

## FIC/FIN BRTF MLPA Presentation

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## MLPA network objectives

- Follow SAT/BRTF guidance to achieve MLPA goals
  - Efficient, effective network with a strong core backbone
  - MPA areas afford high protection levels
  - Good habitat representation in each MPA and in network
  - Position MPA areas closer than spacing requirements
- Take community and DFG input into consideration
  - Local governments' beach renovation
  - Minimize economic loss
  - Consistent regs. facilitate ease of enforcement
- Lessen economic impact on community
  - MPA areas farther from harbors to reduce traffic
  - Keep sustainable areas open
  - Balance loss across all fisheries where possible

## Information gathering process

- FIC/FIN meetings
  - First meeting December 6, 2008
  - Follow-up meetings January, February and March 2009
  - Subsequent meetings to follow future SCRSG meetings
- SCRSG communications
  - SCRSG fishing reps. attend FIN meetings
  - Other RSG members were asked for information in their field of expertise
  - FIN members are present at all RSG meetings gathering information
  - I-Team and staff input assisted meeting additional guidelines

## Additional information sources

- FIN held meetings with and gathered information from:
  - City and State government officials
  - Regional governmental bodies
  - Lifeguards and marine enforcement officers
  - Local State Parks' employees and managers
  - Harbor captains and port masters
  - Commercial Fishing interests representing all near shore and coastal pelagic fishing activities
  - Recreational consumptive users representing (Divers, kayakers, private boaters, CPFV captains/crew, 6 pack operators, shore/pier anglers)
  - Wetlands management officials and organizations
  - Tackle manufacturers, dealers, and retailers
  - UC Regents Natural Reserve System managers
  - Local restaurants, seafood suppliers, and aquaculture farms
  - Marine research institutions
  - Kelp harvesters

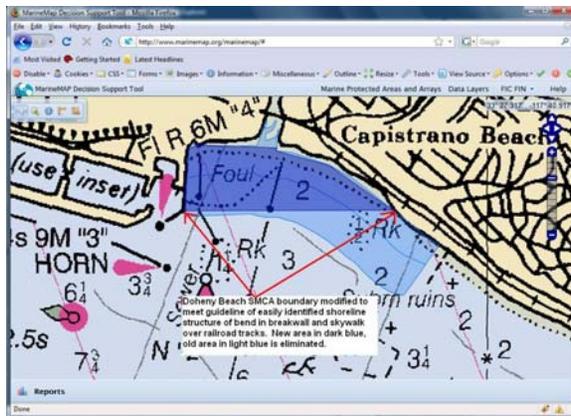
## Key questions/concerns

- New MPA designation concerns:
  - Habitat availability and representation
  - Harbor access and safety
  - Carbon footprint increase
  - Economic impact
  - Fairness across fisheries and communities
- Existing MPA areas:
  - Does the MPA serve a purpose
  - What designation does the managing entity desire
  - Impact on community/habitat if eliminated
  - If retained what boundary modifications are needed
  - Local investments, infrastructure, and enforcement activities
  - Simplifying take regulations

## Key geographic areas

- Northern mainland
  - Avoid heavy use areas (Gato, Naples, BKR)
  - Research opportunities for UCSB
- Southern mainland
  - Avoid heavy use areas (Rocky Point, La Jolla, Pt. Loma)
  - Fairness across fisheries and harbor communities
- San Clemente Catalina Islands
  - Military closure impacts
  - Economic impact on Catalina
- Existing Newport/Laguna/Dana Point MPA areas:
  - Importance to local economy
  - Local investment in infrastructure and enforcement
  - Educational opportunities
  - Modify boundaries to meet feasibility guidelines
  - Simplify take regulations for enforcement

## Inter-tidal areas of concern



## Hopes and desires

- Habitat data and analysis:
  - Marine Map is a good tool if accurate data are available
  - Consistency in SAT analysis and Marine Map reports
  - Correction of kelp and shallow substrate data
  - Ability to include local knowledge/data in analysis
  - Recognition of areas where habitat is not available or scarce
- BRTF guidance:
  - Areas where proposal meets expectations
  - BRTF concerns with the proposal
  - Availability of tools (correct shallow habitat, Ecotrust data)
  - Military closures, how to determine Catalina habitat requirements
  - Additional revision opportunities

## FIC/FIN

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