

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised February 12, 2008)

Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Best Western Lighthouse Hotel *
105 Rockaway Beach Avenue
Pacifica, California 94044

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Briefing documents and meeting presentations/handouts: Please note that briefing documents are listed at the bottom of the agenda as either attachments (received in advance of the meeting) or handouts (received on the day of the meeting).

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Meeting Objectives

- *Review, discuss and potentially adopt final north central coast regional goals and objectives*
- *Receive detailed presentation of, review and provide feedback on draft MPA proposals submitted for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region, including MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), California Department of Fish and Game, and MLPA staff analyses of the draft proposals*
- *Discuss levels of protection as adopted by the SAT and potentially determine which levels will be considered in the evaluation process*
- *Identify and potentially approve additional staffing and resource needs of the initiative in the current phase and for completing other MLPA study regions*
- *Further discuss ways in which the MLPA Initiative can assist the state with implementation of the central coast marine protected areas*

Meeting Agenda

Note: the task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon.

Welcome and introductions

8:30 a.m.

Susan Golding, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

1. **MLPA North Central Coast Study Region [Attachments 1-4; Handouts A-L]**
 - a. Review, discuss and potentially adopt final regional goals and objectives for the north central coast study region
Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative
 - b. Process considerations for the task force
Scott McCreary, Ph.D., Co-facilitator, CONCUR, Inc.
 - c. Presentation of draft MPA proposals 1-4, Draft External Proposal A, and staff evaluations of draft proposals
Dr. Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative
 - d. Presentation of SAT evaluations of draft MPA proposals
Dr. Steve Gaines of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
 - e. Presentation of socioeconomic evaluations of draft MPA proposals
Sarah Kruse, Ecotrust
 - f. Presentation of abalone evaluation and California Department of Fish and Game feasibility analysis
Susan Ashcraft, Marine Protected Areas Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game
 - g. Update on the consideration of special closures by the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
 - h. Stakeholder panel presentation and discussion of draft MPA proposals
 - i. Discussion of ideas, suggestions and feedback on the draft MPA proposals, and potentially determine which levels of protection will be considered in the evaluation process
2. **Planning and Resources [Handout M]**

Update on MLPA Initiative staffing and budget, and planning for future study regions. Potentially approve additional staffing and resource needs for the initiative in the current phase and for completing other MLPA study regions
Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative
3. **MLPA Central Coast Study Region and Master Plan for MPAs [Attachment 5]**
 - a. Update on implementing the central coast MPAs
Susan Ashcraft
 - b. Update on revising the *California MLPA Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas*
MLPA Initiative staff
4. **Implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act**

Further discuss specific actions the MLPA Initiative and Blue Ribbon Task Force may take to assist the state in implementing the Marine Life Protection Act

Adjourn

Attachments

1. Key outcomes memoranda from the fifth (November 28, 2007) and sixth (December 11-12, 2007) meetings of the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

2. Draft MPA proposal descriptions generated by NCCRSR work groups and proponent of draft external proposal, including information on individual MPA designations, proposed regulations, regional goals and objectives addressed, specific MPA objectives, and comments (includes proposed fate of existing MPAs).
3. MLPA Initiative Staff evaluation of MLPA Goal 3
4. SAT methods document *Methods Used to Evaluate Draft MPA Proposals in the North Central Coast Study Region (February 1, 2008 revised draft IN TRACK CHANGES FORMAT)*
5. Revised draft *California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas* (January 2008, in track changes format)
6. Key outcomes memoranda from the first (December 7, 2007) and second (January 17, 2008) MLPA Statewide Interests Group meetings

Handouts

- A. Letter from Cheri A. Recchia, Director, California Marine Protected Areas Monitoring Enterprise regarding the north central coast provisional goals and objectives
- B. Provisional regional goals and objectives as adopted by the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group on October 22, 2007 and provisionally adopted by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on November 19, 2007
- C. PowerPoint presentation: *In-depth Comparison of Draft MPA Proposals for the MLPA North Central Coast* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- D. PowerPoint presentation regarding SAT evaluations of draft MPA proposals for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region (Dr. Steve Gaines, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- E. *Draft Evaluation of Potential Benefits to Seabirds from Proposed Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region January 2008* (Gerard J. McChesney, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- F. *Draft Evaluation of Potential Benefits to Marine Mammals from Proposed Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region January 2008* (Sarah Allen, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- G. PowerPoint presentation: *Summary of Potential Impacts of December 2007 MPA Proposals on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries* (Dr. Sarah Kruse, Ecotrust)
- H. PowerPoint presentation regarding the evaluation of potential impacts of draft MPA proposals on abalone management and recreational fisheries (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- I. *Evaluation of the Potential Impact Draft MPA Proposals May Pose for Abalone Management and Abalone Recreational Fisheries* (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- J. PowerPoint presentation regarding the DFG feasibility analysis of draft MPA proposals for the north central coast (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- K. California Department of Fish and Game feasibility analysis of Draft MPA Proposals 1-4 and Draft External Proposal A (executive summary)
- L. California Department of Fish and Game memo regarding private land ownership and marine protected areas
- M. MLPA Initiative budget update through February 11, 2008