Introduction of members and guests (G. Cailliet)

Institution Representatives
- Greg Cailliet, Moss Landing Marine Labs- Chair
- Rick Starr, U.C. Sea Grant- Vice Chair
- Andrew DeVogelaere, MBNMS- RAP Coordinator
- Lisa deMarignac, MBNMS- SAC Coordinator
- George Boehlert/Mary Yoklavich, NOAA/NMFS/PFEL
- Jane Caffrey/Mark Silberstein, ESNERR and ESF
- William Douros, Monterey Bay NMS
- Michael Field/Steve Eittreim, USGS
- Chris Harrold/Randy Kochevar, Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Deborah Johnston, CA DFG/ Monterey
- Rikk Kvitek/Steve Moore, CSUMB
- Patricia Port, Department of the Interior
- Giacomo Bernardi/Dan Costa, UCSC
- Dennis Powers/Jennifer Nielsen, Hopkins Marine Station
- David Clague, MBARI
- Jan Roletto, GFNMS/CBNMS
- Leslie Rosenfeld/Jeff Paduan, Naval Postgraduate School
- Mark Stephenson, CDFG/Mar. Pollution Studies Lab
- Geoff Wheat, NOAA/NURP
- Karen Worcester, Morro Bay Foundation

At-Large
- Jim Harvey, Moss Landing Marine Labs
- Caroline Pomeroy, UCSC/CSUMB
- Les Strnad, CA Coastal Commission

Special Advisors
- Jim Rote, CSUMB
- Gary Sharp, CIRIOS

CONSENT ITEMS:

Modifications to the agenda (G. Cailliet)

PRESENTATIONS

Critical Marine Mammal Habitat Studies in Monterey Bay NMS (D. Croll)

Institutional Update: CSUMB (S. Moore)

Approval of the minutes for July 1998 (G. Cailliet)

BREAK
DISCUSSION

RAP Sub-Committee to review the diver disturbance report (C. Harrold/G. Cailliet)

Review SAC/MBNMS staff retreat and Sanctuary Division's 5 year priorities (R. Starr/A. De Vogelaere)

SHORT INFORMATION ITEMS

Verbal items:

Update on Sustainable Seas Expeditions (A. De Vogelaere)

Sanctuary Currents: planning '98 (B. Richmond)

Legislation update (C. Pomeroy)

Written items (no discussion unless there are questions):

Marine Scientists Electronic Database (A. King/A. De Vogelaere)

If you have not done so already, please encourage scientists at your institution to sign up on the UNESCO global directory.

Beach COMBERS (J. Harvey, S. Benson, A. De Vogelaere)

The MBNMS beach survey program has started a new training class for prospective volunteers. Over the last year, this program has provided important data related to: red tide events, the Pt. Reyes oil spills, the Monterey Bay fish oil spill, survival of cleaned and banded birds, and the process for placing NMFS observers on gill netting boats. The program was also featured in the Jason Project.

Squid Research Advisory Panel (B. Douros)

Rick Starr was nominated by the MBNMS to serve on the new Squid Research Scientific Committee being developed for the state by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Green Crabs (A. De Vogelaere)

There has been increase interest by the media (KRON TV, The Monterey Herald) on the introduced green crab. A collaborative project on the geographic range and ecosystem impacts of the introduced green crab is now underway. ESNERR, SSNERR and MBNMS received funds from the NOAA Partnership program to address these questions. This July, we found that green crabs are at their southern limit in Elkhorn Slough, their abundance has increased since 1994, this wet year has resulted in very high recruitment of juvenile crabs, but something about Elkhorn Slough is limiting population explosions experience at other sites.
RAP Shark Report (A. King)

The RAP prepared a report for the SAC on shark fishing related topics over two years ago. MBNMS staff has received several requests for information from Australia on shark chumming related to commercial sight-seeing operations. The RAP report is now available on the MBNMS Research web site under Technical Reports.

Future Agenda (G. Cailliet)

Don't hesitate to forward agenda topics, speaker suggestions, and written items to G. Cailliet or A. De Vogelaere for future meetings.

Handouts available:
MBNMS bi-monthly reports for July.

New Business

Items for future meetings

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