

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
Proposed Meeting Agenda
(revised February 20, 2008)**

**Thursday, February 21, 2008
9:30 a.m.**

**Four Points by Sheraton *
1010 Northgate Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903**

Public participation: Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person or view and listen to the meeting via simultaneous webcasting on the Internet; an archived version will be available approximately two days after the meeting. Please visit the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) website at www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings.asp for more information.

The public will be invited to offer comments on the work of the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group at approximately 12:30 p.m. Speaker cards will be requested and may be found at the entrance to the room.

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).

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive and discuss MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) evaluations, California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) feasibility analysis, staff evaluations, and MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) guidance regarding draft marine protected area proposals*
- *Receive presentation from special closures work group on disturbance issues; discuss options and guidance for incorporation*
- *Receive presentation regarding key themes and ideas from public workshops*
- *Outline the process for developing the final round of marine protected area (MPA) proposals*
- *Plan next steps to revise draft MPA proposals at March 4, 2008 North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCRSG) work session and March 18-19, 2008 NCCRSG meeting*

Meeting Agenda (see next page)

Note: the stakeholder group will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon and public comment will be taken immediately following at approximately 12:45 p.m.

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Meeting Agenda

Note: the stakeholder group will break for lunch at approximately 11:45 a.m. and public comment will be taken immediately following at approximately 12:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.		<i>Arrivals, refreshments, and greetings</i>
9:30 a.m.	1.	Welcome, introductions, and review of meeting objectives
9:45 a.m.	2.	Provide status reports from recent SAT and BRTF meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT update (Attachments 10, 11, 19; Handouts A, B) • BRTF update – guidance to the NCCRSG and other actions (Handouts C, D) • Update on DFG guidance (Attachments 20, 22; Handout E)
10:15 a.m.	3.	Present summary of water quality issues (Attachments 24, 25)
10:30 a.m.		<i>Break</i>
10:45 a.m.	4.	Present findings of SAT, MLPA staff, and DFG evaluations of draft proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff overview and evaluations (Attachments 1-6, 18; Handouts F, G) • SAT evaluations (Attachments 12-15; Handout H) • Recreational and commercial fishing analyses (Attachment 16; Handout I) • Evaluation of potential recreational abalone fishery and management impacts (Attachment 17; Handout J) • DFG feasibility evaluation (Attachment 21; Handout K)
2:30 p.m.	5.	Receive other informational presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of special closures work group (Handouts L, M) • Summary of Public Workshops – key themes that emerged (Handout N)
3:00 p.m.		<i>Break</i>
3:15 p.m.	6.	Outline next steps in the marine protected area proposal development process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similarities and differences among draft MPA proposals (Attachments 7-9) • Outline process to develop final round of MPA proposals • Identify platforms for building round 3 proposals
5:00 p.m.	7.	Recap and plan next steps to prepare for March 4, 2008 work session and March 18-19, 2008 meeting of the NCCRSG
5:30 p.m.		<i>Adjourn</i>

Attachments

1. MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs): Staff summary of proposal areas, habitats and MPAs, habitat calculations, and proposal description generated by staff
2. Draft MPA Proposal 1 (EC): Staff summary of draft proposal areas, habitats and MPAs, habitat calculations, and proposal description generated by NCCRSG work groups
3. Draft MPA Proposal 2 (JD): Staff summary of draft proposal areas, habitats and MPAs, habitat calculations, and proposal description generated by NCCRSG work groups

