

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised March 1, 2010)

Monday, March 1, 2010 at 9:00 AM

C.V. Starr Community Center
300 S. Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 8:00 AM

Field trip in the Fort Bragg to Mendocino area

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 1:15 p.m. on Monday, March 1.*** 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.

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_n.asp.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive science presentations on water quality and on the use of commercial and recreational fishing data in the design and evaluation of marine protected areas (MPAs)*
- *Confirm applicability of policy direction provided in previous study regions to the MLPA North Coast Study Region*
- *Discuss and potentially approve additional policy direction for the north coast*
- *Receive and discuss California Department of Fish and Game and California Department of Parks and Recreation input on the state decision-making context related to tribal uses of marine resources*
- *Receive the external proposed MPA arrays submitted by community groups*
- *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 updates on the north coast regional profile, public outreach and education, staffing, and the 2008-2011 budget*
- *Receive an update on MLPA implementation in other study regions*

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*Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 PM. **Public comment will be taken immediately following lunch at approximately 1:15 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. Memorandum of Understanding Milestones Meeting

Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

B. Master Plan Science Advisory Team

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

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: MLPA staff memo regarding asking science questions of the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (February 5, 2010)

C. North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.1: Charter of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (February 1, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.2: Charge and Draft Ground Rules for the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (January 30, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT C.3: Stakeholder Assessment Memorandum - North Coast Process (February 5, 2010)

D. MLPA Statewide Interests Group

Ken Wiseman

E. Public Outreach and Education

Kelly Sayce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Appointments to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (February 2, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.2: Guidelines for Providing Effective Public Comment to the MLPA North Coast Project (February 23, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.3: Public outreach and education poster

F. Regional Profile

Evan Fox, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative

II. External Proposed MPA Arrays

G. Receive Overview of External Proposed MPA Arrays Submitted by Community Groups

Evan Fox

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: External Proposed MPA Array A submitted by the Foodshed (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.2: External Proposed MPA Array B submitted by the Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.3: External Proposed MPA Array C submitted by the Conservation Coalition (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.4: External Proposed MPA Array D submitted by the Northern Redwoods Oceanic (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.5:** External Proposed MPA Array E submitted by Students for Environmental Action (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.6:** External Proposed MPA Array F submitted by the Albion Harbor Regional Alliance (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.7:** External Proposed MPA Array G submitted by the North Coast Local Interest MPA Work Group (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.8:** External Proposed MPA Array H submitted by the California Fisheries Coalition (Narrative Rationale, Overview Map, and Description of MPAs (February 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.9:** PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays from Community Groups – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.10:** Overlap Between Round 1 – North Coast External Proposed MPA Arrays (February 23, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

III. The Science of Marine Protected Areas

H. **SAT Presentation: Use of Commercial and Recreational Fishing Data in the Design and Evaluation of MPAs**

Charles Steinback, Ecotrust (on behalf of Dr. Astrid Scholz, member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team)

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1:** PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of the North Coast Fisheries Uses and Values Project – Handout Placeholder

I. **SAT Presentation: Water Quality in the MLPA North Coast Study Region**

Dominic Gregorio, member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team and Environmental Scientist, State Water Resources Control Board

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1:** PowerPoint Presentation: Water quality in the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

IV. Policy Direction for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

J. **Receive and Discuss Input on the State Decision-making Context for Tribal Uses of Marine Resources**

*Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director, California Department of Fish and Game
Kevin Fleming, California Department of Parks and Recreation*

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1:** I-Team memo regarding legal guidance from the California Department of Fish and Game and California Fish and Game Commission staff (February 19, 2010)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2:** California State Parks Departmental Notice No. 2007-05 regarding Native American consultation and policy implementation procedures (November 16, 2007)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.3:** Proposed Recommendation to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force from the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (February 25, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

K. **Discuss Policy Guidance for the North Coast Study Region**

Melissa Miller-Henson

Potential Action: *Confirm that guidance in the January 13, 2010 staff memo is applicable to the MLPA North Coast Study Region*

Potential Action: *Provide additional guidance to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group with regard to developing draft MPA proposals*

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1:** Staff memo regarding updated summary of key guidance provided in previous Marine Life Protection Act study regions for the development of marine protected area proposals (January 13, 2010)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.2:** Proposed Design Elements for the Round 2 Marine Protected Area Planning Process (February 24, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

V. Public Participation

L. Receive and Discuss Revised Strategy for Public Participation

Kelly Sayce

Potential Action: *Approve the revised strategy for public participation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1: Draft Strategy for Public Participation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (revised February 25, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

VI. Task Force Operations

M. MLPA Initiative Staffing and Resources

Ken Wiseman

Becky Ota, Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game Marine Region

Kevin Fleming

N. MLPA Initiative Budget and Calendar

Ken Wiseman

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1: MLPA Initiative 2008-2011 budget update (February 25, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.2: *Calendar of Upcoming Dates for the MLPA North Coast Study Region* (revised February 9, 2010)

VII. Implementation in Other MLPA Study Regions

O. Update on Efforts to Implement the MLPA in the Central Coast, North Central Coast, and South Coast Study Regions

Becky Ota

Adjourn

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The task force will begin a field trip at 8:00 a.m. and conclude no later than 1:30 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 are:

- 7:45 AM Meet in Cliff House Restaurant parking lot (1011 S. Main Street, Fort Bragg) to arrange carpools
- 8:10 AM Stop #1: Westport Market, Highway 1, Westport
- 9:05 AM Stop #2: Town Hall, 724 Main Street, Fort Bragg
- 9:55 AM Stop #3: Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg Marine, 32310 N. Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg
- 10:45 AM Stop #4: Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, upper parking lot, 45300 Lighthouse Road, Mendocino
- 11:35 AM Stop #5: Lunch at Mendocino Bakery and Cafe, 10485 Lansing Street, Mendocino
- 12:45 PM Stop #6: Albion River Campground, 34500 Highway 1, Albion