

Subject: Secretary Zinke's Visit

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The park was very fortunate to host our new Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke the past two days with visits to both Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Island. Secretary Zinke was able to share his appreciation of our national parks and the work of the National Park Service. He spoke passionately about the Organic Act and his belief in our mission.

Secretary Zinke shared some of his priorities with park staff including building public trust, restructuring the department workforce for efficiency, improved operations for frontline staff, and increasing investments in deferred maintenance. During his briefing with park staff on Santa Rosa Island he said that he would like to highlight the significant ranching heritage on the island through a working demonstration ranch. At this point it is not clear how this idea will be implemented.

The Secretary was very complimentary about our boating and island staff and operations. I want to thank you each for your contributions in making his first visit to Channel Islands National Park a successful one.

As a Navy Seal Commander Secretary Zinke developed a well-deserved reputation as an extremely competent leader that made considerable improvements to their operations. We are privileged to have him as our leader and now as a friend and supporter of Channel Islands National Park.

I posted a link below to share with you the Secretary's tweets from Monday and Tuesday. We are featured about 7 times. We have a mighty friend in Tigran.

<https://twitter.com/secretaryzinke?lang=en>

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