

**Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Public Comments Submitted
through January 27, 2011**

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Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 4:34 PM
To: Tom Weseloh; MLPAComments
Subject: Option ZERO on the North Coast

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We the undersigned thank you for your time to try and slow the MLPAi down. We know it was a good law to start with but it does not look anything like what it was intended to be it is too costly and will hurt our ocean if it is not done right. We have sustainable fisheries on the north coast and if this is not done right it will hurt not help.

THANK YOU.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/saveoceanacess/>

Petition Sponsored by: AHRA - albionharbor.org

Like a Salmon swimming against the flow... of political currents of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative. Sign our petition to support Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro's six-months delay of the implementation of the MLPA.

This was once a good law but we are being railroaded toward a deadline through a time span that is too short and our State's Democratic Process has been disenfranchised in the push to cajole the generally distant public and the resource dependent working class coastal communities into going along with this complex process.

We are just asking for more time and legislative overview of legality and an audit of the process. Please sign in support - slow down the MLPA process.

**Time moved quickly, and the "One Unified Array" began on it's journey of acceptance.

193 signatures....

We signed "Wes Chesbro ask's for 6 month slow down".

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00:03, Nov 30, Orlando Blanco, CA

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01:23, Nov 02, Name not displayed, HI

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18:22, Oct 21, Justine Bruce, CA

The public will have to live with the outcome for generations to come. We need to have more time to make such important life altering changes. The communities of tomorrow deserve an educated and fair decision made today.

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22:11, Oct 12, Name not displayed, CA

What about our local community? Don't we have any say? Why not?

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07:07, Oct 12, jamie padgett, CA

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22:19, Oct 05, Chuck Becker, CA

MLPA process needs to be reevaluated for sure

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23:20, Sep 30, ARTHUR WONG, CA

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18:28, Sep 28, Carolyn Laire, CA

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08:40, Sep 25, Craig Bowman, CA

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16:35, Sep 06, Annika Bowden, WA

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15:40, Sep 06, Rachel M Hervey PHN, CA

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18:11, Sep 04, James Marsh, CA

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11:42, Sep 04, Byron Moser, CA

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11:40, Sep 02, milo vukovich, CA

MLPA= an enviro extremist con job

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13:53, Aug 31, Julie Decker, AK

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11:39, Aug 31, Anthony G. Gonzales, CA

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10:03, Aug 31, Ken Clark, CA

Keep your Southern California ass out of our North Coast fishing rights.

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12:15, Aug 30, Ron Cooper, CA

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10:58, Aug 30, Olivia Wise, CA

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08:55, Aug 29, Diane Neubert, CA

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07:51, Aug 29, Terry Neubert, CA

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05:43, Aug 29, David Helliwell, CA

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17:45, Aug 28, Joseph Florimonte, CA

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16:06, Aug 28, Dennis Clark, CA

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12:15, Aug 28, Mary Jane Cummings, CA

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12:09, Aug 28, josephine james, CA

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10:59, Aug 28, George Galvis, CA

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10:50, Aug 28, Clyde Hodge, CA

The ongoing hegemony of private interests against the birthrights of California Native American Indian tribes is blatantly evident in this bill as it is, and is not in the public

interests of ecology and sustainable management of fisheries. In short, it is another attempt to steal ocean and coast from the actual owners: California tribes and all Californians in general.

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08:41, Aug 28, Name not displayed, CA

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07:27, Aug 28, Mark Franco, CA

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06:30, Aug 28, John Perez, CA

Please don't strip me of my rights. I've been a good citizen and working man all my life and I believe I have every right to enjoy the outdoors,, within the laws of the fish and game and not the Pew people.

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18:02, Aug 27, Marsha Strattan, CA

Please take the time to do an adequate analysis of the long-term effects of this proposal, to honor our commitment to Native Americans, and to provide a fair and BALANCED committee that reflects the community interests, not corporate ones.

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16:57, Aug 27, John Satchell, CA

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13:46, Aug 27, Jack Milton, CA

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09:07, Aug 27, Susan Sack, CA

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08:50, Aug 27, Eric Wilcox, CA

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08:18, Aug 27, Dan Yoakum, CA

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06:25, Aug 27, R Todd Bruininks, CA

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15:49, Aug 26, reveremd ralph john monteiro, o.s.a., PA

i ministered among the catholic native americans on the Hoopa Indian reservation and in Del Norte, Mendocino and Lake counties for 15 years from 1986-2000... I became familiar with tribal rights and federal and state conflicts during those years... i continue to follow with great interest and concern events involving the tribes along the Trinity and Klamath Rivers and off the coast of Mendocino County.... so when this conflict appeared in CaliforniaNativeNewsandEvents I became very interested in how MLPA intended to approach the conflict with justice toward tribal rights...With people like the Koch brothers making the news today because their vested interests undermine justice especially with regard to the pacific paper mills I become all the more disturbed how transparent this whole process has become because of the underwriting of outside monies "buying prejudicial interests" ...

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14:43, Aug 26, Nicole Misfeldt, CA

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09:47, Aug 26, Cynthia Naha, CA
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08:08, Aug 26, gregg nordine, CA
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16:11, Aug 25, Daniel Burke, CA
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14:33, Aug 25, BRUCE RUMBLE, CA
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12:31, Aug 25, Brian Pritts, MA
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11:03, Aug 25, Emily Scott, CA
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10:18, Aug 25, Daniel Galindo, CA
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09:19, Aug 25, Leslie Sanders, CA
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00:12, Aug 25, Nick Marcus, CA
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21:08, Aug 24, Jane Tate, CA

From what I hear from divers, these protected areas produce overcrowding and stunting of sea creatures. Are the desk jockeys that make these proposals in good enough shape to really examine these waters?