4. Draft MPA Proposal 3 (TC): Staff summary of a draft proposal areas, habitats and MPAs, habitat calculations, and proposal description generated by NCCRSR work groups
5. Draft MPA Proposal 4 (JC): Staff summary of draft proposal areas, habitats and MPAs, habitat calculations, and proposal description generated by NCCRSR work groups
6. Draft External MPA Proposal A (XA): Staff summary of a draft proposal areas, habitats and MPAs, habitat calculations, and proposal description generated by proponent
7. Area charts showing percentage of study region by proposed designation and SAT-assigned levels of protection for Proposal 0 (existing MPAs), draft proposals 1-4, and Draft External MPA Proposal A
8. Map showing areas of overlap among draft MPA proposals 1-4 and Draft External MPA Proposal A
9. Side-by-side comparison of geographies and proposed regulations for Proposal 0 (existing MPAs), draft MPA proposals 1-4, and Draft External MPA Proposal A.
 - 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
10. Complete responses to science questions from the November 28, 2007, and December 11-12, 2007 MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group meetings
11. *Methods Used to Evaluate Draft MPA Proposals in the North Central Coast Study Region* (February 1, 2008 revised draft)
12. MLPA goals 1 & 4 analysis: *Draft MPA Proposal Evaluations North Central Coast Study Region* (January 23, 2008)
13. MLPA goals 2 & 6 analysis: *North Central Coast Size and Spacing Evaluations* (revised January 25, 2007)
14. *Draft Evaluation of Potential Benefits to Seabirds from Proposed Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region* (Gerard J. McChesney, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team, January 2008)
15. *Draft Evaluation of Potential Benefits to Marine Mammals from Proposed Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region* (Sarah Allen, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team, January 2008)
16. *Summary of potential impacts of the December 2007 MPA proposals on commercial and recreational fisheries in the North Central Coast Study Region* (Ecotrust, January 22, 2008)
17. *Evaluation of the Potential Impacts Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals May Pose for Abalone Management and Abalone Recreational Fishery, MLPA North Central Coast Study Region* (Revised February 15, 2008)
18. MLPA Initiative Staff evaluation of MLPA Goal 3
19. *Spatially Explicit Models to Support Evaluation and Revision of Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals* (Digestible Modeling Work Group, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team, February 13, 2008)
20. California Department of Fish and Game memo regarding an update of the feasibility criteria for use in analyzing siting alternatives
21. *North Central Coast Study Region Feasibility Evaluation of Draft MPA Proposals* (California Department of Fish and Game, February 11, 2008)
22. California Department of Fish and Game memo regarding private land ownership and marine protected areas

23. *California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative North Central Coast Regional Planning Timeline* (revised February 6, 2008)
24. PowerPoint presentation: *Water Quality Along the North Central Coast* (Dominic Gregorio, California State Water Resources Control Board, December 2007)
25. *Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBSs) within the Marine Life Protection Act North Central Coast Study Region, reasons for designation and unique features* (State Water Resources Control Board, January 28, 2008)

Handouts

- A. PowerPoint presentation: *Master Plan Science Advisory Team Update* (Jason Vasques, California Department of Fish and Game)
- B. Memo and responses to science questions from the August 22-23, 2007, and October 16-17, 2007 meetings of the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
- C. *California MLPA North Central Coast Project, North Central Coast Regional Goals and Objectives* (as adopted by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on February 14, 2008)
- D. *Summary of MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Guidance to the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group, February 14, 2008 BRTF meeting* (prepared February 20, 2008)
- E. PowerPoint presentation: *Update on Department of Fish and Game Guidance for MPA Proposals* (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- F. PowerPoint presentation: *Overview of Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals* (Evan Fox, MLPA Initiative)
- G. PowerPoint presentation: *Staff Evaluation of Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals* (Evan Fox, MLPA Initiative)
- H. PowerPoint presentation: *SAT Evaluations of Draft MPA Proposals North Central Coast Study Region* (Dr. Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- I. PowerPoint presentation: *Summary of Potential Impacts of December 2007 MPA Proposals on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries* (Dr. Sarah Kruse, Ecotrust)
- J. PowerPoint presentation: *Evaluation of the Potential Impact of Draft MPA Proposals on Abalone Recreational Fishery and Abalone Management in the North Central Coast Study Region* (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- K. PowerPoint presentation: *Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Analysis of Draft MPA Proposals* (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- L. PowerPoint presentation: *Consideration of Special Closures for Seabird and Marine Mammal Disturbance* (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game and Allison Arnold, MLPA Initiative)
- M. Memo regarding status report of the NCCRSG Special Closures Work Group, with draft options and maps
- N. Summary of key themes from February 4, 5 and 6 public workshops (includes table of public comments received at the workshops regarding draft MPA proposals for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region)