

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**  
**Master Plan Science Advisory Team**  
**Joint Meeting for the South Coast and North Coast Study Regions**  
**Draft Meeting Agenda**  
*(revised October 28, 2009)*

**Friday, October 30, 2009 at 8:30 AM**

**Red Lion Hotel Eureka**  
**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 [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings\\_sc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_sc.asp) for more information.

**Public comment:** The public will be invited to provide general comment on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) **at approximately 12:35 p.m.** Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the chair; 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 SAT; comments related to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, or other MLPA Initiative activities should be directed to the task force or MLPA staff.

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## **Meeting Objectives**

- *Welcome SAT members for the MLPA North Coast Study Region*
- *Receive an introduction to the MLPA and the MLPA Initiative*
- *Review SAT charter and operating guidelines*
- *Receive an introduction to open meeting requirements*
- *Receive briefing on the science guidance in the California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas*
- *Discuss bioregions for the MLPA North Coast Study Region*
- *Review levels of protection developed for the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region*
- *Form SAT work groups*
- *Select SAT chairs*

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Note: The SAT will break for lunch at approximately 11:50 a.m. and public comment will be taken immediately after at approximately 12:35 p.m.

### Welcome, Introductions and Review of Agenda

#### I. Updates

##### Update on the October 20-23, 2009 South Coast BRTF Meeting

#### II. Introduction to the MLPA and MLPA Initiative

##### A. Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Process and Participants

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1: MLPA process and participants PPT- Handout

##### B. Charter of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team for the North Coast

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: Charter of the 2009-2011 MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.2: Sections from the Marine Life Protection Act Addressing Required MPA and MPA Network Features (from California Fish and Game Code, 2007)

##### C. Operating Principles for the North Coast MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.1: Operating principles for the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (Adopted June 26, 2007 and Amended September 9, 2008)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.2: Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Form

##### D. Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act of 2004

BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.1: A Handy Guide to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act 2004

##### E. Science Guidance in the California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Guidance on MPA Network Design Taken from the Draft California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas, Pages 34-46

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.2: Overview of the science guidance in the California MLPA Master Plan for MPAs PPT – Handout Placeholder

#### III. Marine Protected Area Science Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria

##### F. Review of SAT MPA Evaluation Methods Used in the South Coast Study Region

*Potential SAT Action: Approve the methods used to evaluate MPA proposals in the south coast study region*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1: Review of SAT MPA Evaluation Methods Used in the South Coast Study Region PPT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2: Draft Methods Used to Evaluate Marine Protected Area Proposals in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (October 26, 2009 Draft)

##### G. Historical Record of the SAT Process in the MLPA South Coast Study Region

*Steve Murray*

*Potential Action: Approve the document describing historical record of the Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan Science Advisory Team for the South Coast Study Region*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: Proceedings of the Science Advisory Team for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (October 26, 2009)

##### H. Discussion of Bioregions for the North Coast

*Pete Raimondi*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: Introduction to Bioregions in the MLPA North Coast Study Region PPT

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.2:** Draft Summary of Information Supporting Bioregions in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (Revised October 18, 2009)

**I. Discussion on Connectivity**

*Will White*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1:** MPA Spacing Work Group Progress Report PPT

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2:** MPA Spacing Work Group Progress Report: Spacing Guidelines and Other Metrics for Connectivity Among MPAs (October 27, 2009 Draft)

**J. Levels of Protection Used in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region**

*Larry Allen*

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1:** Overview of Levels of Protection Developed in the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region PPT

**IV. SAT Operations**

**K. Form SAT Work Groups**

**L. Select SAT Chairs**

**Adjourn**