

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



**South Coast Regional Profile –
Update and Next Steps**

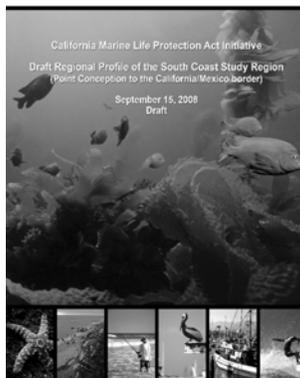
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Regional Profile: Purpose



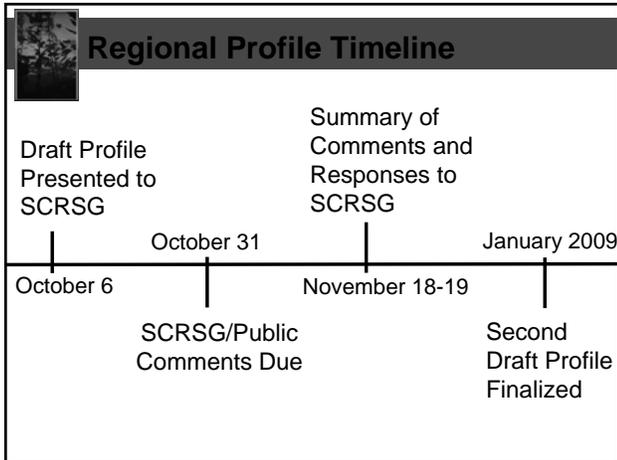
- Provide background information for marine protected area planning
- Integrate 'best readily available science'
- Initiate joint fact-finding process



Regional Profile: Components



- Main Document
 - Executive summary and 11 sections
- Appendices
 - Statistics on species, fisheries and water quality
- Maps
 - Display some spatial data layers
- Web links to other tools, information and resources



Regional Profile Comments

- 70+ people, groups, organizations and agencies sent in comments by mail, email and fax
- 27 MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group members (representing themselves and their constituents)
- 2 MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team members (expecting additional comments)

Groups Submitting Comments

- Government
 - Federal (U.S. Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of Defense, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
 - Local (City of Solana Beach, San Diego County Water Authority)
- Universities
 - University of California, Santa Barbara, Pepperdine University
- Non-Profit Organizations
 - Heal the Bay, The Ocean Conservancy, Natural Resources Defense Council, Surfrider Foundation, Amigos de Bolsa Chica



Groups Submitting Comments

- Interest Groups
 - Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, San Diego Yacht Club Anglers
- Associations
 - Kayak Fishing Association of California, California Wetfish Producers Association, Partnership for Sustainable Oceans
- Private Businesses
 - MBC Applied Environmental Sciences, Reef Seekers Dive Co., Tenera Environmental



Types of Profile Comments

- Corrections, questions, requests for additional information, improved data sets, recommended references and/or clarification. Especially for:
 - Water quality
 - Ecological setting
 - Fished species of interest/special status species
 - Commercial/recreational fisheries
 - Non-consumptive use
- Grammatical or spelling errors
- Local knowledge



Types of Map Comments

- Corrections, questions, requests for additional maps, improved data sets, and/or clarification. Especially for:
 - Ports and harbors
 - Commercial/recreational fisheries
 - Biodiversity
 - Coastal access and monitoring
 - Closures
 - Hard substrate
- Local knowledge
- Design and layout



Overarching Themes in Comments

- Requests for clearer, cleaner display of information in tables, figures and maps
- Additional information on estuaries, beach nourishment/beach grooming, species
- Improved landing/catch data
- Requests to improve Native American information
- Sharing of local knowledge
- Process questions:
 - Military closures
 - Water quality



Addressing Comments

- Staff working to address comments to the extent possible
- Comments prioritized according to available information and relevance to marine protected area planning
- Regional stakeholder work group to assist in prioritizing and identifying additional information



Pending Additional Information

- Additional data sets by January 2009
 - Substrate data
 - Ecotrust survey results
 - Ocean Uses Atlas (draft products available now)
 - Tribal use data
- Joint fact-finding information
 - Additional SCRSB input
 - Revised subregional summaries
 1. Summarizes information on a local scale (significant habitat features, important fisheries/areas, local programs, etc.)
 2. Incomplete first draft - we need your input!
 3. Incorporate information into revised regional profile



Regional Profile Work Group

- SCRSG members interested in more directly participating in regional profile revisions
- Convene work group in late Nov./early Dec.
- Incorporate work group's input into revised regional profile
 - Subregional summaries
 - Additional information sources
 - Further comments from SCRSG members



Profile Revision Next Steps

- All comments have been compiled by section (thank you for including page numbers!)
- I-Team staff assigned to address comments for each section
 - Inclusion of pending data
 - Inclusion of joint fact-finding data, work group data
- Revised version for January 13-14 SCRSG meeting

Additional Comments or Questions?



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