

# Public Information Session

## Join NOAA for an informational public session on national marine sanctuaries

**Explore:** The topic of national marine sanctuaries in general, and where the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary is in the long process of nomination and study that could result in sanctuary designation.

**Learn:** About national marine sanctuaries and how they have been implemented on the West Coast. The meeting will have a presentation; question and answer session with a panel; and opportunities for community members to individually learn about these key program areas for national marine sanctuaries:

- Community Partnerships
- Education and Outreach
- Fishing and Harbors
- Maritime and Cultural Heritage
- Research and Monitoring
- Resource Protection
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Water Quality Protection



**Meet:** Superintendents and staff from Monterey Bay and Channel Islands national marine sanctuaries, and the Regional Director and staff from the West Coast Regional Office.

**When:** Wednesday, January 6, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

**Where:** Veteran's Memorial Hall, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay

***This meeting is not a hearing to receive testimony or take action on the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary nomination.***

- [www.morrobayca.gov](http://www.morrobayca.gov)
- [www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/about/westcoast.html](http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/about/westcoast.html)
- [www.channelislands.noaa.gov](http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov)
- [www.montereybay.noaa.gov](http://www.montereybay.noaa.gov)
- [www.nominate.noaa.gov](http://www.nominate.noaa.gov)