



**CHANNEL ISLANDS**  
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



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## CALENDAR EVENT

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### NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

**What:** The public is invited to attend a hybrid meeting of NOAA’s Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) Advisory Council. This meeting will feature Council member announcements, the sanctuary superintendent’s report, presentations on upcoming CINMS projects, and more.

**When:** **Friday, September 19, 2025; 9:00am-12:45pm PT**

**Where:** **In-person at the [Santa Barbara Zoo](#) or [online via Google Meet](#)**

**Who:** **Advisory Council members** representing commercial fishing, recreational fishing, non-consumptive recreation, tourism, business, research, education, conservation, the Chumash community, public-at-large, and government agencies; and sanctuary superintendent **Chris Mobley**

**Draft Meeting Agenda** (subject to change; please check the [Meeting Announcements web page](#) for the most up-to-date information)

- 9:00am Welcome, Council Member Announcements, Sanctuary Superintendent’s Report
- 10:35am Decline of a North American rocky intertidal foundation species by Dr. Steve Whitaker
- 11:15am Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary: Updates from Carolina Behe
- 11:35am Public Comment
- 11:50am Channel Islands Marine Debris Coalition and Global Ghost Gear Initiative Workshop
- 12:40pm Close Out and Next Steps
- 12:45pm Adjourn, Optional Post-Meeting Lunch

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Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary protects 1,470 square miles of marine resources surrounding San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa, and Santa Barbara Islands. Designated in 1980, the sanctuary encompasses a rich diversity of marine life, habitats, and historic and contemporary cultural resources and values. The Advisory Council provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent and serves as a forum for consultation and deliberation for the community, assuring public input to management decision-making and helping expand public awareness about the sanctuary and its resources. Regular public meetings are held every two months. For additional information, visit [channelislands.noaa.gov](https://channelislands.noaa.gov) and [facebook.com/ChannelIslandsNMS](https://facebook.com/ChannelIslandsNMS).