

OCEAN STEWARDSHIP

SEALINK, a new organization started to protect and preserve the Central Coast's seas, believes that offshore oil development is the greatest, most immediate threat to the Central Coast's waters. To raise funds, SEALINK is selling stewardships of a square mile section of the ocean off San Luis Obispo county. The ocean stewardship costs \$1.00 and another \$5.00 is charged for Action Alerts.

SEALINK urges that letters to protest offshore oil development be sent to the Department of Interior, Mineral Management Services, which has a "Five Year Plan" that will permit oil drilling. The deadline to protest this plan is April 26th, 1991. Please send to:

Director or the Mineral Management Services
1849 "C" Street, NW
Washington DC 20240
c/o OCS Comprehensive Program

For more information contact 1 (800) SEALINK or (805) 773-4771. SEALINK meets Sundays at 6:30 pm at 871 Stratford, Pismo Beach.



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MARINE SANCTUARY UPDATE

On October 27, 1990, Congressman Leon Panetta proposed HR 5973, a marine sanctuary for "...waters of the Central Coast..." somewhere between the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to the north and the Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary to the south. In addition, on December 24, 1990, the S.L.O. County Planning and Building Dept. forwarded to NOAA a proposal to extend the Morro Bay site designation to include outer waters between Mill Creek, Monterey County and the southern flank of Pt. Sal, Santa Barbara County.

According to Steve Rebeck, executive director of the Ocean Sanctuary Coalition of San Luis Obispo, it is important that our government leaders receive support for these proposals. He suggests that all "Friends of the Marine Sanctuary" contact Congressman Panetta and the board of supervisors to show support. He also recommends letters to Congressman William Thomas. Mr. Thomas has indicated to the board of supervisors he cannot support a marine sanctuary in his district until the United States develops a national energy policy. The coalition is asking "conditional support" from Mr. Thomas for the sanctuary based on administration recommendations for a national energy policy by President Bush.

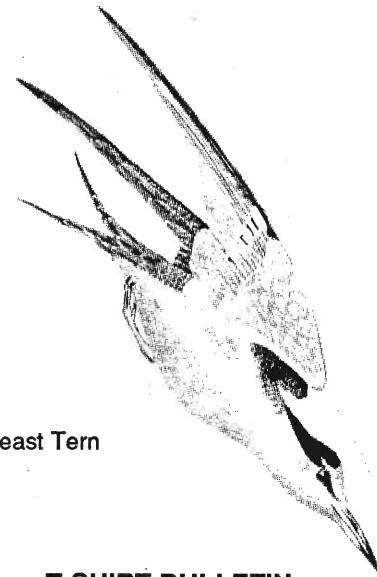
NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Nature Conservancy has released Edition 1 of the Management Plan for the Nipomo Dunes Preserve. The plan includes information on flora, fauna, and cultural resources of the Nipomo Dunes. It also specifies the management philosophy, rules and plans for access. The People for a Nipomo Dunes Board of Directors supports the Plan.

On March 22 at a public hearing in Moro Bay, the California State Coastal Conservancy unanimously approved the plan after hearing from the Nature Conservancy and other groups. Four members of the Board of The People for a Nipomo Dunes testified: Jack Beigle, Jack Dougherty, Gaylord Jefferson Jones and Kathleen Goddard Jones. Also testifying was David Chipping of the Native Plants Society and John Ashbaugh, former board member.

Much of the testimony was concerned with access for horses through the dunes and this issue is still unresolved. The People for Nipomo Dunes will be working with the California State Coastal Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy, SLOHAHTA (an equestrian group), the California Native Plant Society, and other interested groups to study possible equestrian access to the beach.

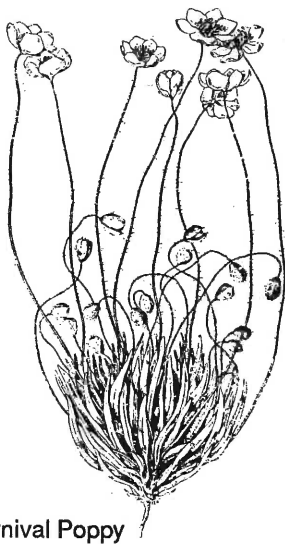
By approving the Plan, the California State Coastal Conservancy released funds for the construction of a visitor center at Guadalupe Beach, and the kiosk, boardwalk and other facilities at Oso Flaco Lake, as well as funds for managing the preserve and funds for appraising the Dune Lakes Ltd. property. Transfer of the property title from the Mobil Oil Preserve to the Nature Conservancy was also approved. Construction is pending permits from the county.



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T-SHIRT BULLETIN

Our well-stocked shelves runneth over with beautiful T-Shirts, sweatshirts and long sleeved t-shirts in great spring colors of pale green, white and gray. Place your order now for these popular, wearable and tax deductible shirts! They make great gifts! Use the order form in this newsletter; your money goes to support the People for a Nipomo Dunes. Thanks!

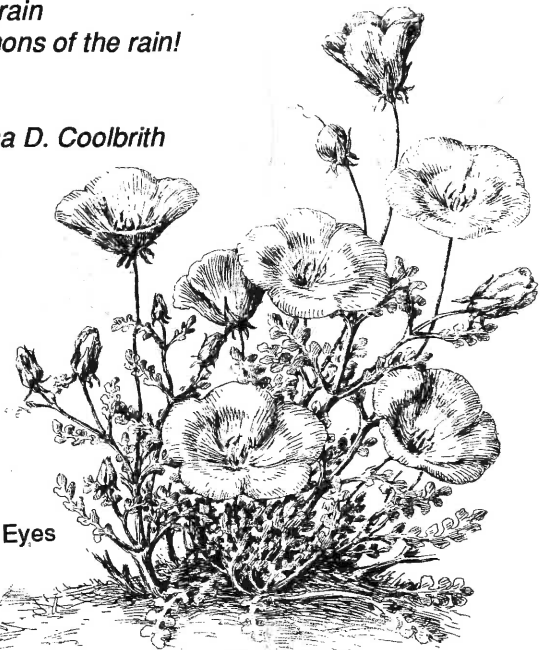


Carnival Poppy

PRELUDE

O Land of the West! I know
How the field-flowers bud and blow,
And the grass springs and the grain
To the first soft touch and summons of the rain!
O, the music of the rain!
O, the music of the streams!

-Ina D. Coolbrith



Baby Blue Eyes

APRIL: Giant Coreopsis *Coreopsis gigantea*
Carnival Poppy *Meconella linearis*
Blue Delphinium *Delphinium parryi*
Little Phacelia ground cover *Phacelia douglassi*
Baby Blue Eyes of the Dunes *Nemophila insignis*



Blue Delphinium

KATHLEEN JONES' DUNE BLOOM REPORT

MAY: Dune Silver Lupine (shrub) *Lupinus chamissonis*
This, the dunes most common plant, will
dominate the landscape with wide spaces of
misty blue and fill the air with its fragrance.

Blochmans Leafy Daisy



Yellow Sand Verbena

JUNE: Blochmans Leafy Daisy *Erigeron foliosus*
Golden Girls *Chaenactis lanosa*
Dune Wallflower *Erysimum Suffrutescens*
Sand Verbena, Lavander Pink *Abronia umbellata*
Yellow *Abronia latifolia*
Sea Coast California Poppy *Eschschotzia*
Californica var maritima