

# Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



## Iterative MPA Planning Process and Final Work Products

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# Guidelines for MPA Proposals

Key guidance for developing alternative marine protected area (MPA) proposals

- MLPA goals
- California master plan for MPAs
- Science guidelines
- California Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines
- California Department of Parks and Recreation guidelines (in preparation)
- MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force policy guidance



# Alternative MPA Proposals

Stakeholder group will develop alternative proposals to the existing array of MPAs in the study region

**Full proposals SHOULD be designed as:**

- complete arrays of MPAs for the study region that best meet guidelines and requirements of the MLPA

**Full proposals are NOT:**

- individual MPAs
- simple collections of individual MPAs

**Only full proposals will be fully evaluated**

- Concepts for individual MPAs can be shared for consideration for inclusion in full proposals



# Internal Versus External Proposals

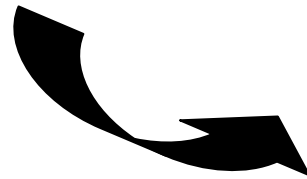
- “Internal proposals” are developed through the regional stakeholder group work group process and supported by the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG)
- “External proposals” may be submitted from outside the SCRSG work group process, and will be shared with the SCRSG, science advisory team and task force



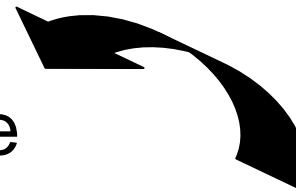
# Creating MPA Proposals

Iterative process:

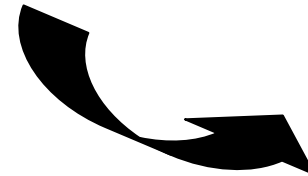
Develop



Evaluate



Refine



It is anticipated that there will be at least three versions of several alternative proposals from within the SCRSG



# Iterative Steps

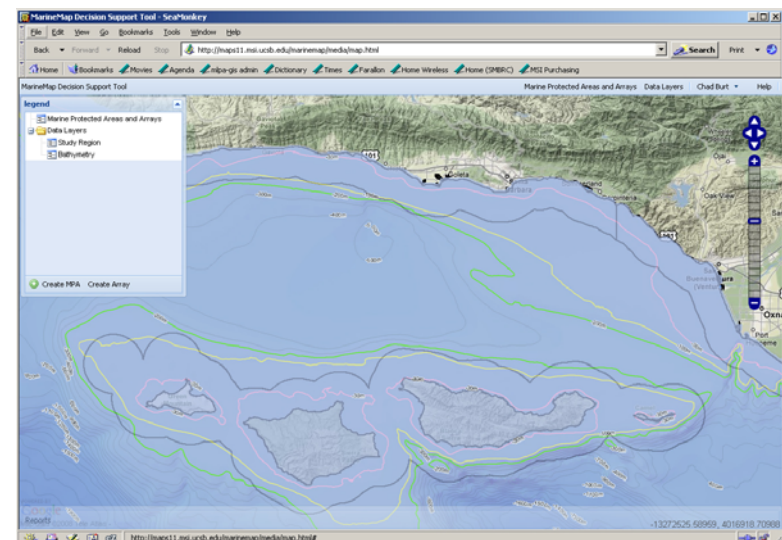
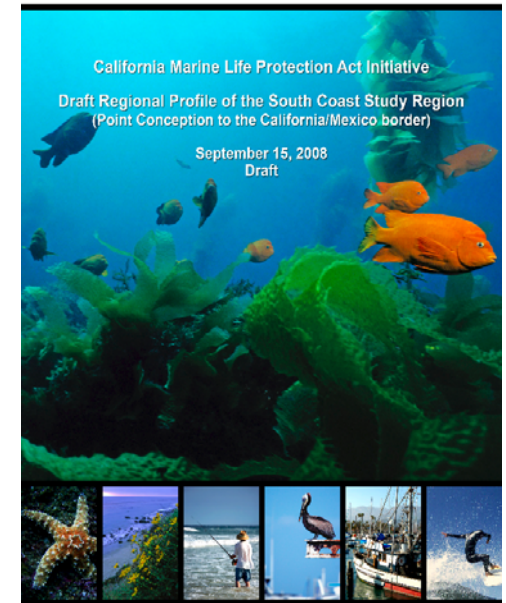
- **Develop** alternative MPAs proposals
  - Stakeholders with staff support and science input
- **Evaluate** proposals
  - Science advisory team
  - MLPA Initiative staff
  - California Department of Fish and Game
  - California Department of Parks and Recreation
- **Policy guidance**
  - Blue ribbon task force
- **Refine** proposals
  - Stakeholders with staff support and science input, with outside stakeholder and public input



