

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force for the MLPA North Coast Study Region
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised November 16, 2009)

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 9:30 am
Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 8:30 am

Red Lion Hotel*
1929 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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. 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 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18.*** 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_sc.asp.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive charge from Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman*
- *Receive an introduction to the MLPA South Coast Study Region (NCSR), including existing marine protected areas (MPAs) and the draft regional profile*
- *Review policy direction provided in previous study regions and discuss applicability to the MLPA North Coast Study Region*
- *Receive briefing on the relationship between the Marine Life Protection Act and fisheries management in California*
- *Receive updates on the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG), and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Review methods for stakeholder involvement at both the statewide and regional levels*
- *Interact with and provide guidance to community representatives indicating an intent to submit marine protected area proposals for the MLPA North Coast Study Region*
- *Potentially adopt a schedule of meetings to achieve the BRTF's charge*
- *Receive a briefing on the staffing and resource needs of the MLPA Initiative*
- *Review and potentially adopt a revised 2008-2011 budget*

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- Review and potentially adopt task force operating procedures and policies
- Potentially adopt a calendar of meetings for the MLPA North Coast Study Region
- Receive an update on implementation of marine protected areas in other MLPA study regions

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Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:15 p.m. **Public comment will be taken immediately following lunch at approximately 1:30 p.m.**

Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

Cindy Gustafson, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

I. Overview of the MLPA Initiative for the North Coast

A. Mandate of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1: MLPA Initiative Second Phase MOU (2007-2008) and MLPA Initiative Third Phase Amendment (2008-2011)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.2: Charter of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, 2009-2010 (October 5, 2009)

B. California's Marine Life Protection Act and MLPA Initiative

Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: California Marine Life Protection Act

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.2: California Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.3: California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas (main text only; appendices available online)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.4: Developing a System of Marine Protected Areas in California: An Introduction to the MLPA and MLPA Initiative PPT – Handout Placeholder

II. MLPA and Fisheries Management in California

C. Relationship between the Marine Life Protection Act and Fisheries Management

Steve Wertz, Senior Biologist Supervisor, California Department of Fish and Game

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.1: California Department of Fish and Game Policy Guidance for Consideration of Fisheries Management in Implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (November 12, 2009)

III. MLPA North Coast Study Region

D. Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Steve Wertz

BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.1: Charter of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (October 1, 2009)

E. MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Melissa Miller-Henson

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Request for Nominations to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (Revised October 31, 2009)

F. MLPA Statewide Interests Group

Ken Wiseman

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1: Charter of the MLPA Statewide Interests Group for the MLPA South Coast Study Region

G. Stakeholder and Interested Public Participation

Kelly Sayce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, MLPA Initiative

Potential Action: *Adopt strategy for stakeholder and interested public participation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: Materials from the MLPA North Coast Study Region Open Houses and Workshops

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.2: Draft Strategy for Public Participation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.3: A Strategy for Public Participation in the MLPA the North Coast Study Region PPT – Handout Placeholder

H. Introduction to Existing MPAs and the Draft Regional Profile

Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: Existing State Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (November 12, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.2: Draft Table of Contents for the Draft Regional Profile for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (November 2, 2009 Draft) – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.3: Overview of the MLPA North Coast Study Region PPT – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.4: Staff Memo Regarding Guidelines for the Use of MarineMap in Marine Protected Area Planning – Handout Placeholder

I. Review of Policy Guidance from Previous Study Regions

Melissa Miller-Henson

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: Staff Memo Regarding MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Guidance in Previous Study Regions (November 17, 2009) – Handout Placeholder

J. Panel Presentation and Discussion – Representatives of community groups planning to submit an external MPA array

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1: Compilation of Intent to Submit External MPA Arrays Forms – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2: Developing External MPA Arrays from Community Groups PPT – Handout Placeholder

IV. Task Force Operations

K. Task Force Procedures and Policies

Ken Wiseman

Potential Action: *Adopt operating procedures for the BRTF*

Potential Action: *Adopt a policy on transparency for the MLPA Initiative*

Potential Action: *Adopt reimbursement guidelines for MLPA Initiative activities*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1: MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (2008-2009) Operating Procedures (Revised November 4, 2008)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.2: MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (2008-2009) Draft Policy for an Open and Transparent Process (revised September 8, 2008)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.2: Third Phase Reimbursement Rate Guidelines (Adopted September 8, 2009)

L. Schedule of Meetings

Melissa Miller-Henson

Potential Action: *Adopt a schedule of meetings for the north coast*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1: Calendar of Upcoming Dates for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (updated November 8, 2009)

M. MLPA Initiative Staffing and Resources

Ken Wiseman, Steve Wertz, and Kevin Fleming, California Department of Parks and Recreation

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1: Roster for the MLPA I-Team (staff and contractors to the MLPA Initiative, California Department of Fish and Game staff, and California Department of Parks and Recreation staff (November 17, 2008) – Handout Placeholder

N. MLPA Initiative Budget

Ken Wiseman

Potential Action: *Adopt revised 2008-2011 MLPA Initiative budget*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1: Revised MLPA Initiative budget for 2008-2011 (updated October 19, 2009) – Handout Placeholder

V. Implementation in Previous MLPA Study Regions

O. MLPA South Coast, North Central Coast and Central Coast Study Regions

Steve Wertz and Kevin Flemming

Adjourn

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The task force will begin a field trip at 8:30 a.m. and conclude no later than 2:00 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; the public is invited to meet at the Red Lion Hotel lobby at 8:15 a.m. to coordinate carpools.

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| 8:30 AM | Meet in the Red Lion Hotel lobby (due to the possibility of inclement weather, we will meet in the hotel lobby to determine the exact location of the first stop) |
| 8:45 AM | Walking tour of the Eureka Waterfront with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and members of the fishing community (indoor setting as backup) |
| 11:00 AM | Friends of the Dunes, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila (707.444.1397) |
| 1:00 PM | Seascape Restaurant at Trinidad Pier, 1 Bay Street, Trinidad (707.677.3762) |