

**Sanctuary Advisory Council Resolution  
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary**

**Monterey Bay NMS Advisory Council recommends MBNMS staff coordinate with the State of California on purple sea urchin management project(s)**

At its June 15, 2018 meeting, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommends that Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary commits staff to coordinate and collaborate with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region and the California State Fish and Game Commission on research and management projects involving purple sea urchins in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

The goal of this collaboration between State and MBNMS staff is to assess the effectiveness of urchin management strategies and their ecological consequences in accordance with the Marine Life Protection Act. CDFW is the lead for issuance of scientific collection permits for parties to conduct controlled experiments in State waters. Thus close coordination is necessary for research projects located in the California State Marine Protected Areas that are nested within the sanctuary. Given the urgent issues of needed protection of marine habitat, these issues should be addressed as soon as feasible.