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REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS
OF PROPOSED PT. CONCEPTION/PT. ARGUELLO
OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

During consideration of Calendar Item 28 attached, the following people appeared:

- Dr. John Mohr Member, Scientific Review Panel
- 2. Mr. John Ledbetter
- 3. Ms. Michele Perrault Environmental Coalition
- 4. Ms. Natasha Atkins Staff Biologist Friends of the Sea Otter
- 5. Dr. Ruthann Corwin 'arin County

After a lengthy discussion, Commission directed staff to release the Draft Report, in its present form, to the public. Staff was also directed to make available the public and peer review comments on the Marina Biota Report. Commission directed staff to update the staff report, incorporating changes discussed at this meeting. The report would be presented to the Commission at the December 22, 1982 meeting.

For a verbatim account, please refer to transcript.

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In Calendar Items 20 and 21 on September 23, 1982, the Commission approved and certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR 308) and considered preliminary tract selection for the oil and gas leasing program. The Commission directed staff to seek public comment on the tract selection and leasing proposals. As directed, the Executive Officer held a public hearing in Santa Barbara on October 4, 1982. In addition, the Executive Officer met with a number of oil companies concerning the tracts and lease options. During the period since the September Commission meeting the Biological Survey (Benthic Characterization Study) has been reviewed by a six member scientific advisory panel. The study was available to the public on October 25 and several responses have been received.

The results of all these efforts are contained in a separate staff report to the Commission.

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