

Marine Sanctuary Expansion



What we need to protect

- Whale migration lanes
- A majority of the threatened southern Sea otter population
- Spawning areas and nurseries
- Whale, porpoise, dolphin, and elephant seal gathering areas
- Ten percent of California kelp forests
- Clean, healthy coastal waters
- Deep-water communities of marine life
- Mainland elephant seal haul-out
- Chumash archeological sites
- Rocky intertidal regions with diverse and dense fish populations
- One of the most nutrient-rich feeding areas in California
- Arguello Canyon: 3,000 meters deep
- Three estuaries: Santa Ynez, Santa Maria, Morro Bay
- High coastal dunes
- Magnificent views

Community Benefits

- Strengthen our tourism-based economy
- Provide a local sustainable Fishing Heritage Area
- Bring funding for needed marine research
- Enhance opportunities for local recreation
- Preserve our unique and significant coastal natural systems
- Permanently protect our coastal waters from offshore oil drilling
- Prevent the dumping of toxic waste in San Luis Obispo County watersheds
- Provide a legacy of sustainable, healthy local coastal waters in San Luis Obispo County



LET'S BRIDGE THE GAP!

Help us connect the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

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Ask to be on the Marine Sanctuary Expansion list.

More information: <http://sierraclubcalifornia.org/resilient-habitats/the-campaign/central-coast-nms/> or http://themsa.org/themsa/Marine_Sanctuary_Articles.html