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18:07, Aug 24, Christy Fritz, CA
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17:46, Aug 24, john conner, CA

This law is not about fishing and yet that is the only thing that is being talked about we need to slow this down and let people know the truth about the mlpa. We need to know more about the private money supporting action now and what their urgency is. Although I could support oil drilling off of our coast to help both the US and State budget problems, severely restricting and/or stopping recreational fishing is a ridiculous solution

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16:54, Aug 24, Janie Sheppard, CA
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12:35, Aug 24, Name not displayed, CA
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11:25, Aug 24, Amanda Benvenuto, NY
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10:36, Aug 24, Nicole Weber, MD
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10:01, Aug 24, Clyde Bradshaw, CA
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09:26, Aug 24, John Kenny, CA

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09:01, Aug 24, David Gurney, CA

please sign this petition.the corruption of this process needs to be investigated.

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08:59, Aug 24, Michael Harrington, CA

Not considering water quality is ludicrous and a window into the real agenda.

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08:53, Aug 24, chase campbell, CA

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08:37, Aug 24, Pete Rabbitt, CA

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03:42, Aug 24, Thomas Glakeler, CA

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22:40, Aug 23, Name not displayed, CA

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22:01, Aug 23, Jennifer Poole, CA

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21:12, Aug 23, Sabrina Zbinden, Canada

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19:36, Aug 23, Anthony DiGiuseppe, CA

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19:05, Aug 23, Brian Kempkes, CA

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19:02, Aug 23, lonnie dollarhide, CA

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18:30, Aug 23, Marc Schmidt, CA

The existing reserves and fishing regulations are all the North Coast needs for protection. We have a fraction of the people and days that the weather is nice enough to venture out to put organic meat on the tables for our families. This law is not science based and the science would show it is not needed on the North Coast if they actually looked at the facts. I dare them to take an unbiased scientific approach!!!

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17:47, Aug 23, Jim Mastin, CA

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16:39, Aug 23, Meredith Smith, CA

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16:30, Aug 23, Mauricio Echeverri Villa, Colombia

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15:34, Aug 23, Name not displayed, IL

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15:11, Aug 23, John Lewallen, CA

The MLPAL should be stopped, and the illegal and unconstitutional Marine Protected Areas it already set up should be cancelled and restored to public access for essential, sustainable ocean food.

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13:29, Aug 23, Becky Visco, TX

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13:18, Aug 23, Melissa Willardson, UT

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12:30, Aug 23, Casey Allen, CA

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12:06, Aug 23, char flum, CA

It is obvious to the most unsophisticated observer that this MLPA is more about industrialization of the ocean than protecting the ocean and fish.

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11:51, Aug 23, Pam Boland, GA

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11:04, Aug 23, Edwin Nieves, CA

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11:03, Aug 23, Maria Gaal, Hungary

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10:48, Aug 23, Tiffany Stearns, GA

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10:08, Aug 23, Name not displayed, AZ

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09:49, Aug 23, Dave Renner, CA

The process has been corrupted and needs to be delayed and investigated. The State cannot afford this illusion of protection. It needs to be shelved.

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09:46, Aug 23, Beth Bosk, CA

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09:36, Aug 23, mike kitahara, CA

Policies for access to California's coastline and coastal resources has now been handed over to the private sector to determine a because the State does not have money to administer and fund this process. Maintenance and enforcement of costly MLPA programs will be funded by proposed increases in taxes, i.e. proposed Prop 21 vehicle license surcharge intended to generate over \$200 million to protect policies adopted by these private interests. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY!!! If MLPA is genuinely about restoring the ocean ecosystem, then why have most of our rivers and bays been conveniently ignored as a component of protection in this initiative?

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09:12, Aug 23, Bill Oliveau, CA

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09:11, Aug 23, Erif Thunen, CA

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08:47, Aug 23, Terry Nieves, CA

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08:44, Aug 23, michael earley, United Kingdom

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08:27, Aug 23, Hanne Nicolaisen, Denmark

This is a very very good law. Which is why it should be slowed down, and done justice.

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08:20, Aug 23, john pierce, MA

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08:19, Aug 23, Alisha Migliore, WA

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08:10, Aug 23, Ryan McGinnis, CA

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07:21, Aug 23, Name not displayed, Russian Federation

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07:10, Aug 23, Richard Schaffer, CA

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07:01, Aug 23, Andrew Butt, United Kingdom

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07:00, Aug 23, Koch Saskia, Germany

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06:58, Aug 23, Name not displayed, Viet Nam

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06:37, Aug 23, Jakob Geist, Germany

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06:34, Aug 23, Ivonne Engler, Germany

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06:14, Aug 23, luca pisaroni, Austria

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05:54, Aug 23, Liz Thompson, CA

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05:47, Aug 23, stacey Oertel, South Africa

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04:50, Aug 23, Carol Matson, Spain

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04:21, Aug 23, Sylvain Parreaux, France

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04:14, Aug 23, Miriam Walsh, MA

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03:53, Aug 23, irizi laila, France

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03:51, Aug 23, STEVE KLEIN, VA

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03:11, Aug 23, James Murphy, Australia

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02:44, Aug 23, Rebecca Gaskin, FL

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02:41, Aug 23, Name not displayed, CA

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02:26, Aug 23, amanda gunzburg, