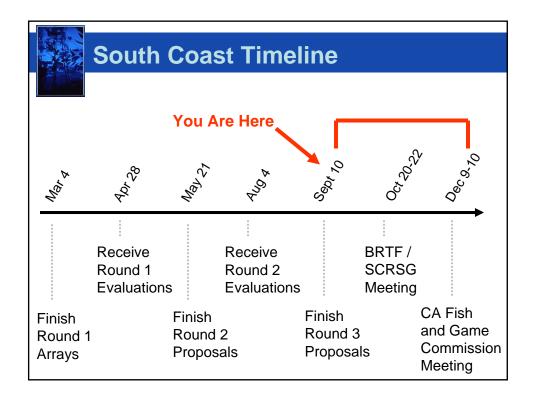
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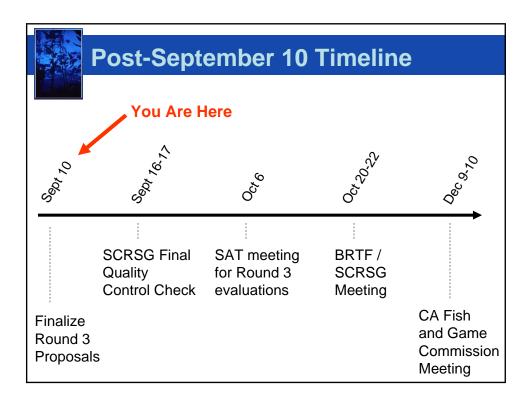


Guidance for Completing Round 3 MPA Proposals and Next Steps

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Key Components of Proposals

- Boundaries (shapes and written description)
- Clear, allowable uses
- Site-specific rationale (brief description of primary purpose of marine protected area)
- Regional goals and objectives
- Design considerations, including addressing science guidelines, potential socioeconomic impacts, and California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) feasibility
- · Consideration of "other activities"
- Consideration of existing MPAs
- Narrative rationale
- Supplemental materials (optional)



Finalizing Round 3 Proposals

- Round 3 MPA proposals are to be finalized by the end of the day on September 10
- Staff will provide the opportunity for a brief quality control check of proposals on September 16-17
- Narrative rationale and supplemental materials must be drafted by September 17
 - Narrative rationale is a brief (1-2 page) description of the key thinking and objectives driving proposal development
 - Where appropriate, stakeholders have option of submitting additional materials to provide further information



Quality Control Process

- Quality control check <u>is</u> an opportunity to:
 - Check that boundaries and regulations are consistent with those agreed upon during September 9-10 meeting
 - Ensure that rationale, goals and objectives accurately match MPA design
- Quality control check is **not** an opportunity to:
 - Change boundaries and regulations to better meet guidelines
 - Significantly modify or add to site-specific rationale, design considerations, etc.
 - Incorporate thinking or negotiations that occur after September 10



Other Considerations

- Clear, concise, MPA-specific rationale required for each MPA
 - Should be completed by end of September 10
 - Additional follow up with DFG staff next week if not completed
- Consideration of other activities
 - Be clear about activities intended to be allowed within MPAs



Key Next Steps for SCRSG

- Requested by staff
 - Participate in QC of proposals Sept. 16-17
 - Attend BRTF / SCRSG meeting on October 20-22
- Additional optional activities
 - Attend or view webcast of October 6 MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team meeting
 - Attend or view webcast of December 10 California
 Fish and Game Commission meeting



Key Planning Tips for Today

- Be clear about intended purpose of MPAs and allowed uses
- Meet guidelines where possible, and provide clear justification where guidelines are not met
- Recognize task force direction to work for crossinterest support, and work toward proposals that most people can live with
- Consider direction from the task force to each of the three work groups