

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



North Central Coast Regional Profile Comments

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Comments Received

- Between April 27 and June 29
- Over 250 comments cataloged
- 17 individuals and organizations, including:
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Gulf of the Farallones NMS
 - Coastside Fishing Club
 - Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
 - Bren School of the Environment (UC Santa Barbara)
 - NCCRSB Members
 - Interested Public

Types of Comments

- Editorial comments, typos, wording, etc.
- General comment that document is too long and should be streamlined
- Specific discussions that should be expanded
 - causes of pollution
 - economic data for inland counties
 - biological attributes of some areas
- Inaccuracies in text
 - species presence/absence
 - suggested improvements in descriptions of some locations, habitats or geographic features



Types of Comments

- Suggestions for data that should be included
 - better resolution fishing data
 - human uses in estuaries
 - why some estuaries included, others not
 - biological information on species likely to benefit
- References to useful data sources
 - additional information on access points
 - water quality data



Types of Comments

- Maps/figures – provide more information on data quality/resolution/accuracy
 - benthic habitats
 - marine birds/mammals
 - water quality
 - commercial fishing data
- Maps/figures – comments on improving cartography/data display



Evaluation of Existing State MPAs

- Evaluation of existing MPAs doesn't fit well as part of profile and is on separate track for SAT input
- Revised profile will include description of existing MPAs but...
- Section on "Evaluation of Existing MPAs" will be removed from profile and incorporated into a "stand alone" document w/ input from SAT



Subregional Summary

- Subregional summaries – synopsis of profile at subregional scale
- Opportunity for RSG to be involved in summarizing what is important to know for MPA planning in each subregion
- Identify work group to focus specifically on subregional summaries.
- First work session scheduled for July 17th, others to follow as needed



Next Steps

- Staff will review comments and address all comments, as feasible
- Add readily available information
- Streamline to extent possible
- With help of RSG and joint fact-finding, expand upon subregional summaries with goal of making more digestible summary of issues of importance to MPA planning by subregion
- Prepare revised version by early September
