

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
California MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force  
Draft Agenda  
(revised April 21, 2008)**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.**

**Embassy Suites Hotel \*  
101 McInnis Parkway  
San Rafael, California 94903**

**Note: The MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group will meet on Tuesday, April 22 with the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force.**

Members of the public are invited to view or listen to the meeting via simultaneous webcasting on the Internet. For more information please visit the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings.asp>.

**Public participation:** The public will be invited to offer comments on agenda items throughout the meeting.

- General comments on the MLPA Initiative and the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, **not directed to specific agenda items**, will be taken immediately after lunch on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at approximately 1:00 p.m. Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room.
- Public comment on the north central coast marine protected area proposals will be taken at the end of agenda item #6; if necessary, public comment will be taken again at 7:00 p.m. Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room.

### **Meeting Objectives**

- *Receive detailed presentation of and review MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCRSG) marine protected area (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 and evaluations*
- *Identify MPA proposals to forward to the California Fish and Game Commission, including a preferred alternative*
- *Identify any other recommendations to forward to the California Fish and Game Commission*
- *Receive updates on the activities of the SAT, NCCRSG and MLPA Statewide Interests Group*
- *Identify and potentially approve additional staffing and resource needs of the initiative in the current phase and for other MLPA study regions*

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## Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Note: The task force and stakeholder group will break for lunch at approximately 12:15 p.m.

### Welcome and Introductions

*Susan Golding, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force*

#### 1. Update on the MLPA Initiative Process and Planning on the North Central Coast (Handouts A, B)

- a. Review of the decision-making context for the north central coast process  
*Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative*
- b. Update on the activities of the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group  
*Scott McCreary, Ph.D., Co-facilitator, CONCUR, Inc.*
- c. Update on the activities of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team  
*Dr. Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative*
- d. Update on the activities of the MLPA Statewide Interests Group  
*Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative*

#### 2. Summary of Water Quality Issues in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region (Attachments 1, 2)

*Dominic Gregorio, State Water Resources Control Board and MLPA SAT*

#### 3. Overview of MPA Proposals Developed by NCCRSR Work Teams (Attachments 3-8; Handout C)

*Dr. Mary Gleason*

#### 4. Evaluations of NCCRSR MPA Proposals (Attachments 9-16; Handouts D-L)

- a. Staff evaluations of proposals  
*Dr. Mary Gleason*
- b. Presentation of size and spacing evaluation  
*Dr. Steve Gaines, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*
- c. Presentation of habitat representation and replication evaluation  
*Dr. Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*
- d. Presentation of birds and mammals evaluations  
*Dr. Sarah Allen, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*
- e. Presentation of commercial and recreational fishing evaluations  
*Dr. Astrid Scholz, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*
- f. Presentation of abalone evaluation  
*Susan Ashcraft, MPAs Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game*
- g. Presentation of SAT models and modeling results  
*Dr. Chris Costello, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team*

#### 5. California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Criteria and Analysis (Attachments 17-18; Handout M)

*Susan Ashcraft*

## Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, April 22, 2008 (continued)

6. **MPA Proposals Developed by Work Teams of the Regional Stakeholder Group**
  - a. Stakeholder presentations of MPA proposals
  - b. Discussion of MPA proposals among BRTF and NCCRSG members
  - c. Public comment on the NCCRSG MPA proposals (*note that, if necessary, public comment will be taken again at 7:00 p.m. after dinner*)
7. **Recognition of Members of the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**  
*Break for dinner*

## Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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

### Welcome

*Susan Golding*

8. **MLPA North Central Coast Study Region**
  - a. Process considerations for the task force
  - b. Discussion among BRTF members about NCCRSG MPA proposals and recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission
  - c. Identify proposals and recommendations for the north central coast to forward to the California Fish and Game Commission, including a preferred alternative
9. **Planning and Resources (Handout N)**

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*
10. **MLPA Central Coast Study Region**

Update on implementing the central coast MPAs

*Susan Ashcraft*

### Adjourn

## Attachments

1. *Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBSs) within the Marine Life Protection Act North Central Coast Study Region, reasons for designation and unique features, January 28, 2008* (State Water Resources Control Board)
2. PowerPoint presentation: *Water Quality along the North Central Coast* (Dominic Gregorio, State Water Resources Control Board and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
3. Percentage of study region area charts by proposed designation and SAT-assigned levels of protection for Proposal 0 (existing MPAs) and NCCRSG proposals 1-3, 2-XA and 4
4. Areas of overlap among NCCRSG MPA proposals 1-3, 2-XA and 4

