Visioning to Inform Sanctuaries Expansion Efforts

A workshop for Sanctuary Advisory Council members, Feb 21 2013

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Background - Why are we here?

- Opportunity: broadly supported legislative efforts to expand Sanctuary boundaries
- NMSF grant to SeaWeb to engage key players on marine zoning issues in the Sanctuaries
- Background on SeaWeb and Seatone Consulting
- Lessons learned from other marine zoning /stakeholder engagement workshops on the West Coast and beyond



Workshop Goals - Feb 21

- Identify, discuss and prioritize marine planning issues related to boundary expansion
- Integrate and build upon recent SAC work on marine zoning and feedback/data gathered today
- Generate outputs that inform marine planning, content of draft EIS and next steps
- Link efforts to upcoming management plan review



Products and Outcomes

- Identification of priority activities and issues related to Sanctuaries boundary expansion area
- Generation of spatial considerations for activities within new sanctuary boundaries
- Vision and recommendations for how SAC feedback can be integrated with requirements for EIS



Agenda - Today

- Introduction
- Q&A (5 minutes)
- Group brainstorm on key spatial planning considerations (10 minutes)
- Reporting back and discussion
- Summary comments



Group Brainstorm

- What are the top three issues that should be considered under the sanctuary expansion proposal? (E.g. water quality)
- 1) What new (not currently existing) marine activities should be considered within the proposed expanded sanctuary boundaries?
- What information is needed to appropriately address your responses to questions 1 and 2 above?
- 1) What are the most important consequences or impacts of the boundary expansion to the sector you represent, whether positive or negative?

