend Sanctuary staff consult with appropriate agencies and fishing industry representatives to catalog current uses of seal bombs and where applicable encourage continued enforcement by appropriate agencies.
4. We recommend the Sanctuary convene collaborative groups of stakeholders with the goal of developing strategies to both minimize future seal bomb use and developing effective alternatives in the Sanctuary.