

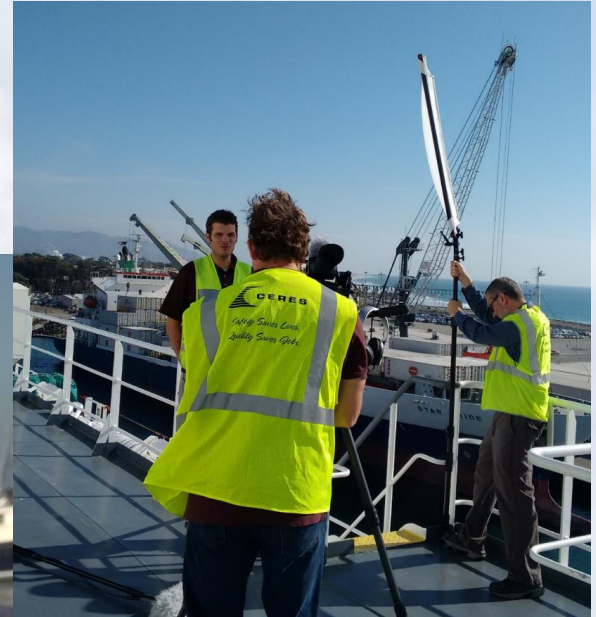
Marine Shipping Update

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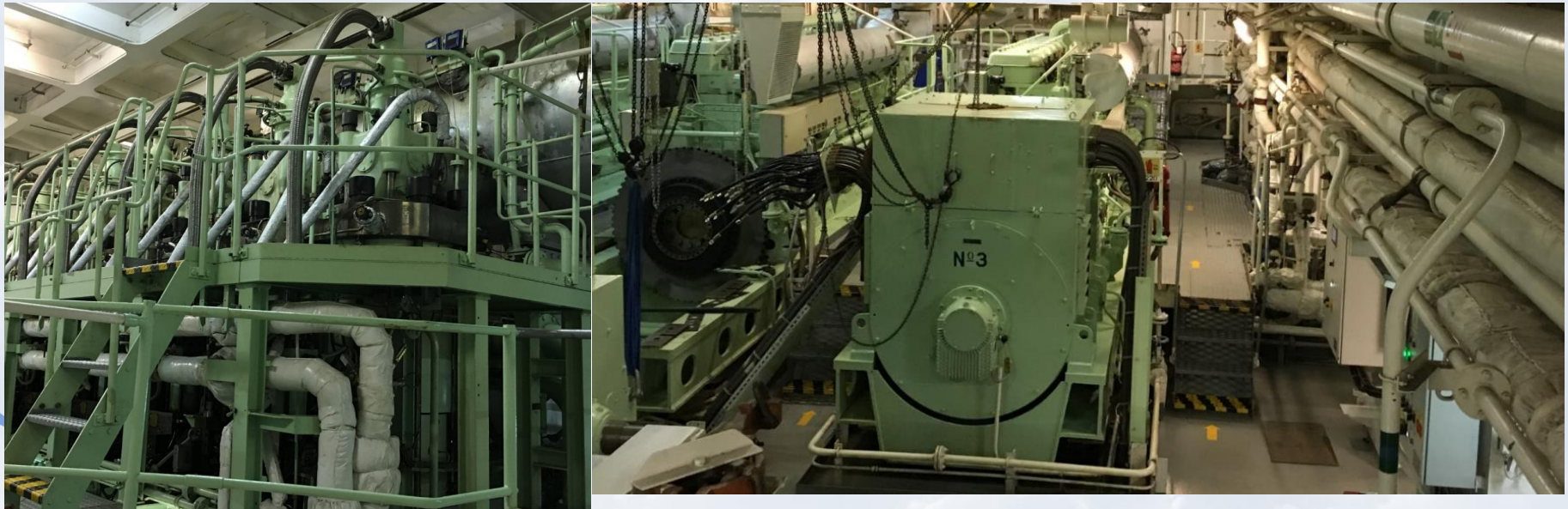
Overview

- Background
- Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) 2016
 - Jan. 20, 2017 event
- Film
- Federal legislation
- VSR 2017 and future funding



