

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised March 25, 2010)

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 9:30 AM
Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 8:00 AM

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

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

Public comment: The public will be invited to provide general comments on the work of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) at approximately **12:40 p.m. on Thursday, March 25**. Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the facilitators; 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 NCRSG; comments related to other MLPA Initiative activities or groups should be directed to those bodies or MLPA staff.

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Meeting Objectives

- *Present guidelines/guidance for developing, and methods for evaluating, marine protected area (MPA) proposals*
- *Present and discuss external proposed MPA arrays, as well as the evaluations of existing MPAs and external proposed MPA arrays*
- *Present draft north coast goals and regional objectives*
- *Discuss areas of geographic importance*
- *Discuss questions from informational videos*
- *Outline strategy and work plan for NCRSG Round 2 MPA proposal development process, including key process guidance*

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Note: The NCRSG will break for lunch at approximately 12:10 p.m.

I. Updates

A. MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1: MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Charge and Ground Rules (adopted on February 9, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.2: Public Contact Information for Members of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (revised March 4, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.3: North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group: Summary of Interests and Areas of Expertise (Revised March 16, 2010)

B. MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF)

C. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT)

D. MLPA Initiative Public Outreach and Education

BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.1: Strategy for Public Participation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (adopted March 1, 2010)

E. MPA Planning Tools

II. Follow up from the February 8-9, 2010 NCRSG Meeting

F. Discuss Questions from Informational Videos

G. Responses to Questions Posed to the SAT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: Responses to Science Questions Posed During MLPA Public Meetings from January 20 to February 11, 2010 (March 17, 2010)

H. Identify Areas of Geographic Importance

Focal question: What geographic areas and specific locations within the study region are important to you that you want other NCRSG members to know about, and why? You may consider the following in your responses (you may address one or more of these):

- a. Where are important areas for habitat representation, ecosystem protection, and sustaining marine life populations?
- b. Where are important areas for consumptive recreational & commercial activities?
- c. Where are important areas for non-consumptive recreational & commercial activities?
- d. Where are important areas for educational, cultural, and study opportunities?

III. Existing MPAs and External MPA Arrays Prepared by Community Groups

I. Overview of Existing MPAs and External MPA Arrays

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of North Coast Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays from Community Groups - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2: MLPA North Coast Study Region Round 1 Evaluations: Summary of MPAs by Designation Type and Level of Protection (March 9, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.3: External Proposed MPA Array A: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.4: External Proposed MPA Array B: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.5:** External Proposed MPA Array C: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.6:** External Proposed MPA Array D: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.7:** External Proposed MPA Array E: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.8:** External Proposed MPA Array F: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.9:** External Proposed MPA Array G: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.10:** External Proposed MPA Array H: Narrative Rationale, Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, Subregional Maps, and Habitat Calculations
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.11:** Proposal 0 (Existing MPAs): Staff Summary, Overview Map, Description of MPAs, Subregional Maps, Habitat Calculations, and Subregional Maps
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.12:** Map of Overlap Between Round 1 North Coast External Proposed MPA Arrays (February 23, 2010)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.13:** California MLPA North Central Coast Project: Habitat Calculations for the Northern Bioregion MPAs in the North Central Coast Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA) (April 23, 2008)

IV. Evaluation Guidelines and MPA Evaluation Results for Existing MPAs and External MPA Arrays Developed by Community Groups

J. Presentation of Science Guidelines from the MLPA Master Plan and Other SAT Guidance

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1:** Draft Methods Used to Evaluate Marine Protected Area Proposals in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (March 16, 2010)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2:** PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of Science Guidance from the Marine Life Protection Act, Master Plan for MPAs, and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team - Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.3:** List of Species Likely to Benefit from MPAs in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (adopted March 17, 2010)

K. Presentation of SAT Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results – Habitat Representation and Replication

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1:** PowerPoint Presentation: Habitat Evaluations of the Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays for the North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.2:** Evaluation of North Coast Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays: Habitat Representation, Habitat Replication, MPA Size, and MPA Spacing Analyses (revised March 22, 2010)

