

# Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



## MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Work Group Session #1

Process Overview

January 29, 2009 • Los Angeles, CA



## Work Group Session Objectives

- Work groups to begin developing “draft marine protected area (MPA) arrays”
  - Consider SCRSG areas of interest
  - Consider existing MPAs in the study region
  - Draw on available guidance, evaluations, and information
  - Consider links to goals and regional objectives
  - Indicate site-specific rationales
  - Focus first on suggesting “preliminary MPA options”
- Plan next steps and preparations for next work session on February 10



# Draft Agenda

- 9:00 AM**      ***Arrival, refreshments, greetings***
- 9:30 AM**      **[Plenary] Welcome and agenda review**
- 9:40 AM**      **[Plenary] Review work group objectives and relevant guidance**
- 10:30 AM**     **[Plenary] Overview of existing south coast MPAs, including evaluations**
- 11:30 AM**     **[Plenary] Brief SCRSG presentations of areas of importance; 2 minutes per primary/alternate pair**  
***(working lunch, provided on site)***
- 1:00 PM**      **[Work Groups] Begin developing draft MPA arrays**
- 4:45 PM**      **Recap progress made and discuss preparations for next work session**
- 5:00 PM**      ***Adjourn***



# Charge to Work Groups

- Three cross-interest SCRSG work groups to develop MPA proposals for MLPA South Coast Study Region
- Iterative process with three rounds
  - Draft MPA arrays (**you are here!**)
  - Draft SCRSG MPA proposals
  - Final SCRSG MPA proposals
- Informed by:
  - Guidelines (MLPA, Master plan science, State Parks and California Department of Fish and Game feasibility)
  - Best information available (draft regional profile, GIS data layers, informational presentations, stakeholder personal knowledge)
  - Feedback/evaluations from blue ribbon task force, science advisory team, and staff
  - Public input/external proposals
  - Cross-interest dialogue



# Process Flow – Round 1

## **Previous SCRSG meetings (meetings 1-3)**

- Joint fact-finding (developing best available information)
- Review of guidance for developing MPA proposals
- Sharing of core interests

## **January 29 SCRSG work session**

- Review existing south coast MPAs
- Consider areas of geographic importance
- Begin identifying and discussing “preliminary MPA options”

## **February 10 SCRSG work session**

- Continue identifying and discussing “preliminary MPA options”
- Begin developing maximum of two “draft MPA arrays”

## **March 3-4 SCRSG meeting**

- Share initial draft MPA arrays ideas across work groups
- Complete development of two “draft MPA arrays”



## January 29 Work Group Process

- Review areas of geographic importance discussed at January 13-14 meeting (overlap maps and spreadsheets)
- Work group members offer “preliminary MPA options” (individual MPAs)
  - Proceed bioregion by bioregion: North Mainland (Point Conception to Marina Del Rey), South Mainland (Marina Del Rey to California/Mexico border), East Channel Islands (includes Santa Catalina and San Clemente Islands)
  - Each work group member can offer three preliminary MPA options for entire study region
  - Reserve some time at end of each bioregion to discuss preliminary feedback on preliminary MPA options
- Plan for next work session



# Staff Roles

<b>Role</b>	<b>Lapis</b>	<b>Opal</b>	<b>Topaz</b>
Facilitation	Eric Poncelet	Becky Tuden	Scott McCreary
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# Work Session Ground Rules

- SCRSG ground rules apply (e.g., rules for active, focused and full participation; respectful interaction; integration and creative thinking)
- All primaries and alternates have been assigned to a specific work group
- During Round 1 work sessions, preliminary MPA options developed in MarineMap will be accessible only to work group members
  - Safe space for invention
- Draft ideas developed at this early stage are not to be shared through the media
- Members of public can attend as “observers” but may not participate in work group deliberations
- No scheduled public comment period



## Seek Mutual Gains

- Understand the range of interests
- Look for benefits for multiple parties
- Avoid unnecessary negative impacts
- Be creative; invent options in the spirit of “inventing without committing”
- Engage in “joint problem solving”
- Strive for “an elegant solution”