

Chapter 10. Public and Agency Involvement

On behalf of the Commission, the CDFG has conducted a comprehensive public and agency involvement program for the Proposed Project. The CDFG made substantial efforts to inform interested parties and solicit input on the Proposed Project through three public scoping meetings. Information has been posted on the CDFG's MLPA Initiative website (see: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa>) to increase public access to information and project materials and to foster communication between the public and the project manager. The CDFG actively involved various agencies and the public during key milestones in the selection of a Commission-preferred package of MPAs and the alternative packages analyzed in this EIR.

10.1. Notice of Preparation

In June 2008, the CDFG issued a NOP (Appendix B), informing agencies and the public that an EIR was being prepared and inviting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The dates and times of public scoping meetings were sent in a separate announcement. The NOP was distributed to an extensive list of recipients throughout the north central California coast and to interested parties throughout the state.

10.2. Scoping Meetings

The CDFG held three scoping meetings: June 17, 2008 in Pacifica, June 18, 2008 in Sausalito, and June 19, 2008, in Gualala. Approximately 4 people attended in Pacifica, 10 people in Sausalito, and 17 people in Gualala. The meetings included a presentation about the purpose of the Proposed Project and the CEQA process. The meeting provided an opportunity for attendees to offer both written and verbal comments. Written comments were received by the CDFG between June 9, 2008, and July 22, 2008.

A scoping report prepared to document this process, and can be found in Appendix C of this EIR. All comments received during the scoping process have been considered during preparation of this EIR.

