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## **CHARTER FOR SINK SITES COMMITTEE**

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

This committee would assist the local sink groups in determining sink locations by providing a statewide standardized format for determination and mapping of the site.

### DESCRIPTION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Determine the criteria for a sink site, considering substrate, water depth, proximity to landings, average water clarity, average currents, proximity of areas for recruitment, and anything else the members of the committee deem pertinent. Determine ship orientation (prevailing surge/current).
2. Consult with government agencies such as DFG and NOAA and with any other recognized groups deemed pertinent to develop criteria that all stakeholders can accept.
3. Develop & document the criteria for a sink site and explain how to determine parameters in easily understood language. The purpose of this document will be for dissemination to the individual sink groups for guidance.
4. Develop a standardized form that can be completed by each sink group for each proposed sink site. This form will list the previously determined criteria and allow for easy completion in a question and answer format. The completed forms will be kept by California Ships to Reefs for use in educating public speakers, completion of the EIR for that site and as an historical record of all sites considered.
5. Identify committee members who will be available to each sink group for on-site inspections of proposed sink sites.

### DEFINE SUCCESS FOR THIS COMMITTEE

1. Sink site criteria fully developed, published and distributed to appropriate committees, sink groups, etc.
2. Sink site document developed and used by sink groups and utilized for EIR and tracking historical information.
3. Relationship with each sink group is developed to assist with onsite inspections as required/requested.

OVERALL PROJECT: For the duration

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

People with bathymetric data experience, researchers via web or other method (liaison with Research-Technical Library Committee), people accustomed to dealing with government agencies (liaison with Governmental Relations-Permitting [all levels] committees), divers