5. Staff summaries of proposal areas, habitats and MPAs for Proposal 0 (Existing MPAs), NCCRSO MPA Proposal 1-3, NCCRSO MPA Proposal 2-XA and NCCRSO MPA Proposal 4
6. One page summary maps for Proposal 0 (Existing MPAs), NCCRSO MPA Proposal 1-3, NCCRSO MPA Proposal 2-XA and NCCRSO MPA Proposal 4
7. Draft MPA proposal descriptions generated by NCCRSO work groups, including information on individual MPA designations, proposed regulations, regional goals and objectives addressed, specific MPA objectives, and comments (includes proposed fate of existing MPAs)
8. Side-by-side comparison of geographies and proposed regulations for NCCRSO MPA proposals 1-3, 2-XA and 4, and Proposal 0 (existing MPAs)
  - 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
9. *Summary of MLPA Guidelines and MPA Proposal Evaluation Approaches*, February 1, 2008
10. *Methods Used to Evaluate Draft MPA Proposals in the North Central Coast Study Region*, March 31, 2008 revised draft in track changes format
11. MLPA Initiative staff memo regarding the evaluation of NCCRSO MPA proposals relative to MLPA Goal 3, April 14, 2008
12. *Evaluations of Benefits to Seabirds and Waterfowl from Proposed Marine Protected Areas and Special Closures in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*, April 7, 2008 (Gerard J. McChesney, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
13. *Evaluation of Potential Benefits to Marine Mammals from Proposed Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*, April 14, 2008 (Sarah Allen, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
14. *Summary of potential impacts of the March 2008 MPA proposals on commercial and recreational fisheries in the North Central Coast Study Region*, Final Draft April 16, 2008 (Ecotrust)
15. *Evaluation of the Potential Impact MPA Proposals May Pose for Abalone Management and Abalone Recreational Fisheries in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*, April 14, 2008 (California Department of Fish and Game)
16. *Spatially Explicit Models to Support Evaluation and Revision of Marine Protected Area Proposals*, April 18, 2008 (MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
17. California Department of Fish and Game memo regarding comments on the NCCRSO MPA proposals (includes feasibility analysis and goals and objectives analysis)
18. Regional goals and objectives as adopted by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on February 14, 2008
19. Maps depicting some important tribal use areas for Native American tribes in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region

## Handouts

- A. PowerPoint presentation: *Conclusion of the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Process* (Scott McCreary, Ph.D., co-facilitator, MLPA Initiative)
- B. PowerPoint presentation: *Update on Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) Activities* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- C. PowerPoint presentation: *Overview of NCCRSG MPA Proposals for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- D. PowerPoint presentation: *Staff Evaluations of MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposals* (Dr. Mary Gleason, MLPA Initiative)
- E. *Summary of SAT Evaluation of MPA Proposals (Round 3): Habitat Representation/Replication and Size/Spacing (April 17, 2008)*
- F. PowerPoint presentation: *SAT evaluations of MPA proposals, North Central Coast Study Region* (Dr. Steve Gaines, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- G. PowerPoint presentation: *SAT Habitat Evaluations of NCCRSG Proposals, North Central Coast Study Region* (Dr. Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- H. PowerPoint presentation: *Marine Birds and Mammals Evaluation for the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposals* (Dr. Sarah Allen, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- I. PowerPoint presentation: *Summary of Potential Impacts of March 2008 MPA Proposals on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries* (Dr. Astrid Scholz, Ecotrust)
- J. *Summary of potential impacts of the March 2008 MPA proposals on commercial and recreational fisheries in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region: Condensed Summary of the Final Draft, 18 April 2008* (Ecotrust)
- K. 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)
- L. PowerPoint presentation: *Model Evaluations of MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposals (March 2008)* (Dr. Chris Costello, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)
- M. PowerPoint presentation regarding the DFG feasibility analysis of NCCRSG MPA proposals for the north central coast (Susan Ashcraft, California Department of Fish and Game)
- N. MLPA Initiative budget update, April 2008