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As a stakeholder-driven process, public input is a critical component of the MLPA Initiative. There are a number of ways you can become involved:

- Attend meetings and provide public comments or watch meetings live or archived on the website
- Comment on draft documents and marine protected area proposals
- Add your name to the email listserv at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/maillinglist.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/maillinglist.asp)
- Send general comments by mail or email

**For more detailed information on how to get involved visit [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa)**

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## Help Redesign Marine Protected Areas in Southern California!

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# About the MLPA

## What is the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)?

The MLPA is a state law that requires California's system of marine protected areas be redesigned to better protect California's marine life, habitats and ecosystems.

## Do marine protected areas exist in California waters?

Yes! California's first marine protected area was created in 1909. There are now 47 marine protected areas in southern California. Existing marine protected areas are part of the redesign process.

## What is the MLPA Initiative?

The MLPA Initiative was established to help the state of California achieve the goals of the MLPA. To accomplish this, the MLPA Initiative uses the best, readily available science, as well as the advice and assistance of resource managers, policy experts and the public.

# The MLPA South Coast Study Region

A regional approach is being used to redesign marine protected areas along California's 1,100 mile coast. In each of the five study regions a transparent process invites public participation. Currently the MLPA Initiative is in the south coast study region, an area from Point Conception in Santa Barbara County to the California/Mexico border in San Diego County (see map below).

## Timeline: June 2008 - December 2009

Public involvement is encouraged throughout the process

Public planning process begins. Joint fact-finding and evaluation of existing marine protected areas begins.	Develop and review draft marine protected area proposals.	Marine protected area proposals are recommended and a preferred alternative is selected.	A marine protected area proposal is recommended and the regulatory and environmental review processes begin.
June - December 2008	January - September 2009	September - October 2009	November - December 2009



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