

**CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
AND THE MLPA BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE  
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA  
(revised May 17, 2006)**

**Thursday, May 25, 2006  
1:00 p.m.**

**California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, First Floor Auditorium  
Sacramento, California 95814**

The MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force will meet on the same day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The agenda for that meeting may be found at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/meetings.html>

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**Briefing documents and meeting presentations/handouts:** Please note that briefing documents and presentation materials are listed at the bottom of the agenda.

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1. Introductions and welcome 1:00 p.m.  
*Michael Flores, President, California Fish and Game Commission*  
*Phil Isenberg, Chair, MLPA Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force*
  
2. Central coast MPA packages forwarded to the California Department of Fish and Game by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF)
  - A. Summary of the BRTF process **[Briefing documents 1a through 1k]**  
*John J. Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative*
  - B. Approach used by the Master Plan Science Advisory Team and BRTF in utilizing the best available science in the MLPA process **[Briefing documents 2a through 2e]**  
*Dr. Richard M. Starr and Dr. Mark H. Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*  
*Paul Reilly, Central Coast MLPA Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game*
  - C. Description of the central coast MPA packages recommended by the BRTF **[Briefing documents 3a through 3h]**  
*Dr. Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative*
  - D. Stakeholder panel to discuss recommended central coast MPA packages
  - E. Public comment on the central coast MPA packages
  
3. California Department of Fish and Game process for bringing recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission
  - A. Presentation
  - B. Public comments on the DFG process

*Adjourn*

## **Briefing Documents**

1. Summary of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force process
  - a. John J. Kirlin presentation
  - b. MLPA goals and full text of the California Marine Life Protection Act (as amended in July 2004)
  - c. MLPA Initiative May 2006 abbreviated MOU report
  - d. John J. Kirlin memo regarding MLPA process requirements (January 11, 2006)
  - e. MLPA Initiative staff memo regarding the qualitative standards of the MLPA and qualitative guidelines of the MLPA Master Plan Framework (January 20, 2006)
  - f. J. Clark Kelso memo regarding the relationship between the MLPA and fisheries management (January 30, 2006)
  - g. DFG memo regarding existing fishing regulations and statutes related to developing packages of MPAs for the MLPA (January 24, 2006)
  - h. DFG memo regarding MLPA provisions related to state marine reserves and commercial kelp harvesting (January 24, 2006)
  - i. MLPA Initiative staff memo regarding socioeconomic considerations in developing alternative network components for a network of MPAs along the central coast (January 13, 2006)
  - j. Letters regarding MPAs and Vandenberg Air Force Base (January 2006)
  - k. MPA Package AC for the central coast, developed outside the CCRSG process
2. Approach used by the Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) and MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force in utilizing the best available science in the MLPA Initiative process
  - a. Dr. Richard M. Starr and Dr. Mark H. Carr presentation
  - b. Statutory language, SAT charter, SAT members' bios and list of SAT meetings
  - c. List of science presentations to the Blue Ribbon Task Force and Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
  - d. Methodology
    - Methods for evaluating goals 1 and 4 of the MLPA (related to habitat representation)
    - Methods for evaluating goals 2 and 6 of the MLPA (related to size and spacing of MPAs)
    - Methods for evaluating goal 3 of the MLPA (related to recreational, educational and study opportunities)
    - Methods for evaluating potential negative economic impacts to commercial and recreational fishing
  - e. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team analyses
    - Executive summary
    - SAT evaluation of MLPA goals 1 and 4 related to habitat representation in the BRTF recommended MPA packages for the central coast study region
    - SAT evaluation of MLPA goals 2 and 6 related to the size and spacing of MPAs in the BRTF recommended MPA packages for the central coast study region
    - MLPA Initiative staff and SAT evaluation of MLPA goal 3 related to recreational, educational and study opportunities (including a summary of replication analysis) in the BRTF recommended MPA packages for the central coast study region

- SAT evaluation of commercial and recreational fisheries potentially affected by the BRTF recommended MPA packages for the central coast study region

Note: A large quantity of additional information, studies and reports from the SAT are available on the MLPA Initiative website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa>

3. Central coast MPA packages recommended by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force to the California Department of Fish and Game
  - a. Dr. Mary Gleason presentation
  - b. Package percentage of study region area graphs by proposed designation and assigned level of protection
  - c. Analysis of habitat representation in MPA packages 0, 1, 2R and 3R
  - d. Package 0 (existing MPAs)
    - North & south central coast study region maps
    - Staff summary of area and habitats
  - e. Package 1 (February 9, 2006 version)
    - North & south central coast study region maps
    - Staff summary of area and habitats
    - Proponents' rationale
    - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
  - f. Package 2R (March 15, 2006)
    - North & south central coast study region maps
    - Staff summary of area and habitats
    - Proponents' rationale
    - Summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
  - g. Package 3R (March 15, 2006)
    - North & south central coast study region maps
    - Staff summary of area and habitats
    - Summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
  - h. Side-by-side comparison of regional MPA packages 1, 2R and 3R with existing MPAs identified (includes subregion maps and comparison of proposed regulations)
    - Subregion 1: Pigeon Point to Capitola
    - Subregion 2: Capitola to Monterey Breakwater
    - Subregion 3: Monterey Breakwater to Point Sur
    - Subregion 3 Inset: Monterey Peninsula
    - Subregion 4: Point Sur to San Martin
    - Subregion 5: San Martin to Point Estero
    - Subregion 6: Point Estero to Santa Maria River
    - Subregion 6 Inset: Morro Bay
    - Subregion 7: Santa Maria River to Point Conception