



# Sinking of the HMCS Annapolis

Report and Action Request from the San Diego Lifeguards



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# San Diego Underwater Recreation Area (SDURA)

- ▶ SDURA was created on December 7, 1999
- ▶ 450 acres in 85' to 120' of water located about 1.85 miles from shoreline between Mission Bay Channel and Pacific Beach.
- ▶ Allows for ships, vessels and other appropriate objects to be placed on ocean floor.
- ▶ Intended to be a place to explore and to attract recreational divers from around the world.
- ▶ Provides habitat for marine life.
- ▶ Supports tourism



# Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)

- ▶ PEIR was approved and intended to act as a template for future SDURA projects
- ▶ The PEIR provides a checklist of 10 specific questions to assist environmental staff in conducting consistency review.
- ▶ California Ships To Reefs (CSTR) has responded to all ten PEIR questions and have been determined by DSD staff to be consistent with the PEIR.



# The HMCS Annapolis

- ▶ 366' Canadian Destroyer that is virtually identical to the HMCS Yukon that was sunk in 2000 – first ship sunk following the creation of the SDURA
- ▶ The Annapolis is currently in Canada under court oversight due to default.
- ▶ Will be inspected by Environmental Canada and the U.S. Coast Guard. prior to leaving Canada.
- ▶ Ship will be placed in dry dock for final cleaning.
- ▶ Once sunk, the ship will be inspected prior to being opened to divers.



# Sinking Safety Protocols

- ▶ SDLG, SDPD, USCG and CSTR will ensure proper sinking safety protocols.
- ▶ SDLG and SDPD will provide public safety services during the sinking.



# Fiscal Considerations

- ▶ The estimated cost for public safety personnel on the day of the sinking – \$2,528
- ▶ The Annapolis is an attraction that will increase interest among the international recreational dive community and increase tourism.



# Requested Action

- ▶ The Fire-Rescue Department is requesting approval of staff recommendation to allow the sinking of the HMCS Annapolis in the SDURA in September or October, 2014.



# Questions?

