

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised November 2, 2008)

Tuesday, November 4, 2008
8:30 a.m. (field trip) and 2:00 p.m. (meeting)

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

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Meeting materials: Please note that meeting materials are listed on the agenda as either attachments (received in advance of the meeting) or handouts (received on the day of the meeting) and are posted to the MLPA website as they become available.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive presentation regarding the science of marine protected areas*
- *Receive final lessons learned report for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region and recommendations for the south coast*
- *Receive update on review of policy issues for the MLPA South Coast Study Region*
- *Receive update on comments received regarding the draft regional profile*
- *Potentially approve methods for stakeholder strategy at both the statewide and regional levels*
- *Potentially adopt a schedule of meetings for February through December 2009 to achieve the charge from Secretary Mike Chrisman*
- *Receive updates on the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group, and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Receive 2008-2009 budget update*
- *Receive an update on the California Fish and Game Commission regulatory process for the MLPA North Central Coast Project*
- *Receive an update on implementation of the central coast marine protected areas*

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Field Trip Itinerary

Note that all times are approximate and stops are subject to change. Members of the public are welcome to join the task force members for all or part of the field trip, but must provide their own transportation.

- 8:30 a.m. Depart the Sheraton Gateway Hotel (6101 W. Century Boulevard, Los Angeles)
- 9:05 a.m. Arrive at Tri-Marine International, Inc. (220 Cannery Row, San Pedro)
- 9:40 a.m. Arrive Fish Harbor (end of Ways Street, San Pedro - required parking permits will be waived)
- 10:40 a.m. Arrive Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (3720 Stephen M White Dr., San Pedro - parking will be validated)
- 11:35 a.m. Arrive Point Fermin Park (807 W Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro - meet in main parking lot)
- 12:15 p.m. Arrive L.A. Harbor Sportfishing (1150 Nagoya Way - street address or 79 Berth - waterfront address, San Pedro)
- 1:30 p.m. Arrive at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel (6101 W. Century Boulevard, Los Angeles)

Meeting Agenda

Note: Public comment not directed to specific agenda items will be taken at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions and Review of Agenda

Don Benninghoven, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

The Science of Marine Protected Areas

1. Science panel regarding living marine resource management and marine protected areas in California and around the world
 - Kirsten Grorud Colvert, Oregon State University*
 - Sarah Lester, National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis*
 - Steve Palumbi, Stanford University (invited)*
 - James Lindholm, California State University, Monterey Bay*
 - Kate Faulkner or Dan Richards, Channel Islands National Park*

Lessons Learned Project

2. Receive final lessons learned report for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region and discuss recommendations for the south coast
 - Potential Task Force Action:** Staff update on status of recommendations for south coast
 - Ken Wiseman or MMH*

Stakeholder and Interested Public Outreach and Participation

3. Receive revised strategy for stakeholder and interested public participation [Attachment 1]
 - Potential Task Force Action:** Adopt strategy for stakeholder and public participation in the MLPA South Coast Study Region

Craig Shuman, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, MLPA Initiative

4. Update on public outreach and education activities
Craig Shuman

Policy Direction for the MLPA South Coast Study Region

5. Receive an update on confirming policy direction from previous study regions to the MLPA South Coast Study Region, and an overview of potentially emerging policy issues and the process for bringing recommendations to the task force
Potential Task Force Action: Confirm that general subject matter of previous policy guidance memos is still applicable to the south coast study region and direct staff to prepare a summary document of the various guidances
Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative

MLPA Initiative Process Updates

6. Master Plan Science Advisory Team [**Attachment 2**]
7. South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group [**Attachment 3**]
8. Statewide Interests Group [**Attachment 4**]
9. Regional profile for the south coast study region [**Attachment 5**]

MLPA Initiative Operations

10. Calendar of meetings for 2009.
Potential Task Force Action: adopt 2009 calendar of meetings
MMH
11. Staffing
Ken Wiseman or MMH
12. Receive 2008-10 budget update
Ken Wiseman or MMH
13. Adopted operating procedures, reimbursement rate guidelines and policy on transparency [**Attachments 6-8**]
Ken Wiseman or MMH

Previous MLPA Initiative Study Regions

14. Receive update on the north central coast MPA proposals under consideration by the California Fish and Game Commission
Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director, California Department of Fish and Game
15. Receive update on implementation of the central coast MPAs adopted in September 2007
Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director, California Department of Fish and Game

Adjourn

Attachments

1. Draft revised strategy for stakeholder and public participation (with proposed changes tracked)
2. News release announcing appointments to the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
3. News release announcing appointments to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
4. Charter for the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
5. *Draft Regional Profile for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Point Conception to the California/Mexico border)* (September 15, 2008 draft) – note that this document was sent under separate cover from your meeting materials
6. Adopted operating procedures for the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
7. Adopted reimbursement rate guidelines for MLPA Initiative activities
8. Adopted MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force policy on transparency