

**Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
Public Comments Submitted  
through September 22, 2010**

**From:** John Corbett

**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 12:59 PM

**To:** Ken Wiseman; Satie Airame; MLPAComments

**Cc:** Megan Rocha

**Subject:** Multiplier for measuring full harvest opportunities for recreational users under state and federal law

We are preparing an analysis of the take under your LOP assumptions and don't know what number to use for recreational users. We can use the total number of general recreation users permits for Del Norte and Humboldt County or use the total number of issued recreational permits issued statewide under the theory they could travel to the North Coast study area. Can you please advise.

John W. Corbett

**From:** Michael Leonard  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 11:42 AM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Cc:** Ken Wiseman; fgc@fgc.ca.gov  
**Subject:** PSO Letter re: NC Unified Array

Dear BRTF Chair Gustafson,

Please see the attached letter on behalf of the Partnership for Sustainable Oceans. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,  
Mike Leonard

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Mike Leonard  
Director of Ocean Resource Policy  
American Sportfishing Association  
Alexandria, VA



# PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE OCEANS

Recreational Fishermen Protecting California's Ocean Resources

September 17, 2010

Ms. Cindy Gustafson, Chair  
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force  
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
c/o California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Gustafson,

The Partnership for Sustainable Oceans (PSO) is writing to express its full support for the unified Marine Protected Area (MPA) array recommendation developed by the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG). The unified array represents a collaborative and carefully considered effort that meets the goals of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) while minimizing negative impacts to the region's social, cultural, and economic systems.

The PSO has been actively and constructively involved in the planning and implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) since the beginning of the North Central Coast phase. Our goal is to protect California's ocean environment while minimizing unnecessary closures to recreational fishing and boating.

The RSG unified array is consistent with the overall goals of the MLPA and represents a compromise that has support and buy-in from local communities. In previous phases of the MLPA, RSG members devoted considerable time and effort towards the creation of MPA arrays only to have the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) create its own recommendation. This has led to considerable distrust and bitterness from community members and brought into question the transparency and supposed stakeholder-driven nature of the MLPA. The North Coast RSG unified array has the support from all community members, which is especially important given that the effectiveness of MPAs can be compromised without support from local communities.

The unified array is a compromise from all parties involved in its creation. Importantly, it protects traditional non-commercial tribal rights and avoids placing MPAs in close proximity to harbors and other important recreational fishing access locations.

*Partnership for Sustainable Oceans Governing Group: American Sportfishing Association, Coastside Fishing Club, Southern California Marine Association, Sportfishing Association of California and United Anglers of Southern California*  
*Members: Berkley Conservation Institute, Contributing Members of the Avalon Tuna Club, International Game Fish Association, Kayak Fishing Association of California, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Nor-Cal Kayak Anglers, Shimano Sport Fisheries Initiative and the Watermen's Alliance*

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We strongly urge you to accept the RSG unified array without changes. Any alterations to the proposal could undermine community support and the significant efforts made to reach consensus and compromise by the RSG.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Leonard, Ocean Resource Policy Director  
American Sportfishing Association

cc: Members, Blue Ribbon Task Force  
Members, California Fish and Game Commission  
Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, BRTF

**From:** Michael  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 18, 2010 4:51 PM  
**To:** MLPAComments  
**Subject:** North Coast MLPA

Dear BRTF,

After attending countless meetings regarding the MLPA for the Central Coast and North Central Coast regions, I urge you to accept the Regional Stakeholder Group's unified array proposal. The RSG has put forth a monumental effort to reach a consensus with this proposal. Common sense suggests that creating a "preferred alternative" like those that have occurred in the three previous regions is ludicrous. Thus, I strongly urge the BRTF to accept this unified proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael Caporale  
San Jose, CA

**From:** Jim Volberding

**Sent:** Sunday, September 19, 2010 3:05 PM

**To:** MLPAComments

**Subject:** Accept North Coast Unified Array Proposal

I urge acceptance of the array as the best Proposal for Everone involved.

Thank You,  
James Volberding