



# Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Diver Newsletter - **Artificial Reef MORE INFORMATION**

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# Public Meetings on Artificial Reefs in California

### Public Listening and Informational Meetings Baseline Assessment for Artificial Reefs in California

#### Meeting Dates and Locations:

Sacramento – April 5, 2017  
2 – 5 p.m.  
Arden-Dimick Library  
891 Watt Ave., Sacramento, CA 95864

Los Alamitos – April 25, 2017  
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
CDFW Los Alamitos office  
4665 Lampson Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Oxnard – May 4, 2017  
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.\*\*  
Channel Islands Yacht Club  
4100 Harbor Blvd., Oxnard, CA 93035

\*\*Date Correction: Earlier flyers distributed out had an incorrect date for the Oxnard location.

Note: CDFW plans to stream the Los Alamitos meeting online. Webinar meeting information will be posted at a later date; stay tuned to the Marine Management News blogsite for updates.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will host public meetings in April and May 2017 to provide information on CDFW's role in the placement and management of artificial reefs in California, including laws and regulations; historical background; what the public should expect, and what CDFW needs to move forward with the potential placement of new artificial reefs in state waters. This meeting will be

## Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has become a premier diving destination, offering some of the most beautiful and pristine diving areas in the country. The City of Pacific Grove, on the Monterey Peninsula, has provided medical treatment to injured divers with its hyperbaric chamber since 1963. While the City of Pacific Grove provides for many of the chamber's operation needs, the diver donations support the continued ongoing operations that offset needed repairs that occur from time to time. Please consider a donation to help this much needed, important resource for the local dive community.

[Donate to the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber Fund](#)



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Donations for the chamber can be made online using a credit card or a PayPal account. The credit card transaction will be securely handled by PayPal and you do not need a PayPal account to make a credit card donation. At the end of the credit card transaction you will be presented with an option to print out a receipt for your donation.

Your tax-deductible donation to the Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber Fund will go directly towards the reopening of the facility and its operations.

Payment can also be made by check mailed to:

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focused on the need for a baseline assessment of existing artificial reefs in California to inform a statewide scientifically based artificial reef plan. Additionally, the meetings will provide an opportunity for CDFW to gain a better understanding of interested stakeholders' concerns and comments related to artificial reefs. For further information, please contact CDFW Environmental Program Manager Becky Ota at (650) 631-6789 or [Becky.Ota@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Becky.Ota@wildlife.ca.gov).

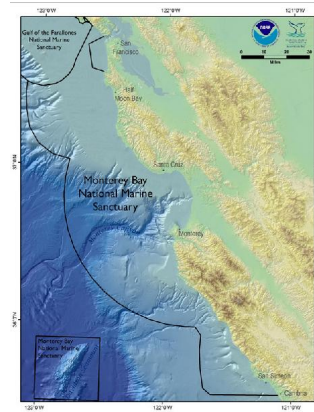
99 Pacific Street, Suite 455 E  
Monterey, CA 93940

If you have any questions, please email [info@mbnmsf.org](mailto:info@mbnmsf.org)

Prepared by Brian and Phil, Sanctuary Advisory Council Diving Representatives

### Know your Sanctuary

## Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary



*post by CDFW Senior Marine Environmental Scientist Brian Owens*

Dear MBNMS,

Divers everywhere, please be advised the State of California is now addressing the Artificial Reef Program and assessing the information put for by Stakeholders (Divers). These three meetings are critical to the process. The last five years we have asked for your input regarding artificial reefs in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. More than 80% of the diving community would like to see this program put into place.

#### Artificial Reef Flyer

We need you now to assist the process in person at one of the three meetings. The Artificial Reef Program is now in the Sanctuary Management Plan due to your efforts, but cannot move forward without the State of California putting a process in place like Florida has for artificial reefs.

I will be in Sacramento for the meeting on April 5th. If you cannot make this meeting please find a way to make one of the two other meetings listed in the information.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) is a Federally protected marine area offshore of California's central coast. Stretching from Marin to Cambria, MBNMS encompasses a shoreline **length of 276 miles and 6,094** square miles of ocean. Supporting one of the world's most diverse marine ecosystems, it is home to numerous mammals, seabirds, fishes, invertebrates and plants in a remarkably productive coastal environment. MBNMS was established for the purpose of resource protection, research, education, and public use of this national treasure. MBNMS is part of a system of 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and one marine national monument, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**Public Listening and Informational Meetings**  
**Baseline Assessment for Artificial Reefs in California**  
**Join Us! We want your input. April 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**

The goal is to provide information to the public on CDFW's role in the placement and management of artificial reefs in California including:

- laws and regulations
- historical background
- what the public should expect
- what the Department needs to move forward with the potential placement of new artificial reefs in state waters.

This series of meetings will be focused on the need for a baseline assessment of existing artificial reefs in California to inform a statewide scientifically based artificial reef plan. Additionally, the meetings will provide an opportunity for the Department to gain a better understanding of concerns and comments from interested stakeholders related to artificial reefs.

<p>Sacramento April 5th Arden Dimick Library 891 Watt Ave Sacramento, CA 95864 2p-5p</p>	<p>Oxnard April 19th Channel Islands Yacht Club 4100 Harbor Blvd, Oxnard, CA 93035 8:30a- 11:30a</p>	<p>Los Alamitos April 25th CDFW Office 4665 Lampson Ave Los Alamitos, CA 90720 8:30a- 11:30a</p>
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Becky Ota (650) 631-6789 • [Becky.Ota@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Becky.Ota@wildlife.ca.gov)

## Artificial Reefing

Once again we are counting on your personal attendance at these meetings to help keep the ball rolling.

#### Overview Presentation

Warm Regards,,

Brian and Phil

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Diving Representatives

## 2017 SAC Meeting Schedule

- April 21, 2017 - Santa Cruz
- June 16, 2017 - Cambria
- August 16, 2017 - Half Moon Bay
- October 20, 2017 - Salinas
- December 15, 2017 - Monterey

For more information go to [2017 Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting dates and Information](#)

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