

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary



- **Year Designated:** 1980
- **Size (area):** 1,658 square miles
- **Location:** Encompasses waters out to six nautical miles around Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel and Santa Barbara Islands
- **State Waters:** Includes approximately 905 square miles
- **Purpose:** To preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources within this unique and fragile ecosystem community.
- **Fully-Protected Areas:** Approximately 166 square miles of State waters in the sanctuary (10% of the NMS) are designated as no-take marine reserves by the State of California
- **Date Management Plan Issued:** 1983
- **Date of Management Plan Review:** In February 2004, CINMS submitted their Final Draft Management Plan (DMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Both documents are undergoing internal clearance review and should be cleared for public release by January 2006, followed by a 60-day formal public comment period.



Map credit: Channel Islands NMS

Sanctuary Website: <http://channelislands.noaa.gov/>
Sanctuary Regulations: 15 C.F.R. § 922, Subpart G

Examples of Research and Monitoring Activities in the Sanctuary:

- Delta Submersible research cruise.
- Altair Integrated System Flight Demonstration Project.
- Southern California Bight Pilot Project.
- NOAA Teacher at Sea program.

Examples of Endangered and Threatened Species in the Sanctuary (State and Federal):

Endangered	Threatened	Candidates/Of Concern	Delisted
White Abalone Tidewater Goby Blue Whale Humpback Whale Fin Whale Sei Whale Southern Sea Otter California Brown Pelican Snowy Plover California Least Tern	Steller Sea Lion Bald Eagle Xantus Murrelet (State listed)	Copper Rockfish Brown Rockfish Ashy Storm Petrel	Gray Whale Peregrine Falcon



**Summary of Regulation of Activities and Uses in
the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary**
(For full regulations, see 15 C.F.R. § 922 and contact the regulating agencies)

Type of Use	Regulated by the Sanctuary (NMS)				Examples of Other Regulating Agencies, States/Territories, or Laws (may not be comprehensive list)
	Zoned (areas closed to this type of use)	Restricted	Prohibited	Comments	
Commercial Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of California, Channel Islands National Park, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Recreational Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of California, Channel Islands National Park, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Bottom Trawling				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of California, Channel Islands National Park, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Collecting Aquarium Fish				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of California, Channel Islands National Park, Pacific Fishery Management Council
Aquaculture				May be regulated under Discharges and Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	State of California, Army Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency
Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	√			Bottom trawling and anchoring exempted from zone restrictions	
Seabed cables or devices				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Army Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, FCC
Exploring for, Developing, or Producing Oil and Gas		√		Permitted for leases issued prior to March 30, 1981	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Exploring for, Developing or Producing Other Minerals				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Removal/Damage of Natural Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	
Removal/Damage of Cultural or Historical Resources			√		Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Overflights	√			Overflights prohibited in zones	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Use of motorized watercraft	√			Cargo carriers prohibited in zones	Channel Islands National Park
Underwater Noise				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Discharging or Depositing Material Within the NMS		√		Listed types of discharge allowed	U.S. Coast Guard
Discharging or Depositing Material Outside the NMS that Might Injure NMS Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	U.S. Coast Guard

Other Regulations: Permits for research, education, or salvage/recovery operations may be issued to allow any otherwise prohibited or restricted activity. The California Department of Fish and Game requires a fishing license to fish in the Sanctuary. Fishing is prohibited in the sanctuary's State Marine Reserves.