

# Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



## South Coast Regional Profile – Update and Next Steps

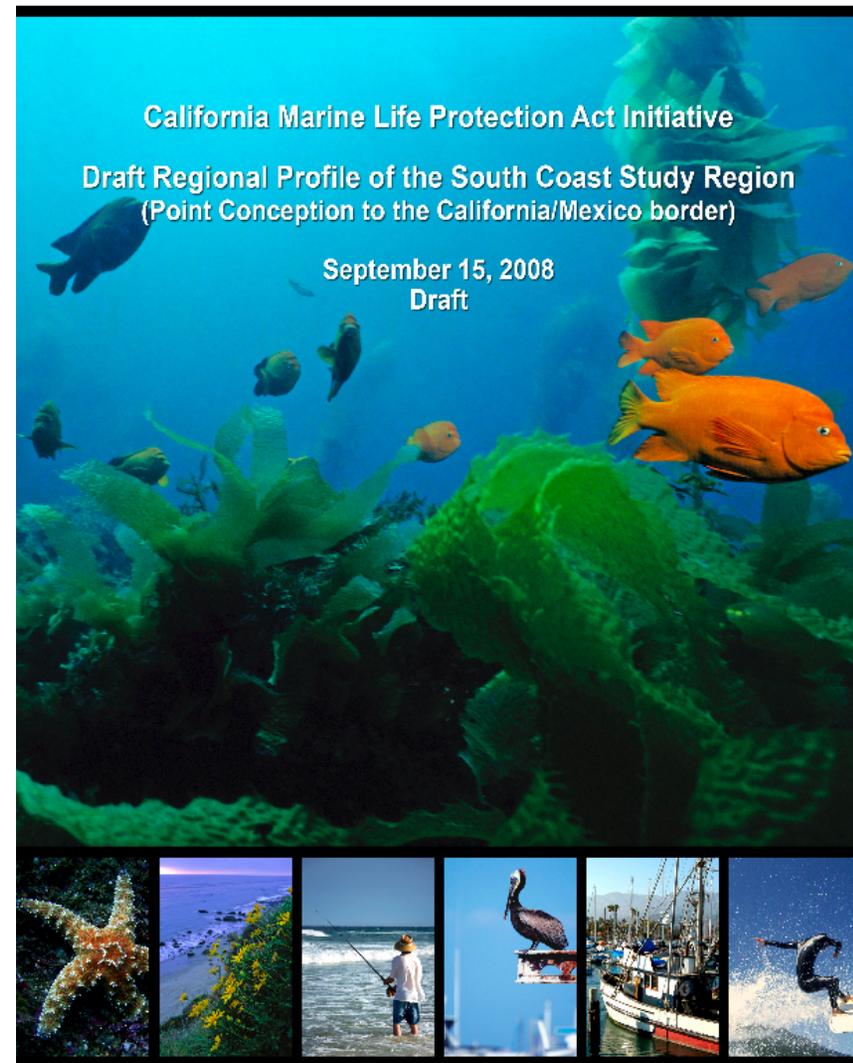
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## Regional Profile: Purpose

- 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 Timeline

Draft Profile  
Presented to  
SCRSG

Summary of  
Comments and  
Responses to  
SCRSG

October 31

January 2009

October 6

November 18-19

SCRSG/Public  
Comments Due

Second  
Draft Profile  
Finalized



## 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 SCRSG 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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