

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
Blue Ribbon Task Force  
Draft Meeting Agenda  
(revised November 9, 2009)**

***Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 9:00 am  
Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 9:00 am***

**Hilton Long Beach & Executive Meeting Center\*  
701 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90831**

and

***Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 9:30 am***

**Sheraton Gateway Hotel Los Angeles  
6101 West Century Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

**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. 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\\_sc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_sc.asp) for more information.

**Public Comment for October 20-23:** The public will be invited to provide comments on developing a preferred MPA proposal for the MLPA South Coast Study Region during Agenda Item R on Wednesday, October 21, 2009; it is expected that ***public comment on this agenda item will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. and conclude by 4:30 p.m.*** In addition, general public comment will be taken on any subject related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) at approximately ***7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 and will end no later than 10:00 p.m.***

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 is encouraged. Note that the public comment period is for comments specific to the BRTF. For additional details about providing public comment on October 21, please refer to the [MLPA Guidelines for Public Comment \(http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/guidelines\\_publiccomments.pdf\)](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/guidelines_publiccomments.pdf).

**Public Comment for November 10:** Additional written comments will be accepted by the task force through the day of the meeting. Written comments received by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 will be distributed to the task force in advance of the meeting. All comments submitted after 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 will be distributed to task force members on the day of the meeting. The task force will meet jointly with members of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG), so it is recommended that, in addition to submitting written comments, members of the public work through members of the SCRSG to provide additional input. The list of SCRSG members and their contact information can be found on the MLPA website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scproject.asp#members>.

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**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\\_sc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_sc.asp).

## Meeting Objectives

- Receive presentation of "Round 3" MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG) marine protected area (MPA) proposals submitted for the MLPA South Coast Study Region
- Receive MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), and MLPA staff analyses and evaluations of Round 3 SCRSG MPA proposals
- Identify MPA proposals to forward to the California Fish and Game Commission, including a recommended preferred alternative
- Identify any other recommendations to forward to the State of California
- Receive updates on activities of the SAT, SCRSG and MLPA Statewide Interests Group
- Receive updated MLPA Initiative 2008-2011 budget and potentially approve additional staffing and resource needs

## Meeting Agenda - Tuesday, October 20, 2009

### Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

#### I. MLPA Initiative Process and Planning in the South Coast

##### A. Review of the Decision-Making Context for the South Coast Project

*Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, and Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1:** Staff memo to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force regarding advice from the Office of the Attorney General about marine protected areas and the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act (October 1, 2009)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.2:** Staff memo to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force with recommendations for applying the advice from the Office of the Attorney General about marine protected areas — Handout Placeholder

##### B. Activities of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1:** Draft Methods Used to Evaluate Marine Protected Area Proposals in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Revised October 6, 2009)

##### C. Activities of the MLPA Statewide Interests Group

##### D. Public Outreach and Education Activities

#### II. Evaluations of SCRSG MPA Proposals

##### E. Staff Overview of SCRSG MPA Proposals

*Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1:** Overview of "Round 3" SCRSG MPA Proposals PPT

**F. SAT Evaluation of Habitat Representation and Habitat Replication**

*Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1:** Draft Habitat Representation and Habitat Replication Evaluations of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals for the MLPA South Coast Study Region PPT – Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2:** Habitat Representation, Habitat Replication, MPA Size and MPA Spacing Evaluations of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals Summary for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (revised October 15, 2009)

**G. SAT Evaluation of MPA Size and Spacing**

*Steve Gaines, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1:** MPA Size and Spacing Evaluations of the Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals for the MLPA South Coast Study Region PPT

**H. SAT Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluation**

*Eric Bjorkstedt, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1:** Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluations of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals PPT

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.2:** Bioeconomic Model Evaluation Results for Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (revised October 13, 2009)

**I. SAT Marine Birds and Mammals Evaluations**

*Susan Chivers, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1:** Marine Birds and Marine Mammals Evaluations for Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals in the MLPA South Coast Study Region PPT

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2:** Evaluation of Benefits to Marine Birds from Proposed MPAs in the South Coast Study Region (revised October 13, 2009)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.3:** Evaluation of Benefits to Marine Mammals from Proposed MPAs in the South Coast Study Region (revised October 14, 2009)

**J. SAT Evaluation of Potential Impacts on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries**

*Sarah Kruse, Ecotrust*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1:** Summary of Potential Impacts of the Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries PPT

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2:** Summary of potential impacts of the Sept. 2009 SCRSG MPA proposals (Round 3) and Channel Islands MPAs on commercial & recreational fisheries in the South Coast Study Region (revised October 13, 2009)

**K. SAT Water Quality Evaluation**

*Dominic Gregorio, Master Plan Science Advisory Team*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1:** SAT Evaluation of Sediment and Water Quality of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals PPT

