

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Master Plan Science Advisory Team
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised December 14, 2009)

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 1:00 PM
Thursday December 17, 2009 at 8:30 AM

Red Lion Hotel Eureka
1929 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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 http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_n.asp at for more information.

Public comment: The public will be invited to provide general comment on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) **on December 17 at approximately 12:45 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 chair; 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 SAT; comments related to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, or other MLPA Initiative activities should be directed to the task force or MLPA staff.

Meeting materials 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_n.asp

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive update on the MLPA North Coast regional profile*
- *Review and potentially approve the proposed north coast bioregions*
- *Review and discuss marine protected area (MPA) habitat representation and replication guidelines*
- *Review and discuss MPA size and spacing guidelines*
- *Review and discuss levels of protection (LOPs) for the north coast study region*
- *Receive updates from SAT work groups*

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Welcome, Agenda Review and Brief Introductions

I. Updates

A. Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting

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B. North Coast Regional Profile

C. Protocol for Handling Science Guidance Questions from the Public and External Array Proponents

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.1: Protocol for Handling Science Guidance Questions in the North Coast Study Region

D. Protocol for Evaluating Incoming Data from Sources External to the SAT

Potential SAT Action: Approve a protocol for handling science questions and external data submitted to the SAT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.1: Draft Protocol for Evaluating Incoming Data from Sources External to the Master Plan Science Advisory Team (revised February 18, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.2: External Data Submission Form (revised February 17, 2009)

II. MPA Design Guidelines and Evaluation Methods for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

E. SAT MPA Evaluation Methods Update

F. Review and Discuss Proposed North Coast Bioregions

Potential SAT Action: Approve the proposed north coast bioregions

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1: Draft MLPA North Coast Bioregions

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2: Draft MLPA North Coast Bioregions PPT

G. Discussion on Habitat Representation

Potential SAT Action: Approve the proposed list of key habitats

Potential SAT Action: Approve the proposed approach for habitat data use

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: Habitat Data in the NCSR

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.2: Draft Key and Unique Habitats for the NCSR

H. Discussion on Habitat Replication Criteria within the North Coast Study Region

Potential SAT Action: Approve the proposed approach for determining habitat replication criteria

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: Replication in the NCSR PPT

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Note: The SAT will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. and public comment will be taken immediately after at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Review agenda for Day 2 and questions from Day 1

II. MPA Design Guidelines and Evaluation Methods for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (continued from day 1)

I. Discussion on Designating Levels of Protection

Potential SAT Action: Approve the proposed approach for determining levels of protection

Potential SAT Action: Approve the proposed levels of protection

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: Draft List of LOPs in the NCSR

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2: Background Information on Designating LOPs PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.3: Draft Supporting Text for LOP Designations

J. Discussion on Size and Spacing Evaluation Guidelines

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1: MPA Size Guidelines and Evaluation Methods PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2: MPA Spacing Guidelines and Evaluation Methods PPT

K. Review of Modeling Evaluation Methods

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1: Modeling Evaluation Methods PPT - Handout Placeholder

L. Review and Discuss the Methods Used to Estimate Potential Commercial and Recreational Fishery Impacts

BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1: Data Collection and Evaluation Methods PPT

III. Update from SAT Work Groups

M. Species Likely to Benefit from MPAs in the North Coast Study Region Work Group

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1: Background Information on Identifying Species Likely to Benefit from MPAs in the NCSR PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.2: Draft Criteria for List of Species Likely to Benefit from Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (revised December 10, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.3: Draft List of Species Likely to Benefit from MPAs in the NCSR (revised December 14, 2009)

N. Study Region Boundary Work Group

O. Modeling Work Group

P. Tribal Work Group

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Q. NC SAT Proposed Meeting Dates for 2010

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.1: Master Plan Science Advisory Team Proposed Meeting Dates and Locations for 2010 (revised December 8, 2009)

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