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## **CHARTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT COMMITTEE**

### WHY IS THIS MISSION NEEDED OR WHY IS IT IMPORTANT

This task is a very important one and a requirement for the issuance of the needed permits to sink a ship. The Environmental Impact Reports will be key to getting Coastal Commission approval and is one of the legal requirements that must be met to sink ships. For this reason a standardized report will make completion easier and uniform. As we go through the process of sinking ships off the California coast, the regulatory agencies will come to know exactly what to expect as each report builds upon those that have gone before. With that said this committee must be flexible and responsive through the first few reports to allow for necessary changes based upon any criticisms or perceived omissions by any stakeholder. In the end we want to do it right. In addition, this committee should consider doing/managing all EIRs in the state due to their complexity & commonality.

### DESCRIPTION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Contact company that made Yukon EIR and determine what part they want to play in this process (Dick)
2. Research and review as much of what has gone before as possible. This entails gathering copies of EIR's for ships already sunk in other locations, including the "Yukon". Ask Bob Watts for his recommends. (liaison with Research Committee)
3. Consult with DFG regarding extent to which "Yukon" EIR needs to be expanded.
4. Determine what information contained in these EIRs can/should be utilized in California Ships to Reefs' EIRs.
5. Determine what additional information may be required for California Ships to Reefs' EIRs.
6. Develop a statewide standardized Environmental Impact Report that can then be customized to fit each sink site. The goal will be to produce a "fill in the blanks" type of document to be used by the local sink groups to provide the individual sink site information. Provide a rationale why EIRs should be done this way.
7. Review and approve for submission, all EIR's.
8. Set up to guide the EIR process

### DEFINE SUCCESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE

A standardized EIR has been explored and the review & approval process for each site is ongoing.

OVERALL PROJECT: For the Duration

### SKILLS/PEOPLE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION OF COMMITTEE

Marine biologists, oceanographers, researchers via web or other means (liaison with Research and Technical Library Committees), technical writers, permitting (liaison with other committees), people who understand the EIR process & have experience developing an EIR