

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
North Central Coast Study Region Public Workshops
Draft Provisional Agenda
(revised January 14, 2008)**

February 4 in Petaluma
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sheraton Sonoma County
745 Baywood Drive
Petaluma, CA 94954

February 5 in Gualala
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Gualala Arts Center
46501 Gualala Road
Gualala, CA 95455

February 6 in Pacifica
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Best Western Lighthouse
105 Rockaway Beach Avenue
Pacifica, CA 94044

Workshop Objectives

- *Brief members of the public on the status of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative North Central Coast Project (i.e., where we are currently in the process and upcoming next steps)*
- *Outline the content of the five current draft MPA proposals and invite questions and comments from members of the public*
- *Identify other methods by which the public can participate in the MLPA Initiative process*

Workshop Agenda

I. Welcome, introductions, objectives and format (20 minutes)

II. Brief overview of the MLPA Initiative (30 minutes)

- California Marine Life Protection Act
- What are marine protected areas (MPAs)?
- MLPA Initiative process
- Who are the groups involved in the MLPA Initiative?
- Other opportunities for public involvement in the process
- Clarifying questions on the MLPA Initiative (10 min)

III. Status of MLPA North Central Coast Project and next steps in the process (40 minutes)

- What has been accomplished to date? Describe status of draft MPA proposals. What are the next steps in the process? Outline the content of the five current draft MPA proposals
- Clarifying questions on the overall North Central Coast Project (10 min)

IV. Break (10 minutes)

V. Focused discussion: public input on draft MPA proposals (80 minutes)

- Participants are invited to ask questions and offer comments on the draft MPA proposals
- Public input will be summarized and forwarded to the Regional Stakeholder Group members working on the MPA proposals

Handouts

1. What are marine protected areas?
2. Goals of the Marine Life Protection Act

3. MLPA Initiative, second phase
4. MLPA Initiative, second phase participants
5. Timeline of the MLPA Initiative second phase???
6. Opportunities for public involvement in the MLPA Initiative
7. Membership list for the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
8. List of commonly used acronyms and abbreviated terms