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To: Members, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
From: John Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative
Subject: Additional comments on revised draft master plan framework
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Soon after completing the final draft master plan framework, we received comments on the previous version of the framework from United Anglers of Southern California, the California Coastal Commission, and the California State Coastal Conservancy, among others.

Staff have reviewed these comments and suggest that the task force recommend to the Department of Fish and Game the following changes to the final draft master plan framework before its submission to the Fish and Game Commission:

- Page 8, paragraph 4 of the final draft master plan framework: Specify the goals of the California Ocean Protection Act where that legislation is mentioned.
- Page 9, paragraph 4, second sentence: Change "seems to give" to "gives".
- Page 10, paragraph 2: Insert sentences 4, 5, and 6 as a separate paragraph between paragraphs 4 and 5.
- Page 11, first full paragraph: Delete first sentence and substitute the following: "During the 1960s, recreational fishermen convinced the legislature to remove certain species of fish from commercial exploitation, such as Calico bass and striped marlin. Beginning in the 1970s, traditional views of marine fish populations as commodities began shifting more rapidly...."
- Consider adding, as appropriate, the consideration of state law other than the MLPA at various steps of the MPA design process, such as at activity 1.4.1.
- At an appropriate point in the master plan framework, add a general discussion of the potential role of the California Coastal Commission in the review of some aspects of establishing MPAs, such as coastal access and facilities development.