

# 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)
  - NCCRSG 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



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- 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



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- 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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