

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force for the MLPA North Coast Study Region
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised January 12, 2010)

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 1:00 pm
Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 8:00 am

Elk Valley Rancheria Community Center*
2332 Howland Hill Road
Crescent City, CA 95531

Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person or may view and listen to the meeting via simultaneous webcasting on the Internet (field trips are not included in the webcasting). Video and audio archives of the meeting may be accessed via the Internet approximately two days after the meeting. Please visit the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_n.asp for more information.

Public comment: The public will be invited to offer general comments on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), ***not specific to an agenda item, at approximately 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 14.*** Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the number of requests; submitting written comments that can be easily summarized in one to two minutes is encouraged. Note that the public comment period is for comments specific to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force; comments related to other MLPA Initiative activities or groups should be directed to those bodies or MLPA staff.

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will not be provided at the meeting but will be posted to the MLPA website as soon as they are available. This agenda may be found on the MLPA website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_nc.asp.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive a panel presentation on the evolving nature of living marine resource management and the role of marine protected areas*
- *Receive presentations regarding the science of marine protected areas*
- *Review policy direction provided in previous study regions, discuss applicability to the MLPA North Coast Study Region, and potentially approve policy direction for the north coast*
- *Receive a panel presentation on Native American tribal interests and concerns*
- *Receive updates on the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG), and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Receive an update on public outreach and education, staffing, and the 2008-2011 budget*
- *Receive an update on the transmittal of recommendations for the MLPA South Coast Study Region*

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The task force will begin a field trip at 1:15 p.m. and conclude no later than 6:00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to join the task force members for all or part of the field trip, but must provide their own transportation. Details about the specific stops:

- 1:15 PM Meet at Redwood National and State Park South Operations Building parking lot – 121200 Highway 101 in Orick
- 1:45 PM Stop #1: High Bluff Overlook parking lot and picnic area
- 2:25 PM Stop #2: Klamath River Overlook (south side) at the north end of Coastal Drive (the gravel road leading past the WWII Radar Station)
- 3:20 PM Stop #3: Yurok Tribal Office – 190 Klamath Boulevard, Klamath (just off Highway 101)
- 4:40 PM Stop #4: Crescent City Harbor District Office – 101 Citizen’s Dock Road, Crescent City

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Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:25 PM. **Public comment will be taken immediately following lunch at approximately 1:10 p.m.**

Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

Cindy Gustafson, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

I. Updates

- A. Master Plan Science Advisory Team**
Steve Wertz, Senior Biologist Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game
- B. North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**
Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative
BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: Nominees to the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout
- C. MLPA Statewide Interests Group**
Ken Wiseman
BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.1: Request for Nominations to the MLPA Statewide Interests Group for the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout
- D. Public Outreach and Education**
Kelly Sayce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, MLPA Initiative
- E. Regional Profile**
Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative
BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Draft Regional Profile for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (December 2, 2009)

II. Policy Direction for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

- F. Review Policy Guidance Provided in Previous Study Regions**
Melissa Miller-Henson
Potential Action: Confirm that guidance in the summary document is applicable to the MLPA North Coast Study Region
BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1: Staff Memo Regarding MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Policy Guidance in Previous Study Regions – Handout

G. How Fisheries are Considered in the MLPA Initiative

*Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
Steve Wertz*

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1:** *Consideration of Fish Stocks and Fisheries in Science Guidelines and Evaluation of MPA Proposals* (revised May 18, 2009; adopted May 5, 2009)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.2:** Consideration of Fisheries in Science Guidelines and Evaluations PPT – Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.3:** California Department of Fish and Game Policy Guidance for Consideration of Fisheries Management in Implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (November 12, 2009)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.4:** Fishery closures in the MLPA North Coast Study Region PPT – Handout

H. Panel Presentation and Discussion – Representatives of Native American tribes in the MLPA North Coast Study Region

Invited guests

III. The Science of Marine Protected Areas

I. SAT Presentation: Marine Habitats, Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services

Dr. Steven S. Rumrill, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1:** Marine Habitats, Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services PPT – Handout

J. SAT Presentation: Oceanographic Patterns

Dr. John Largier, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1:** Oceanographic Patterns in the MLPA North Coast Study Region PPT – Handout

K. SAT Presentation: Adult Movement, Larval Dispersal and Connectivity

Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1:** Adult Movement, Larval Dispersal and Connectivity PPT – Handout

L. Science Panel: Evolution of Living Marine Resource Management and Marine Protected Areas in California and Around the World

Sarah Lester, University of California, Santa Barbara

Kirsten Grorud Colvert, Oregon State University

Cheri Recchia, Director, MPA Monitoring Enterprise

James Lindholm, California State University, Monterey Bay

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1:** Sarah Lester PowerPoint – Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.2:** Kirsten Grorud Colvert PowerPoint – Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.3:** Cheri Recchia PowerPoint – Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.4:** James Lindholm PowerPoint – Handout

IV. Task Force Operations

M. MLPA Initiative Staffing and Resources

Ken Wiseman and Steve Wertz

Kevin Fleming, California Department of Parks and Recreation

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1:** *MLPA Staff and Their Roles in the MLPA Initiative* (January 5, 2010)

N. MLPA Initiative Budget and Calendar

Ken Wiseman

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1:** MLPA Initiative budget for 2008-2011 – Handout

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.2:** Calendar of upcoming dates for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (revised January 7, 2010)

O. Adopted Task Force Procedures and Policies

Cindy Gustafsen

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.1:** *MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (2009-2010) Operating Procedures* (adopted November 18, 2009)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.2:** *MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (2009-2010) Policy for an Open and Transparent Process* (adopted November 18, 2009)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.3:** *Third Phase Reimbursement Rate Guidelines* (Adopted September 8, 2008; re-adopted November 18, 2009)

V. MLPA South Coast Study Region

- P. Transmittal of Recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission**
Ken Wiseman
- Q. Lessons Learned in the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**
Ken Wiseman

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