



# Five-Year Review Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Nomination

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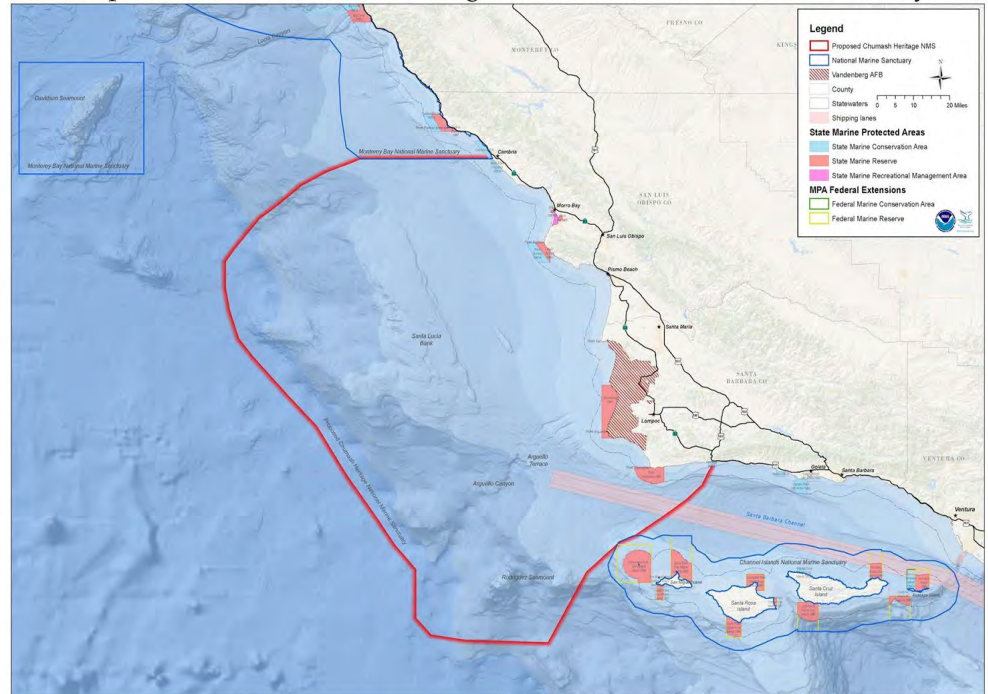
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# Agenda



- Sanctuary Nomination Process
- CHNMS Nomination
- Five-Year Review Process
- 11 SNP Criteria
- How to Submit Comments

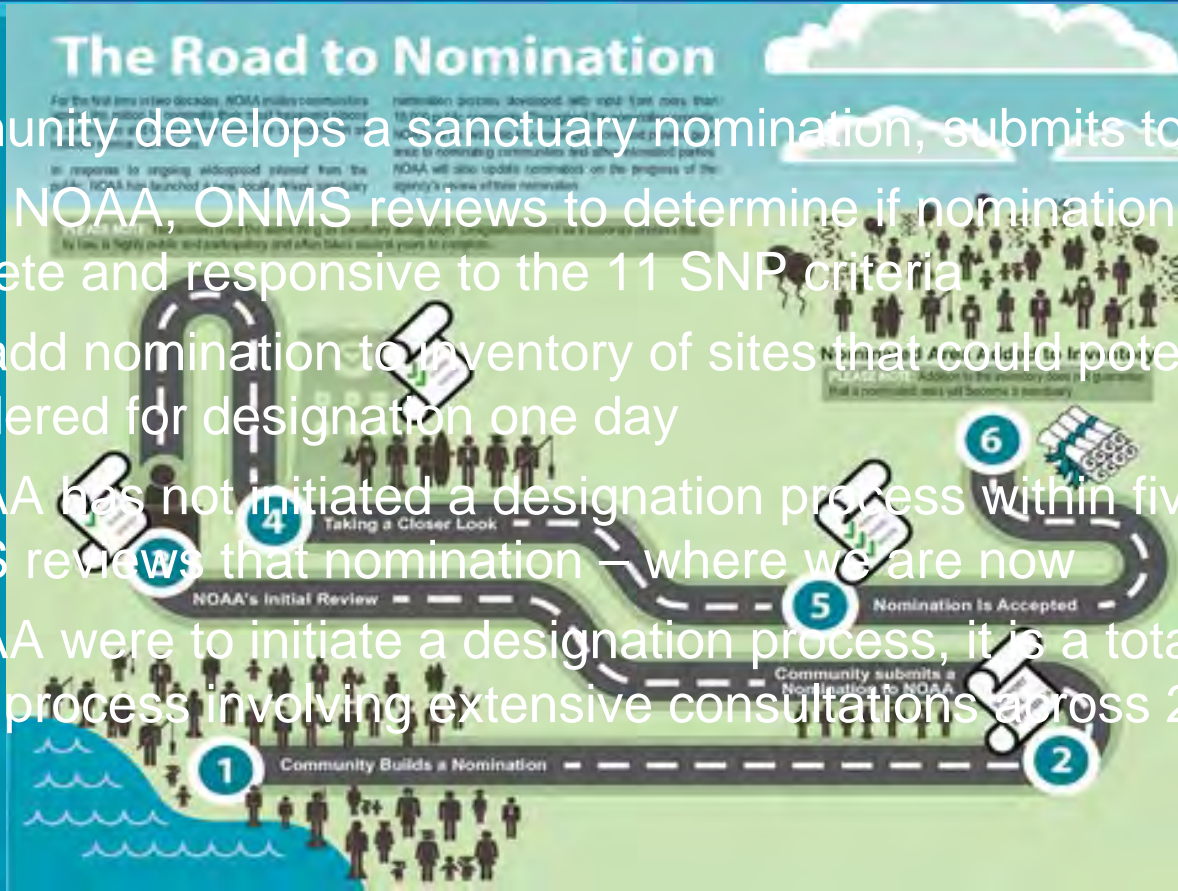
## Proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary



