

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
LOCAL WHALE ADVISORY ZONES
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POINT ARGUELLO TO DANA POINT-WHALES

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Barbara Channel and San Pedro Channel, from May through November, should exercise caution and reduce speed. These areas contain populations of endangered blue, humpback and fin whales which are federally protected under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1538 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.). See Whale Advisory Zone.pdf and WhalePoster_final.pdf in the enclosure section for more details.

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Additional information can be found at:

http://channelislands.noaa.gov/management/resource/ship_strikes.html

NOAA is asking for the public's help in tracking whales. If you see whales, please record the date and location, the number of whales, the species (if known) and a description of the animals. Please email to whales@noaa.gov. Please report any collisions with whales or any observed injured or dead whales to NOAA at 877-SOS-WHALE (877-767-9425) or to the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF-FM Chan.16.

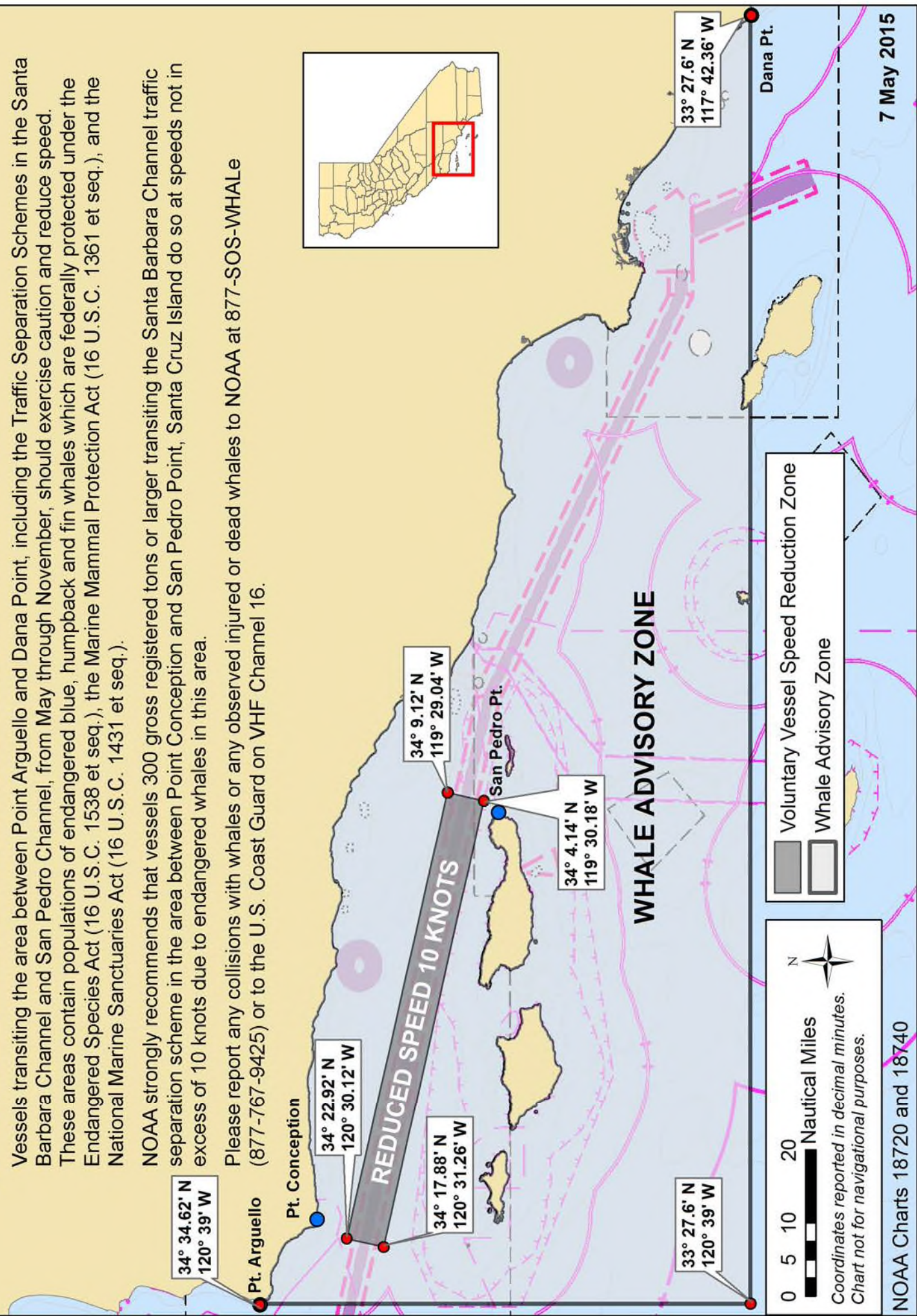
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WHALE ADVISORY ZONE AND VOLUNTARY VESSEL SPEED REDUCTION ZONE TO REDUCE COLLISIONS BETWEEN SHIPS AND WHALES

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Legend

- Voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction Zone
- Whale Advisory Zone

Scale

0 5 10 20 Nautical Miles

Coordinates reported in decimal minutes.
Chart not for navigational purposes.