

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

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In the early 2000s, golden eagles were live trapped and relocated. NOAA is not aware of any MPWC impact studies conducted in the Channel Islands. A few MERITO program examples are the bilingual outreach program, MERITO internships, and the CINMS sponsored MERITO academy.

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This provision is also consistent with NOAA's regulations for other more recently designated national marine sanctuaries and enhances protection provided by the prohibition on the take of marine mammals, sea turtles, and seabirds discussed above. The United States is home to 14 sanctuaries, each protecting important ecosystems and marine life.

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Comment: The FMP should explain NOAA's plans for noise research and monitoring in the Sanctuary, which should include: Promoting research on anthropogenic noise impacts on Sanctuary resources; documenting and improving understanding of Sanctuary baseline and new acoustic conditions; identifying significant sources and levels of noise within the Sanctuary; and promoting dialogue and collaboration between the Sanctuary, the shipping industry, and other relevant regional and national agencies. To get after these questions, sanctuary staff and contractors are combining an ongoing program of tagging large whales with time-depth-location recording tags with systematic mapping of krill fields around the sanctuary. Sanctuary stewardship responsibilities include a mandate to inventory sites, encourage research, provide public education and oversee responsible visitor use.

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The primary goal of the sanctuary is the protection of natural and cultural resources contained within its boundaries. Response: The special and unique characteristics of the Islands and surrounding waters were significant factors in the decision to designate the waters surrounding the Islands as a national marine sanctuary, and remain the overarching reason for revising CINMS regulations and implementing a variety of programs.

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