# Sanctuary Nomination Process (SNP)



- Community develops a sanctuary nomination, submits to NOAA
- Within NOAA, ONMS reviews to determine if nomination materials are complete and responsive to the 11 SNP criteria
- If so, add nomination to inventory of sites that could potentially be considered for designation one day
- If NOAA has not initiated a designation process within five years, then ONMS reviews that nomination — where we are now
- If NOAA were to initiate a designation process, it is a totally separate public process involving extensive consultations across 2-3 years



# Chumash Heritage Nomination



**Nominator:** Northern Chumash Tribal Council

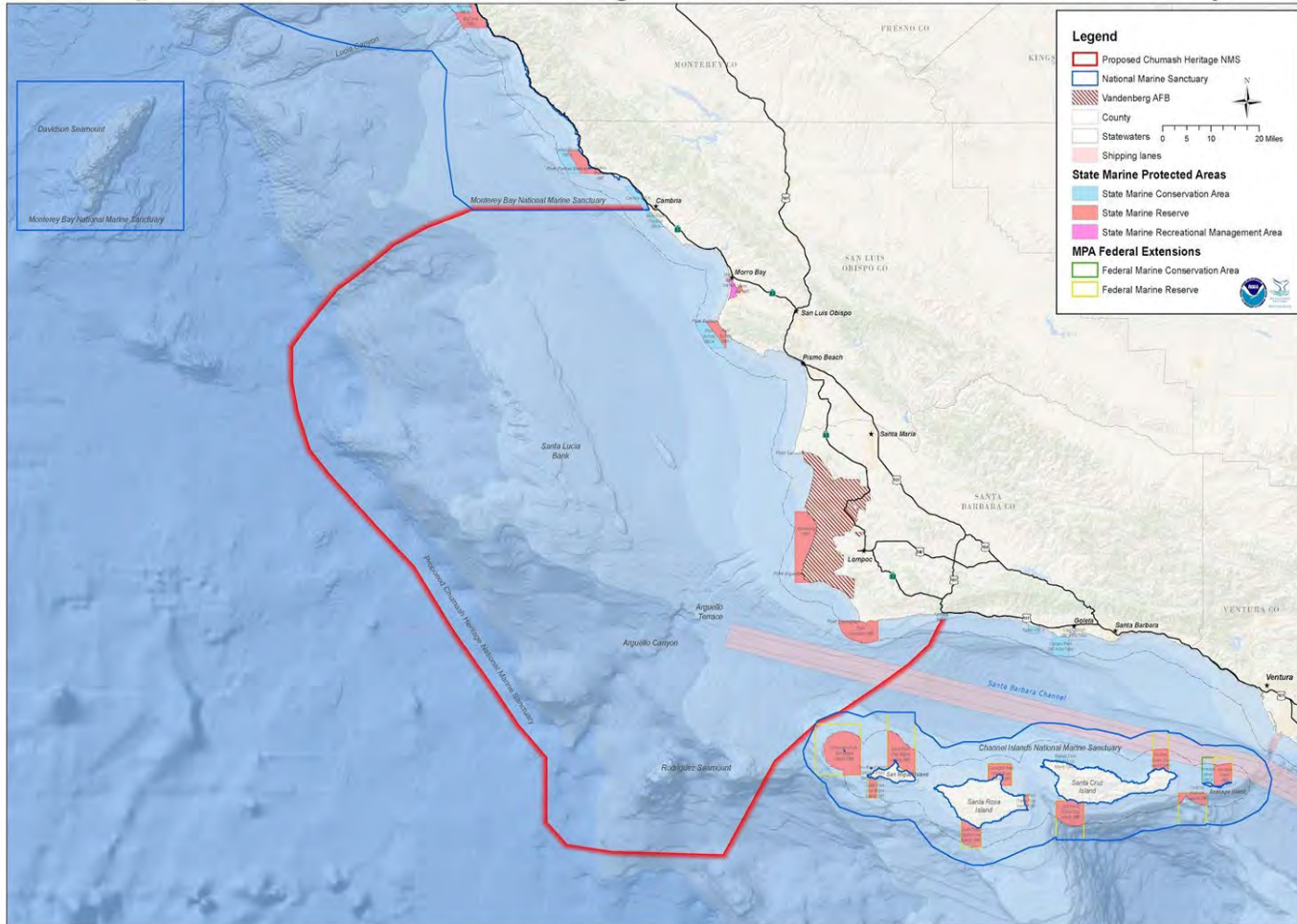
**When submitted:** July 17, 2015

**When added to inventory:** October 5, 2015



**Purpose:** NCTC identified 9 goals for the sanctuary all oriented around the broader purpose of creating and conserving a thriving ecosystem, which in turn can: safeguard the area's coastal and marine resources; open new opportunities for research; enhance economic growth including fishing and recreational activities. Achieving these goals relies on managing through input from a local sanctuary advisory council and through NOAA's comprehensive ecosystem-based management philosophy for sanctuaries.

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# Purpose of Five-Year Review



- Ensure NOAA has a full awareness of the issues and opportunities facing any nominated area within the inventory