L. Presentation of SAT Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results – MPA Size and MPA Spacing

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1:** PowerPoint Presentation: Size and Spacing Evaluations of the Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays for the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

M. Presentation of Data Collection Methods, SAT Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results - Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1:** Survey Methods and Summary Statistics for Ecotrust's North Coast Study Region Fisheries Uses and Value Project (Draft 16 March 2010)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.2:** PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of North Coast Fisheries Uses and Values Project, and Round 1 Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries - Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.3:** Summary of Potential Impacts of the February 2010 External Proposed MPA Arrays on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in the North Coast Study Region (March 17, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

N. Presentation of SAT Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results - Bioeconomic Modeling

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluations of Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays for the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

O. Presentation of SAT Guidance, Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results - Water Quality

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Water Quality Guidance and Evaluation Methods, and Round 1 Evaluation Results - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.2: Draft Recommendations for Considering Water Quality and Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (Draft revised March 16, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.3: Water Quality Concerns and Opportunities: Draft Maps for the North Coast Study Region

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.4: SAT Water Quality Evaluations: External Array Score Summary Handouts (March 22, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

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P. Presentation of Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results - Birds and Mammals

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Marine Birds and Marine Mammals Evaluations for Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays for the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.2: Marine Birds Evaluation Results for Round 1 External MPA Arrays: Supplemental Information (March 17, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.3: Marine Mammals Evaluation Results for Round 1 External MPA Arrays: Supplemental Information (March 17, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

Q. Presentation of California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Guidance, Evaluation Methods, Evaluation of Existing North Coast Study Region MPAs, and Round 1 Evaluation Results

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.1: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Criteria and Evaluation Components for Marine Protected Area Proposals (Revised March 23, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.2: Handout Placeholder Withdrawn

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.3: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation of Existing MPAs in the North Coast Study Region (Revised 16 March 2010) - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.4: PowerPoint Presentation: DFG Guidance and Evaluation Methods, Evaluation of Existing NCSR MPAs, and Results of Round 1 Evaluation - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.5: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation of Round 1 Arrays for the North Coast Study Region (23 March 2010) - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.6: California Department of Fish and Game Enforcement Division Memo Regarding Retrieval of Commercial Fishing Gear from Closed Areas to Fishing (March 23, 2010) - Handout

R. Presentation of California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) Guidance, Evaluation Methods and Round 1 Evaluation Results

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.1: California State Parks Guidelines for Developing Marine Managed Areas (March 23, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.2: PowerPoint Presentation: State Parks Guidance and Evaluation Methods and Results of Round 1 Evaluation - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.3: California State Parks Evaluation of North Coast Round 1 External Proposed MPA Arrays (March 23, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

S. Description of Goal 3 and its Consideration in the MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Goal 3 Consideration in the MLPA Initiative - Handout Placeholder

V. Guidance to Inform Development of MPA Proposals

T. Key Guidance from BRTF March 1-2 and March 18, 2010 Meetings

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT T.1:** Guidance Motions Related to Tribes and Tribal Communities Adopted at the March 18, 2010 MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting (March 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT T.2:** PowerPoint Presentation: MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Guidance for Marine Protected Area Planning - Handout Placeholder

U. Present MLPA Goals and Proposed North Coast Regional Objectives

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT U.1:** MLPA Goals and Regional Objectives Adopted in the MLPA Central Coast, North Central Coast and South Coast Study Regions
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT U.2:** PowerPoint Presentation: MLPA Goals and Regional Objectives for the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT U.3:** Draft Goals, Regional Objectives, Stakeholder Priorities, and Design and Implementation Considerations for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (March 24, 2010 Draft) – Handout Placeholder

VI. Developing Round 2 MPA Proposals

V. Present Round 2 Work Group Charge and Assignments

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.1:** PowerPoint Presentation: Guidance to Work Groups for Developing Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals in Round 2 for the North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.2:** Guidance to NCRSG Work Groups for Developing Marine Protected Area Proposals in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (March 22, 2010) – Handout Placeholder
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.3:** Summary of MLPA Guidance, Guidelines and Evaluation Approaches (Revised March 23, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

VII. Next Steps and Preparation for April 20-21 NCRSG Work Session

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