# Developing MPA Proposals

Available tools and other information:

- Regional profile
- Software tools (GIS and MarineMap)
- Paper charts
- Assistance from planning & GIS staff
- Presentations from the science team





# Components of Work Products

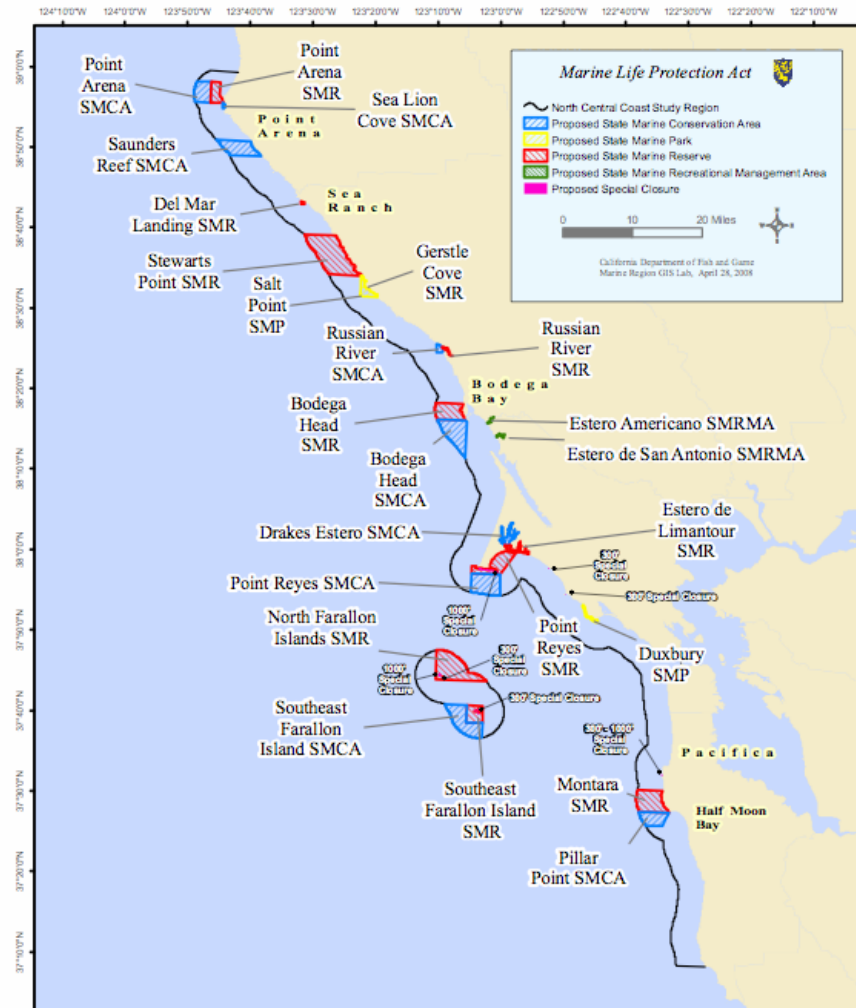
- Narrative rationale and explanation of region-wide MPA proposal
- Proposed boundaries and coordinates of each individual MPA in proposal
- Proposed designation for each MPA (conservation area, park or reserve)
- Proposed regulations for each MPA
- Proposed objectives for each MPA
- Recommendations for existing MPAs (retain, eliminate or modify)



# Alternative MPA Proposal Example



## North Central Coast Study Region Integrated Preferred Alternative MPA Proposal



### North Central Coast Study Region *Integrated Preferred Alternative*

This marine protected area (MPA) proposal was unanimously selected on April 23, 2008 by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) as its preferred alternative and is being submitted to the California Fish and Game Commission (CFG) for consideration. This proposal integrates elements from three proposals developed by the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCSRG) (proposals 1-3, 2-XA, and 4). These NCCSRG proposals will also be forwarded in their entirety to the CFG for consideration. Further information on each MPA proposal can be found in the associated text document with the same MPA proposal name.





# Summary

- Stepwise and iterative process of developing alternative MPA proposals
- Facilitation to support your deliberations
- Best available information to inform your design
- Science (science team) and policy (task force) input
- Public/constituents input
- A lot of support from planning and GIS staff