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.2:** Summary of SAT Evaluation of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals for Water and Sediment Quality (revised October 7, 2009)

**L. DFG Feasibility Analysis**

*Susan Ashcraft and Brian Naslund, California Department of Fish and Game*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1:** California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Analysis and Comments on Round 3 SCRSG Final MPA Proposals for the South Coast Study Region PPT — Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.2:** California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation and Comments on Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals for the South Coast Study Region (memo and attachments) — Handout Placeholder

**M. California State Parks Evaluation**

*Kevin Fleming, California Department of Parks and Recreation*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1:** California Department of Parks and Recreation Analysis of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals PPT — Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.2:** California Department of Parks and Recreation Analysis of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals — Handout Placeholder

**N. Goal 3 Evaluation**

*Darci Connor, MLPA Initiative*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1:** MLPA Goal 3 Evaluation of Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals PPT — Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.2:** Evaluation of Existing MPAs and Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals Relative to MLPA Goal 3 for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (September 30, 2009)

**III. MPA Proposals Developed by Work Groups of the SCRSG**

**O. Update on the Activities of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**

*Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.1:** Overview of the Stakeholder Group Process to Develop “Round 3” MPA Proposals PPT

**P. Presentation of SCRSG MPA Proposals**

*Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative and members of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.1:** Key Geographies and Considerations in Developing Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals PPT — Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.2:** Round 3 Comparison of Existing MPAs (Proposal 0), and Round 3 SCRSG MPA Proposals by Designation Type and Level of Protection

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.3:** SCRSG MPA Proposal 1: Overview Map, Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Description of MPAs (including consideration of existing MPAs), and Supplemental Materials (September 23, 2009)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.4:** SCRSG MPA Proposal 2: Overview Map, Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Description of MPAs (including consideration of existing MPAs), and Supplemental Materials (September 23, 2009)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.5:** SCRSG MPA Proposal 3: Overview Map, Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Description of MPAs (including consideration of existing MPAs), and Supplemental Materials (September 23, 2009)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.6:** MPA Proposal 0: Overview Map, Staff Summary, and Description of MPAs (September 22, 2009)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.7:** Side-by-Side Maps and Regulations for SCRSG MPA proposals 1, 2 and 3 and MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs)

**Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

*Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:15 p.m., and will hear public comment at approximately 1:30 p.m. and again at approximately 7:00 p.m.*

**Welcome and Agenda Review**

**III. MPA Proposals Developed by Work Groups of the SCRSG (continued from Oct. 20)**

**P. Presentation of SCRSG MPA proposals (continued from Oct. 20)**

*Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative and members of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group*

**IV. Recommendations for the South Coast**

**Q. Process Considerations in Developing a Recommendation for the State of California**

**R. Recommending a Preferred MPA Proposal for the MLPA South Coast Study Region and Any Other Recommendations**

**Potential Action:** Adopt a preferred MPA proposal for the MLPA South Coast Study Region

**Potential Action:** Adopt additional recommendations to forward to the State of California regarding MPAs

## Meeting Agenda – Thursday, October 22, 2009

Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon.

### Welcome and Agenda Review

#### IV. Recommendations for the South Coast (continued from Oct. 21)

- R. (Continued) Recommending a Preferred MPA Proposal for the MLPA South Coast Study Region and Any Other Recommendations (continued from Oct. 21)

## Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon.

### Welcome and Agenda Review

#### IV. Recommendations for the South Coast (continued from Oct. 22)

- R. (Continued) Recommending a Preferred MPA Proposal for the MLPA South Coast Study Region and Any Other Recommendations (continued from Oct. 22)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.1: MPA Options under Consideration by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.2: Ecological Assessment of MPA Options under Consideration by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.3: Summary of Potential Impacts of the BRTF MPA Options on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.4: Condensed summary of potential impacts of BRTF options (October 22, 2009) on commercial and recreational fisheries in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (revised November 10, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.5: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Analysis of MPA Options under Consideration by the BRTF PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.6: Suggested Updates to Attribute Information for MPA Options under Consideration by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (revised November 9, 2009)

#### V. North Coast Project

- S. Process Design for Planning in the MLPA North Coast Study Region
- T. Outreach and Education Activities
- U. Master Plan Science Advisory Team

#### VI. MLPA Initiative Operations

##### V. 2008-11 MLPA Initiative Budget Update

*Potential Action:* Adopt revised MLPA Initiative budget

BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.1: MLPA Initiative Phase 3 Funding Description July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2011 – Handout Placeholder

**W. Future Meetings for the MLPA South Coast Study Region and the MLPA North Coast Study Region**

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT W.1:** Future Meetings Scheduled for the MLPA South Coast Study Region and MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

**VII. Previous MLPA Study Regions**

**X. Update on North Central Coast Implementation**

**Y. Update on Central Coast Implementation**

**Adjourn**