

## **BTAP Recommendations**

### **1. Fishing and Aquaculture**

- Clarify that the Department of Fish and Game and the National Marine Fisheries Service (including the Pacific Fisheries Management Council), are the agencies responsible for these regulations as per the original intent when the Sanctuary was designated. Any regulations or advocacy for regulations proposed by the Sanctuary should only occur if they are the result of a cooperative effort with the fishing and aquaculture communities and they have the support of these communities.

### **2. Water Quality**

- The business community is a strong advocate for improving water quality within the Sanctuary.
- Concerns regarding point and non-point source pollution continuing to plague our bay.
- We need a better means of coordinating and working with other agencies to develop solutions and notify local businesses and the public including the posting of access points when sewage spills occur.
- The Sanctuary has made a good start on this issue and we should expand resources available to address and prevent accidental sewage spills and to identify the sources of polluted urban run-off.

### **3. Permit and Regulatory Authority**

- Consolidate and streamline the permit process.
- We propose that, for all permits, an appeals process must be developed.
- The Sanctuary can help expedite any multi-agency permit process.
- The Sanctuary should not add another layer of permit regulation if other Federal/State/Local permit authorities are already in place.

- Stress in the Management Plan Review that the essential work of the Sanctuary Program is in the oil/gas ban, education, research, and the work of the water quality protection program.

#### **4. Human Impacts**

- Clarifying language needs to be added to the Management Plan to allow for human uses as long as there is no significant impact to the resource, i.e. allow for minor impacts. Include a guidance statement to help define major versus minor impacts.
- Harbors are the access corridors to the Sanctuary for commerce, education, recreation, and research. Under the current management plan, dredging within Harbor boundaries that did not occur before designation would not be allowed. The Sanctuary should be accommodating the needs of its harbors. Sanctuary policy should be more accommodating and no more restrictive than other directly responsible regulatory agencies. Language should be added to the Management Plan, which acknowledges the benefits of dredging operations.

#### **5. Marketing Plan and Partnership**

- Sanctuary use and economic opportunities need to be actively promoted.
- Contract with a marketing professional to develop a Sanctuary marketing plan with the business community and designate a staff person to actively facilitate the use of the Sanctuary's resources for this purpose.
- Create specific, measurable goals to determine the success of this program.
- The base of support for the Sanctuary Program has always been the oil and gas ban, education, research and the work of its Water Quality Protection Program. To this end, the Management Plan should stress the need to work with other agencies, businesses, and NGO's in order to accomplish its goals. It is essential that this is a community-wide process.
- By fostering a positive working relationship with the business community as it has done with the conservation, education, and research communities, the Sanctuary will bring tremendous benefits to the entire region.