- Ensure that nominations in the inventory continue to be relevant and responsive to the four national significance criteria and seven management considerations: i.e., 11 SNP criteria
- Provides an opportunity to the nominators, public, stakeholders and partners to submit relevant and responsive information from 2015 until now to update a nomination



# Process for Five-Year Review

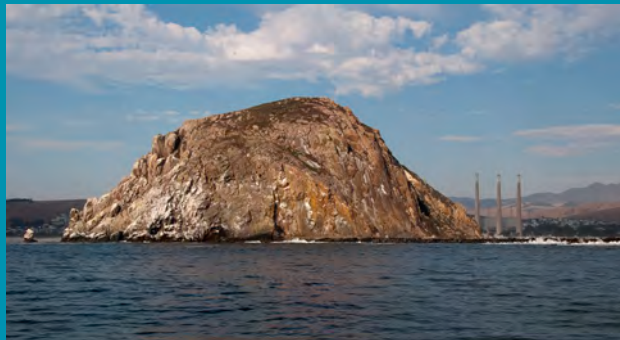


- ONMS seeks information responsive to the 11 SNP criteria
- Receiving input for the Chumash Heritage nomination from:
  - Nominator: Northern Chumash Tribal Council
  - Government agencies
  - Members of public, stakeholders
- Input will aid ONMS staff review of continued relevance of nomination
- Input not responsive to the 11 SNP criteria will not aid that review
- Can also submit written comments at:
  - Federal eRulemaking Portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).**
  - Use docket number NOAA-NOS-2020-0063.**

# Next Steps



- Review the information received through written and spoken comments
- Independently, gather information relevant and responsive to the criteria
- Compile, synthesize and assess the information to determine if the nomination is still accurate and relevant
- Produce a synopsis report with analysis and recommendation for maintaining or removing the nomination in the inventory
- Anticipate decision by end of September or early October, 2020





