

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force for the MLPA North Coast Study Region
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised December 31, 2009)

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 1:00 pm

Field Trip (see details on next page)

and

Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 8:00 am

Elk Valley Rancheria Community Center*
2332 Howland Hill Road
Crescent City, CA 95531

Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person or may view and listen to the meeting via simultaneous webcasting on the Internet (field trips are not included in the webcasting). Video and audio archives of the meeting may be accessed via the Internet approximately two days after the meeting. Please visit the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_n.asp for more information.

Public comment: The public will be invited to offer general comments on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), ***not specific to an agenda item, at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 14.*** Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the number of requests; submitting written comments that can be easily summarized in one to two minutes is encouraged. Note that the public comment period is for comments specific to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force; comments related to other MLPA Initiative activities or groups should be directed to those bodies or MLPA staff.

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will not be provided at the meeting but will be posted to the MLPA website as soon as they are available. This agenda may be found on the MLPA website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_nc.asp.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive a panel presentation on the evolving nature of living marine resource management and the role of marine protected areas*
- *Receive presentations regarding the science of marine protected areas*
- *Review policy direction provided in previous study regions, discuss applicability to the MLPA North Coast Study Region, and potentially approve policy direction for the north coast*
- *Receive a panel presentation on Native American tribal interests and concerns*
- *Receive updates on the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG), and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Receive an update on public outreach and education, staffing, and the 2008-2011 budget*
- *Receive an update on the transmittal of recommendations for the MLPA South Coast Study Region*

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The task force will begin a field trip at 1:00 p.m. and conclude no later than 6:00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to join the task force members for all or part of the field trip, but must provide their own transportation. Details about the specific stops will be posted as soon as they are confirmed, but will begin south of Crescent City and end in Crescent City proper.

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Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 11:55 AM. **Public comment will be taken immediately following lunch at approximately 12:45 p.m.**

Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

I. Updates

- A. Master Plan Science Advisory Team
- B. North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
- C. MLPA Statewide Interests Group
- D. Public Outreach and Education
- E. Regional Profile

II. Policy Direction for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

- F. Review Policy Guidance Provided in Previous Study Regions
Potential Action: Confirm that guidance in the summary document is applicable to the MLPA North Coast Study Region
- G. How Fisheries are Considered in the MLPA Initiative
- H. Panel Presentation and Discussion – Representatives of Native American tribes in the MLPA North Coast Study Region

III. The Science of Marine Protected Areas

- I. Science Panel: Evolution of Living Marine Resource Management and Marine Protected Areas in California and Around the World
- J. SAT Presentation: Marine Habitats, Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services
- K. SAT Presentation: Oceanographic Patterns
- L. SAT Presentation: Fish Adult Movement, Larval Dispersal and Connectivity

IV. Task Force Operations

- M. MLPA Initiative Staffing and Resources
- N. MLPA Initiative Budget
- O. Adopted Task Force Procedures and Policies

V. MLPA South Coast Study Region

- P. Transmittal of Recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission**
- Q. Lessons Learned in the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**

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