

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
California Fish and Game Commission and the
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
Joint Meeting Draft Agenda
(revised June 10, 2008)**

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**Clarion Hotel *
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Sacramento, California 95814**

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Meeting Objectives

- *Receive presentation of MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCRSG) marine protected area (MPA) proposals submitted for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*
- *Receive the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendation for MPAs in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*
- *Receive summary of the methods used to evaluate MPA proposals*
- *Receive presentation of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), California Department of Fish and Game, and MLPA staff analyses and evaluations of the MPA proposals*

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

*Richard Rogers, President, California Fish and Game Commission
Honorable Susan Golding, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force*

1. **Integrated Preferred Alternative Recommended by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force and MPA Proposals Developed by the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**
 - A. Review of the decision-making context for the north central coast process [**Handout A**]
Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative
 - B. Update on the activities of the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
Dr. Scott McCreary., Principal, CONCUR, Inc.

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- C. Update on the activities of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
[Attachment 1; Handout B]
Dr. Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative
- D. Introduction of the Integrated Preferred Alternative and overview of marine protected area proposals **[Attachments 2-8; Handout C]**
Honorable Susan Golding and Dr. Mary Gleason
- E. Evaluations of NCCRSG MPA Proposals **[Attachment 9]**
 - i. Presentation of MLPA Initiative staff evaluations of MPA proposals **[Attachment 10; Handout D]**
Dr. Mary Gleason
 - ii. Presentation of SAT habitat representation, habitat replication, size/spacing, birds and mammals evaluations **[Attachments 11-13; Handout E]**
Dr. Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
 - iii. Presentation of SAT commercial and recreational fishing evaluations **[Attachment 14; Handout F]**
Dr. Astrid Scholz, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
 - iv. Presentation of SAT models and modeling results **[Attachment 15; Handout G]**
Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
 - v. Presentation of California Department of Fish and Game evaluation of potential impacts to abalone, and feasibility of MPA proposals and their prospects to achieve the goals of the MLPA **[Attachments 16-20; Handout H]**
Susan Ashcraft, MPAs Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game

Adjourn

Attachments

1. *Methods Used to Evaluate MPA Proposals in the North Central Coast Study Region, May 30, 2008 [NCC Transmission Binder 2, Document B]*
2. Percentage of study region area charts by proposed designation and SAT-assigned levels of protection for the Integrated Preferred Alternative, Proposal 0 (existing MPAs) and NCCRSG proposals 1-3, 2-XA and 4 *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document C]*
3. Side-by-side comparison of MPA proposals (maps and regulations) for the Integrated Preferred Alternative, Proposal 0 (Existing MPAs), and NCCRSG MPA proposals 1-3, 2-XA and 4 *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document D]*
 - Subregion 1: Alder Creek to Horseshoe Point
 - Subregion 2: Horseshoe Point to Bodega Head
 - Subregion 3: Bodega Head to Double Point
 - Subregion 4: Double Point to Point San Pedro
 - Subregion 5: Point San Pedro to Pigeon Point
 - Subregion 6: Farallon Islands
4. MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs): Staff summary of existing areas, habitats and MPAs, and one page summary map *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document E]*

5. MPA Proposal 1-3: One page overview map; staff summary of proposal areas, habitats and MPAs; MPA proposal description (including information on individual MPA designations, proposed regulations, regional goals and objectives addressed, specific MPA objectives, recommended special closures, and proposed fate of existing MPAs); and subregion maps of MPAs and special closures *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document F]*
6. MPA Proposal 2-XA: One page overview map; staff summary of proposal areas, habitats and MPAs; MPA proposal description (including information on individual MPA designations, proposed regulations, regional goals and objectives addressed, specific MPA objectives, recommended special closures, and proposed fate of existing MPAs); and subregion maps of MPAs and special closures *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document G]*
7. MPA Proposal 4: One page overview map; staff summary of proposal areas, habitats and MPAs; MPA proposal description (including information on individual MPA designations, proposed regulations, regional goals and objectives addressed, specific MPA objectives, recommended special closures, and proposed fate of existing MPAs); and subregion maps of MPAs and special closures *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document H]*
8. MPA Proposal Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA): One page overview map; staff summary of proposal areas, habitats and MPAs; MPA proposal description (including information on individual MPA designations, proposed regulations, regional goals and objectives addressed, specific MPA objectives, recommended special closures, and proposed fate of existing MPAs); and subregion maps of MPAs and special closures *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document I]*
9. *Summary of MLPA Guidelines and MPA Proposal Evaluation Approaches*, February 1, 2008 *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document K]*
10. MLPA Initiative staff memo regarding the evaluation of NCCRSR MPA proposals relative to MLPA Goal 3, June 5, 2008 *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document R]*
11. *Summary of SAT Habitat Representation, Habitat Replication, and Size and Spacing Analyses of the North Central Coast Study Region MPA Proposals*, May 22, 2008 *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document L]*
12. *Evaluations of Benefits to Seabirds and Waterfowl from Proposed Marine Protected Areas and Special Closures in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*, May 16, 2008 (Gerard J. McChesney, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team) *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document M]*
13. *Evaluation of Potential Benefits to Marine Mammals from Proposed Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*, May 18, 2008 (Sarah Allen, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team) *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document N]*
14. *Summary of potential impacts of the April 2008 MPA proposals on commercial and recreational fisheries in the North Central Coast Study Region*, May 13, 2008 (Ecotrust) *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document O]*
15. *Spatially Explicit Models to Support Evaluation and Revision of Marine Protected Area Proposals*, May 27, 2008 (MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team) *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document Q]*
16. *Evaluation of the Potential Impact MPA Proposals May Pose for Abalone Management and Abalone Recreational Fisheries in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*, May XX, 2008 (California Department of Fish and Game) *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document P]*
17. *Summary of Marine Protected Area Proposal Analyses – Joint California Fish and Game Commission & Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting* (California Department of Fish and Game, June 11, 2008) *[NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document S]*

18. Feasibility Analysis Summary for the Blue Ribbon Task Force Integrated Preferred Alternative (California Department of Fish and Game, June 11, 2008) [*NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document T*]
19. Evaluation of the goals and objectives for the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Proposals Advanced by the Blue Ribbon task Force (California Department of Fish and Game, June 11, 2008) [*NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document U*]
20. Regional goals and objectives as adopted by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on February 14, 2008 [*NCC Transmission Binder 4, Document A*]

Handouts

- A. PowerPoint presentation: *A Decision Context – Developing a Recommendation for the North Central Coast Study Region* (Ken Wiseman, MLPA Initiative)
- B. PowerPoint presentation: *Update on Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) Activities* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- C. PowerPoint presentation: *Overview of North Central Coast MPA Proposals and Recommended Integrated Preferred Alternative* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- D. PowerPoint presentation: *Staff Evaluations of North Central Coast MPA Proposals and the Integrated Preferred Alternative* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- E. PowerPoint presentation: *SAT evaluations of MPA proposals and the Integrated Preferred Alternative for the North Central Coast Study Region* (Dr. Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- F. PowerPoint presentation: *Summary of Maximum Potential Impacts of NCCRSRSG MPA Proposals and the Integrated Preferred Alternative on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries DRAFT* (Dr. Astrid Scholz, Ecotrust)
- G. PowerPoint presentation: *Model-based evaluation of proposed MPAs: north central California coast* (Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- H. PowerPoint presentation: *Evaluation of the Potential Impact MPA Proposals May Pose for Recreational Abalone Fisheries and Abalone Management in the MLPA North Central coast Study Region* (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)