# SNP Criteria: Four National Significance



1. The area's **natural resources and ecological qualities are of special significance** and contribute to: biological productivity or diversity; maintenance or enhancement of ecosystem structure and function; maintenance of ecologically or commercially important species or species assemblages; maintenance or enhancement of critical habitat, representative biogeographic assemblages, or both; or maintenance or enhancement of connectivity to other ecologically significant resources.
2. The area **contains submerged maritime heritage resources of special historical, cultural, or archaeological significance**, that: individually or collectively are consistent with the criteria of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; have met or which would meet the criteria for designation as a National Historic Landmark; or have special or sacred meaning to the indigenous people of the region or nation.
3. The area **supports present and potential economic uses**, such as: tourism; commercial and recreational fishing; subsistence and traditional uses; diving; and other recreational uses that depend on conservation and management of the area's resources.
4. The **publically-derived benefits of the area**, such as aesthetic value, public recreation, and access to places **depend on conservation and management of the area's resources**.

# SNP Criteria: Seven Management Considerations

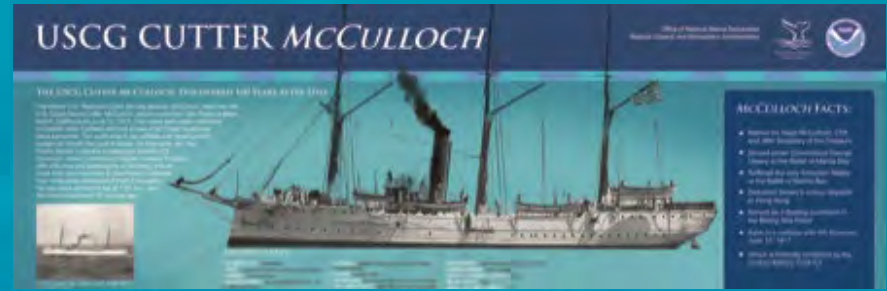


1. The area provides or enhances opportunities for **research** in marine science, including marine archaeology.
2. The area provides or enhances opportunities for **education**, including the understanding and appreciation of the marine and Great Lakes environments.
3. **Adverse impacts** from current or future uses and activities **threaten** the area's significance, values, qualities, and resources.
4. A national marine sanctuary would provide **unique conservation and management value** for this area or adjacent areas.
5. The existing regulatory and management authorities for the area could be **supplemented or complemented** to meet the conservation and management goals for the area.
6. There are commitments or possible **commitments for partnerships opportunities** such as cost sharing, office space, exhibit space, vessel time, or other collaborations to aid conservation or management programs for the area.
7. There is **community-based support** for the nomination expressed **by a broad range of interests**, such as: individuals or locally-based groups (e.g., friends of group, chamber of commerce); local, tribal, state, or national elected officials; or topic-based stakeholder groups, at the local, regional or national level (e.g., a local chapter of an environmental organization, a regionally-based fishing group, a national-level recreation or tourism organization, academia or science-based group, or an industry association).

# NOAA Requesting Information Responsive to the 11 SNP Criteria



- Submit comments that are relevant and responsive to the 11 SNP criteria. Examples include:
  - New information from the last five years about the natural and cultural resources of the area
  - Changes (increases or decreases) in the threats to the resources originally proposed for protection
  - Changes to the management frameworks in the area
  - New commitment of partnership opportunities such as cost sharing or exhibit space
- Comments that are not relevant and responsive to the 11 SNP criteria for the five-year review are not really useful to NOAA
- Comments on whether or not to initiate a CHNMS designation is not relevant



# Written Comment Submission



## Online

Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal,  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Use docket number NOAA-NOS-2020-0063.

**All comments must be submitted by June 15, 2020**

# Questions on the Five-Year Review Process for This Nomination?



# Status of Nominations To Date



## In Inventory of Candidate Sites

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chumash Heritage (CA)</li><li>• Lake Erie Quadrangle (PA)</li><li>• St. George Unangan Heritage</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hudson Canyon (NY)</li><li>• Mariana Trench (CNMI)</li></ul> |
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## Designations in Process

- Lake Ontario (NY)
- Lake Michigan (WI)

## Nominations Withdrawn

- Eubalaena Oculina (FL) 2<sup>nd</sup> submission
- Baltimore Canyon (MD)

## Declined by NOAA

- Eubalaena Oculina (FL) 1<sup>st</sup> submission
- Aleutian Islands (AK)
- Chumash Heritage (CA) 1<sup>st</sup> submission
- SoCal Offshore Banks (CA)

## Nomination Being Evaluated

- Shipwreck Coast (MI)

# New Designation – Mallow's Potomac

