

Update

Marine Protected Area Management Program e-news

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is pleased to announce that the draft Marine Protected Area (MPA) Monitoring Action Plan (Action Plan) is now available online!

Quantitative and expert informed approaches to long-term monitoring have been under development since the start of baseline monitoring to describe conditions inside and outside MPAs. The draft Action Plan, developed by CDFW and the Ocean Protection Council, is designed to inform next steps for long-term monitoring, and identifies priority metrics, sites, species, and habitats. The draft Action Plan incorporates knowledge from the MPA design process, baseline monitoring projects, and additional scientific study in California on MPAs over the past decade, as well as novel approaches that are currently emerging. In addition to public comment, the contents of the draft Action Plan are concurrently undergoing peer-review.

The draft Action Plan is a non-regulatory document intended to be used by partners interested in applying for funding to conduct MPA monitoring, as well as other entities with significant authority, mandates, or interests relating to California's MPA Network.

The draft Action Plan will be presented to the Fish and Game Commission and Ocean Protection Council at the following meetings:

- Fish and Game Commission
 - Discussion, July 17, San Clemente ([Marine Resources Committee](#))
 - Discussion, August 22-23, Fortuna
 - Potential Approval, October 17-18, Fresno
- Ocean Protection Council
 - Potential Approval, October 25, Santa Cruz

DRAFT ACTION PLAN NOW AVAILABLE!

- Access and review the draft Action Plan and Appendices [here](#)
- Please submit all draft Action Plan related comments to R7MPA@wildlife.ca.gov by August 16, 2018

A promotional poster for the "Draft Action Plan Marine Protected Area Monitoring". The poster features a collage of images: a diver underwater, a boat on the water, and people on a beach. The text "Draft ACTION PLAN MARINE PROTECTED AREA MONITORING" is prominently displayed. Below the collage is the "CALIFORNIA MARINE PROTECTED AREAS" logo. At the bottom, it says "CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE 2018" and includes the California Department of Fish & Wildlife logo.

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This newsletter provides updates about the [MPA Management Program](#). California's MPA network is managed collaboratively through the MPA Management Program, which includes four focal areas: outreach and education, enforcement and compliance, research and monitoring, and policy and permitting.

QUESTIONS?

Please send all inquiries to ASKMPA@wildlife.ca.gov



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