

**Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
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Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:20 PM
To: Cindy Gustafson; Ken Wiseman
Cc: MLPA ITeam; MLPA NCBRTF
Subject: [NCBRTF] BRTF Draft Documents

Dear Ken and Chair Gustafson,

Thanks for the opportunity to review the two draft documents staff prepared to help describe the outcomes of the last BRTF meeting, a draft motions document and a summary of actions resulting from the motions. I have reviewed both documents and have a couple of overarching comments/concerns.

After initially reviewing the two documents I went back to the October 26 video and reviewed the deliberations, as the language staff developed does not appear to capture the intent of my motion for the North Coast Enhanced Compliance Alternative MPA Proposal. My intent was to provide to the California Fish and Game Commission an alternative MPA proposal that came closer to meeting the science guidelines to help ensure that the statewide system of MPAs would help achieve the goals of the MLPA.

Upon reviewing the video, I can see how the conversation evolved in such a way that my original intent was misunderstood and the alternative language did not create the kind of "bookend" I intended (one that better meets the science guidelines). I also suspect that one or more of my fellow BRTF members may have understood staff "Option 3d" differently than I did. As such, I will not ask my fellow members to reconsider our action to move that alternative forward for consideration by the commission. However, upon review of the anticipated SAT evaluations, I am concerned that this alternative MPA proposal will not fare any better in meeting the science guidelines than the Revised NCRSG MPA proposal.

I strongly believe that during its regulatory and environmental review processes, the commission should consider an alternative MPA proposal that comes closer to meeting the science guidelines while still respecting the MPA boundaries developed by the NCRSG. I welcome your suggestions for how best to have the BRTF consider that recommendation.

Thank you in advance,

Greg

Cc: BRTF members
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