

# SAMPLE LETTER

## *California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative*

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September 23, 2010

The Honorable Wesley Chesbro  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly, 1st District  
P.O. Box 94249  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Assemblymember Chesbro,

As you may be aware, the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) recently completed a single proposal for marine protected areas (MPAs) in Round 3 of the north coast MPA planning process. The NCRSG also developed a separate recommendation for special closures. The work of this group has been outstanding and we are proud of the open and transparent process used to include north coast communities in the planning.

The Round 3 MPA proposal and special closures recommendation will be evaluated by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and MLPA Initiative staff. The MPA proposal, special closures recommendation, and various evaluations will be reviewed and considered by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force at its upcoming meeting on October 25-26, 2010 in Fortuna.

As always, we welcome public feedback on what is being considered and have established several ways in which the public can engage in the discussion about MPAs in the north coast. We also welcome your review and feedback. To assist you in understanding what the NCRSG has proposed, we are enclosing a number of documents:

- **Overview Map:** A map that shows the proposed MPAs and recommended special closures for the north coast study region
- **NCRSG Narrative Rationale:** Information developed by the NCRSG to describe the Round 3 MPA proposal, including the general approach taken to develop the proposal
- **Description of MPAs:** Details the name, boundaries, proposed allowed uses, site-specific rationale, and other attribute information for proposed MPAs
- **Geographic Cluster Maps:** These maps show more detail about each of the proposed MPAs
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We welcome your feedback on the Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal or the MLPA Initiative's marine protected area planning process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (916.533.6971 or [Ken.Wiseman@resources.ca.gov](mailto:Ken.Wiseman@resources.ca.gov)), Program Manager Melissa Miller-Henson (916.654.2506 or [Melissa@resources.ca.gov](mailto:Melissa@resources.ca.gov)), or any of the NCRSG members (contact information can be found at [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/ncrsg\\_contacts.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/ncrsg_contacts.pdf)), who continue to be an outstanding resource for their communities.

We thank you in advance for your continued engagement during MLPA planning and implementation.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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