Background - Emissions

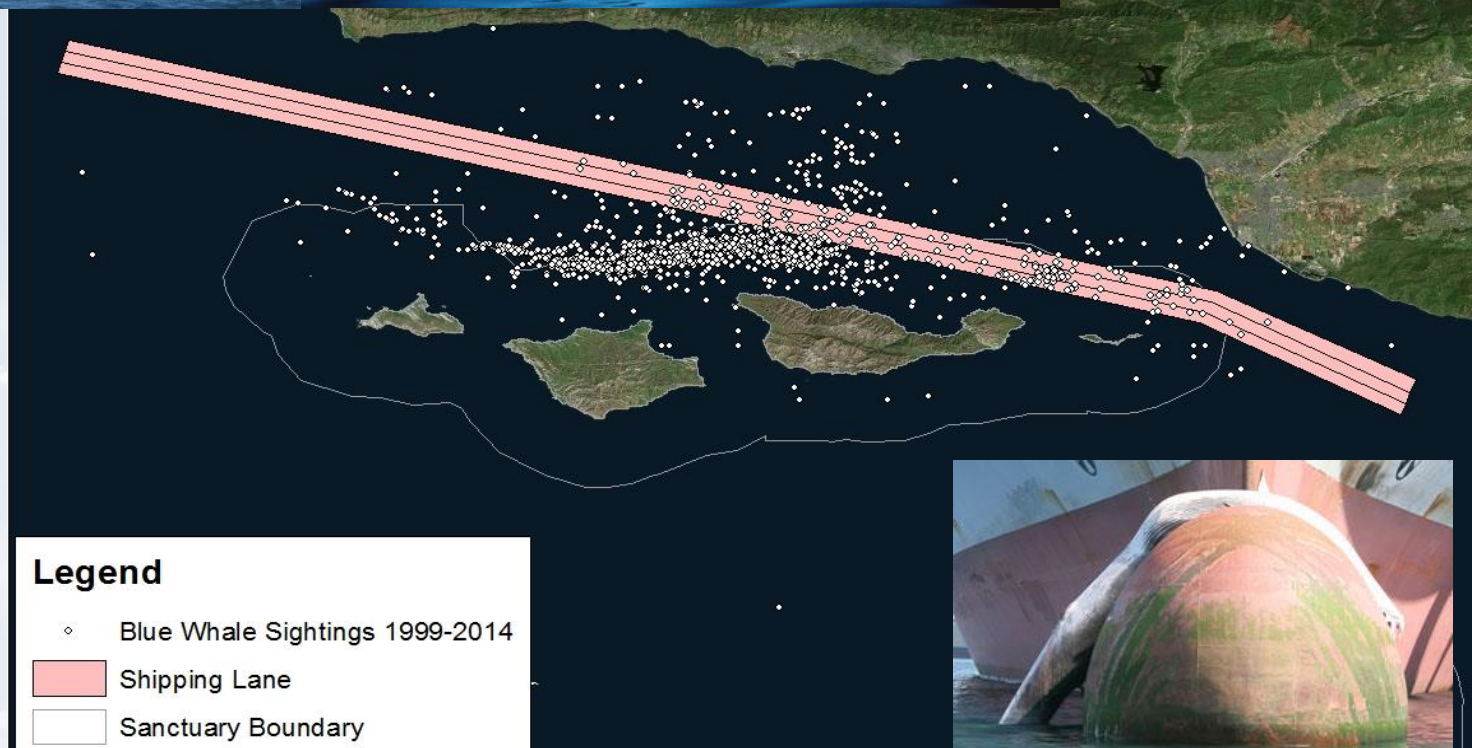
- Shipping - major source of air pollutants in our County, including NO_x (nitrogen oxides; forms smog or ozone)
 - Need NO_x reductions to meet ozone standards



Background – International Rules

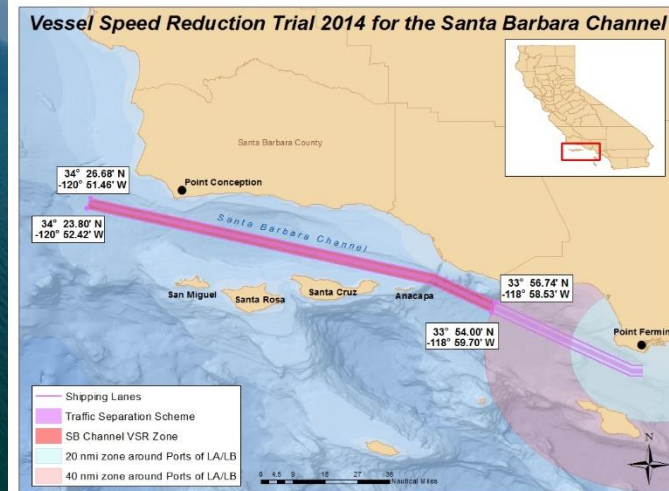
- Fuel rules are reducing particulate, air toxics, sulfur dioxide; but not much NOx
- Starting 2016, cleaner engines required for *new* ships off our coast
 - NOx reductions estimated to start **2020s**
- **Update:** construction of many new ships started before 2016 (overbuilt)
 - New ships won't have the cleanest engines
 - Now estimate NOx reductions starting **2030s**

