

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
Blue Ribbon Task Force  
Draft Meeting Agenda  
(revised September 4, 2008)**

**Monday, September 8, 2008  
9:30 a.m.**

**Four Points by Sheraton \*  
8110 Aero Drive  
San Diego, California 92123**

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**Briefing documents and meeting presentations/handouts:** Please note that task force briefing documents are listed at the bottom of the agenda as either attachments (received in advance of the meeting) or handouts (received on the day of the meeting).

**Meeting Objectives**

- *Receive charge from Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman and amendment to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the third phase of the MLPA Initiative*
- *Receive presentation of draft lessons learned report for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region and recommendations for the south coast*
- *Receive an introduction to the MLPA South Coast Study Region (SCSR), including existing marine protected areas (MPAs) and the draft regional profile*
- *Receive updates on the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT)*
- *Discuss the MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG) and potentially approve formation of the SIG for the south coast*
- *Review policy direction provided in previous study regions and discuss applicability to the MLPA South Coast Study Region*
- *Review methods for stakeholder involvement at both the statewide and regional levels*
- *Adopt a schedule of meetings to achieve the charge from Secretary Mike Chrisman*
- *Receive a briefing on the staffing and resource needs of the MLPA Initiative*
- *Review the 2007-2008 MLPA Initiative budget and potentially adopt a 2008-2009 budget*
- *Review and adopt task force operating procedures and policies*
- *Receive an update on the California Fish and Game Commission regulatory process for the MLPA North Central Coast Project*

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## Meeting Agenda

Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:15 p.m. **Public comment will be taken immediately following lunch at approximately 1:30 p.m.**

1. **Welcome, introductions and review of agenda** 9:30 a.m.  
*Don Benninghoven, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force*
  
2. **Mandate of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force [Attachments 1-4]**
  - A. Receive from Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman the charge to the task force, scope of the objectives to be pursued, and timeline for achieving the objectives
  - B. Review amendment to the memorandum of understanding (MOU) and MLPA Initiative structure*Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative*
  
3. **Lessons learned in the north central coast**  
Receive presentation of draft lessons learned report for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region and recommendations for the south coast  
*J. Michael Harty, Principal, Harty Conflict Consulting & Mediation*
  
4. **MLPA South Coast Study Region [Attachments 5-7]**  
Introduction to the MLPA South Coast Study Region, existing MPAs and draft regional profile  
*Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative*  
*Susan Ashcraft, MPA Project Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game*
  
5. **MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group [Attachments 8-9]**  
Receive an update on the regional stakeholder group appointment process  
*Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative*
  
6. **MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team [Attachments 10-11]**  
Receive an update on the science team appointment process and south coast science questions  
*Steve Wertz, MPA Science Project Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game*
  
7. **MLPA Statewide Interests Group [Attachment 12]**  
Discuss the MLPA Statewide Interests Group for the south coast  
*Ken Wiseman*  
PROPOSED ACTION: Approve disbanding the MLPA Statewide Interests Group for the north central coast and do not reinstitute for the south coast

8. **Policy direction for the MLPA South Coast Study Region [Attachments 13-17]**  
Review of policy guidance from previous study regions  
*Melissa Miller-Henson and Becky Ota, Acting Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game*
9. **Stakeholder and interested public participation [Attachment 18]**  
Proposed strategy for stakeholder and public participation in the MLPA South Coast Study Region  
*Craig Shuman and Kelly Sayce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinators, MLPA Initiative*
10. **Project work plan and timeline**
  - A. Work flow / timeline
  - B. Schedule of meetings
  - C. Coordination with the California Fish and Game Commission*Melissa Miller-Henson*  
PROPOSED ACTION: Adopt schedule of meetings for the MLPA South Coast Study Region
11. **Staff planning and resources [Attachment 19]**  
*Ken Wiseman, Becky Ota, and Kevin Fleming, California Department of Parks and Recreation*
12. **MLPA Initiative budget**  
Review MLPA Initiative 2007-08 budget and draft 2008-10 budget  
*Ken Wiseman*  
PROPOSED ACTION: Adopt MLPA Initiative 2008-2010 budget
13. **MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force operations and policies [Attachments 20-22]**  
Proposed operating procedures, policy on transparency, and reimbursement guidelines  
*Ken Wiseman*  
PROPOSED ACTION: Adopt task force operating procedures  
PROPOSED ACTION: Adopt MLPA Initiative policy on transparency  
PROPOSED ACTION: Adopt reimbursement guidelines for MLPA Initiative activities
14. **MLPA North Central Coast Study Region**  
Update on the north central coast MPA proposals under consideration by the California Fish and Game Commission  
*Becky Ota*

**Adjourn**

**Attachments**

1. MLPA Initiative Second Phase MOU (2007-2008) and MLPA Initiative Third Phase Amendment (2008-2010)
2. Charter of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
3. Marine Life Protection Act
4. Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act
5. Materials from the MLPA South Coast Study Region workshops and open houses
6. Existing marine protected areas in the MLPA South Coast Study Region
7. Table of contents for the draft regional profile for the MLPA South Coast Study Region
8. Request for nominations to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
9. List of nominees for the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
10. Charter of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team for the MLPA South Coast Study Region
11. List of initial science questions being addressed by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
12. Charter of the MLPA Statewide Interests Group for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region
13. Policy memo from the MLPA Central Coast Study Region regarding socioeconomic considerations
14. Policy memo from the MLPA Central Coast Study Region regarding qualitative standards
15. Policy memo from the MLPA North Central Coast regarding fisheries management and the MLPA
16. Policy memo from the MLPA North Central Coast regarding existing fishing regulations and statutes
17. Summary of task force guidance for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region regarding SAT evaluations, science guidelines, cross-interest support, salmon trolling, the number of MPA proposals, California Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines, and special closures
18. Draft revised strategy for stakeholder and public participation (in both tracked changes and clean versions)
19. Roster for the MLPA I-Team (consisting of task force staff, contractors, California Department of Fish and Game staff, and California Department of Parks and Recreation staff)
20. Draft operating procedures for the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
21. Draft MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force policy on transparency
22. Draft reimbursement rate guidelines for MLPA Initiative activities