CBNMS Superintendent’s Report

- Howard back in action
- CBNMS budget
- MOAs with NPS and Cordell Marine Sanctuary Foundation – recognize staff CB and GF
CBNMS Resource Protection
Vessel Speed Reduction

- Sent out 2019 Assessment Report Cards to Shipping Companies
- 2019 vessel cooperation rate increased from 45% to 58% in SF Bay Area
- Sent out 2020 letter co-signed by WCR director, NMFS director and USCG
- Working with NOS on an economic impact assessment of the VSR
- We have better coordinated our communication to the shipping industry so graphics, letters and requests are the same from Southern California and SF Bay Area.

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VOLUNTARY VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION ZONE TO REDUCE IMPACT OF SHIP STRIKES ON WHALES

NOAA strongly recommends that vessels 300 gross registered tons or larger transit the San Francisco Traffic Separation Scheme (SF TSS) at 10 knots or less from May 1 - November 15, 2020. These areas contain populations of endangered blue, humpback and fin whales that are federally protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1538 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 USC 1361 et seq.), and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 USC 1431 et seq.).

Please report any collisions with whales or any observed injured or dead whales to NOAA at 877-SOS-WHALE (877-767-9425) or to the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16. If you see whales, please record the date and location, the number of whales, the species (if known) and a description of the animals and report sightings through WhaleAlert, a free application available at http://westcoast.whalealert.org.

For more details, please contact Michael Carver at michael.carver@noaa.gov
CBNMS Resource Protection
CDF&W Trap/Gear Recovery Program

- Effective upon closure of the 2019-20 commercial Dungeness crab season
- Lost or Abandoned Commercial Dungeness Crab Trap Gear Retrieval Permit
- Retrieval Permittee, who is required to contact the Dungeness crab vessel permit holder
CBNMS Education & Outreach

Exploring Cordell Bank and Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries: an online presentation with Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and Exploring by the Seat of your Pants!

May 27\textsuperscript{th} 1:00 PM
Highlights from the 2019 E/V Nautilus expedition
Geared towards younger audiences and families

Register here: https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/live/watch.html
• May ACCESS cruise cancelled. Standing by on September cruise.
• NOAA research vessels are not currently operational (July ACCESS)
• Revision of Condition Report in underway – Dani Lipski
• Drafting report for the ROV dives completed in CBNMS during 2018 cruise on NOAA vessel Bell Shimada which was in partnership with GFNMS
• CBNMS is updating species inventory database – new entry is *Lamellibrachia* spp., tube worm observed during the 2019 Nautilus ROV dive. (1790-1820 m)