Background - Whales

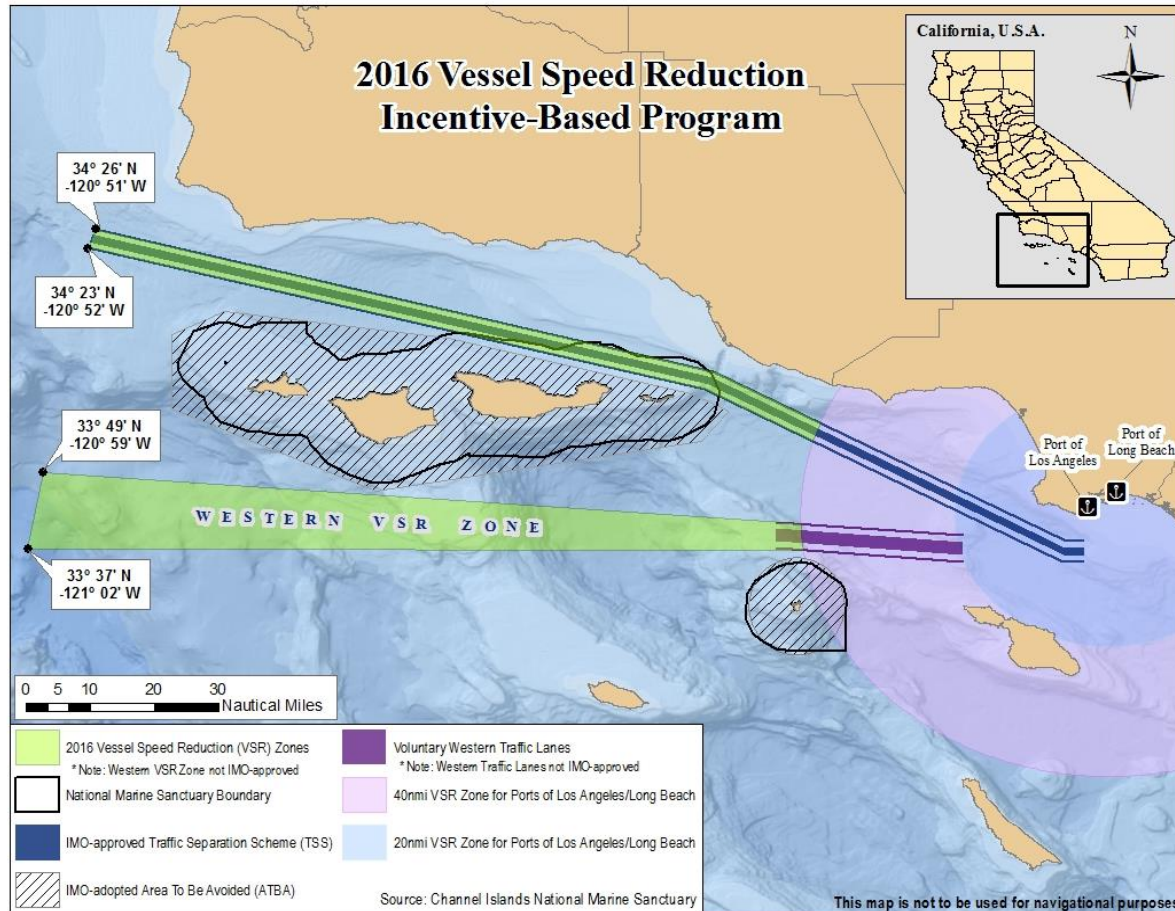


Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Strategy

- ❖ Cuts many pollutants including NOx
- ❖ Reduces risk of fatal ships strikes on whales
- ❖ Whale season and ozone season coincide



VSR 2016 Overview



- ❖ July 1- Nov. 15
- ❖ Sliding scale incentives targeting the fastest ships

Attachment B of 2016 Vessel Speed Reduction Program Page 1 of 3

Whale Sightings Report by Transit – REQUIRED for Whale Report Bonus Incentive

If you see whales, please e-mail this completed report and any photographs by e-mail to jessica.morlen@noaa.gov or by fax ATTN: Jess Morlen at 805-895-5438. You can also report whales through WhaleAlert, a free application available at <http://jessicamorlen.noaa.gov>. Please report any collisions with whales or any observed injured or dead whales to NOAA at jessica.morlen@noaa.gov or to the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16.

