

# California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Open House Guide for North Coast Public Open House

*Welcome! Please visit stations at your own pace and in any order you wish.*

## **Station 1: WELCOME**

- **Sign in.** We'd love to know who you are!
- **Subscribe!** Join the MLPA Initiative email list to receive our regular announcements

## **Station 2: INTRODUCTION to MLPA**

- **Types of MPAs:** Learn about the three types of marine protected areas (MPAs)
- **MLPA and its goals:** Background on the creation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)
- **MLPA in the north coast:** An introduction to the MLPA North Coast Project

## **Station 3: CALIFORNIA'S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

- **Frequently Asked Questions:** We help clarify important issues about MPAs
- **Existing MPAs:** Learn what MPAs are already in place along the north coast
- **Other Regions:** Find out what's happened in the central, north central, and south coasts

## **Station 4: OVERVIEW of the PLANNING PROCESS**

- **Participants and Players:** Learn about the people and groups involved in the MPA planning process
- **North Coast Process:** Understand the steps for the MLPA North Coast Project

## **Station 5: OPPORTUNITIES for PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- **Public Comments:** Understand all the ways you can comment in the process
- **Accessing Information:** Learn how you can keep abreast of the MLPA Initiative process through an email list, website, meetings, webcasts, etc.
- **Regional Stakeholder Group:** Learn about this important group of citizen-participants, including responsibilities and criteria for nominations
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Serve as a local outreach volunteer in your community and help others become more informed about the MLPA Initiative and MPAs

## **Station 6: SCIENCE and the MLPA**

- **The role of science:** Learn how the MLPA integrates science into the planning process
- **Science Advisory Team:** Learn about the SAT and the nomination process

## **Station 7: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS and SUGGESTIONS**

- **Share:** Your interests, concerns and ideas for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

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