Ship Name _____ Observer's First Name _____ Observer's Last Name _____

Were any whales seen during the transit? YES ☐ NO ☐ What did you see? (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> BLUE WHALE	<input type="checkbox"/> HUMPBACK WHALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIN WHALE
		
UNKNOWN WHALE SPECIES <input type="checkbox"/>		

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- ❖ Second VSR Zone south of the islands

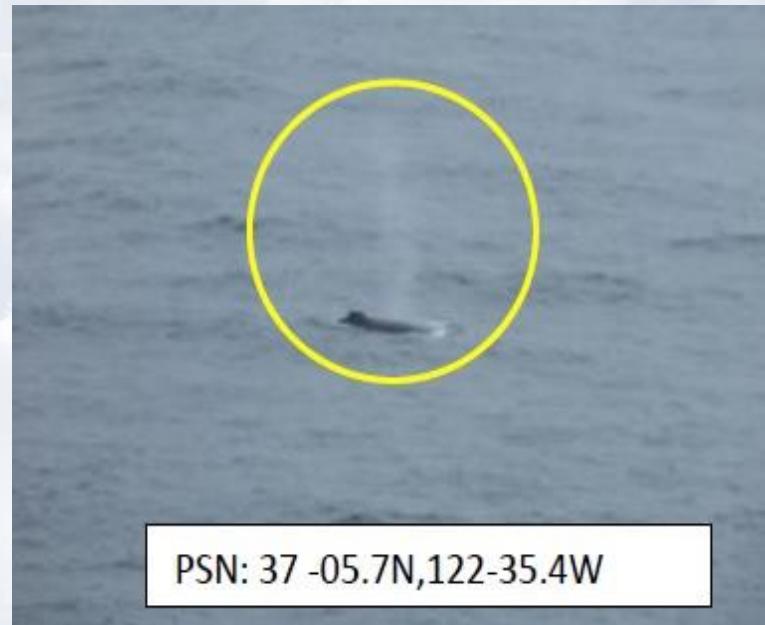
VSR 2016 structure

	2014	2016
# of shipping lines enrolled	7	10
# of transit applications received	89	376
# of transits slowed	27	50
Total incentive payments	\$67,500	\$107,750



2016 Results

- ❖ 50 transits slowed to 12 knots or less
Of these, 14 transits slowed to 10 knots or less
- ❖ Included 38 “coastal” transits, 12 “western” transits
- ❖ 5 lines provided whale sightings forms



VSR Results - Preliminary

- Emissions Reduced
 - 27.50 tons NO_x
 - 1,094 metric tons of greenhouse gases



VSR Results - Preliminary

- Previous baseline speeds 14 - 20.54 knots
- Highest emission reductions for a vessel
 - Yang Ming Brussels Bridge
 - 1.23 tons NOx reduced
 - Slowed from 20.54 knots to 9.34 knots



Lessons Learned

- Shipping companies very interested
- Many will slow to 10 knots
- Those already transiting south of the Islands will participate
- Bonus approach successful for 10 knots
 - Other bonuses checked off but not used; funding was reserved for possible bonuses

Lessons Learned

- A lower incentive amount will be successful
 - Per transit in 2014: \$2,500
 - Average per transit in 2016: \$2,155
- We could verify more transits with more real time tracking
- Increased communication with shipping companies contributed to success



2016 Santa Barbara Channel Region Vessel Speed Reduction Program Program Wrap-Up • Recognition Ceremony



Friday, January 20, 2017 • Santa Barbara Zoo • 500 Ninos Dr, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Please Note: This Vessel Speed Reduction Program ceremony will take place during a NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting, which is open to the public and minutes will be published. More information about the Sanctuary Advisory Council can be found online at <http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/welcome.html>

DRAFT AGENDA

- 10:30 – 10:45am: Welcome/ Introductions
- 10:45 – 11:15am: 2016 Program Results
- 11:15 – 11:50am: Recognition/Award Ceremony
- 11:50 – 12:00pm: Closing Remarks
- 12:00 – 1:15pm: Optional Lunch with program partners

Film



Possible Federal Legislation

- Goal: reward industry for participating with a national recognition program
 - a way to expand impact without funding
- Congressman Lowenthal's (D-CA, 47th District office) Office early draft
 - Meeting with committees and other congressional offices
 - Possibly introduce legislation later this year

SEP Listing

- Ventura County APCD drafted and submitted proposal
- Met criteria for listing as Supplemental Environmental Project
- No guarantee of funding
- Funding for project can be part of settlements

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VSR 2017

- Possible start June 1, 2017
 - Ventura County APCD prefers June start – ozone season
- Funding
 - Confirmed partners: District (approved in FY 16-17 budget), Volgenau Foundation
 - Potential partners: Ventura County APCD, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation



Next Steps

- Return with updated agreement if VSR 2017 is confirmed
- Questions?



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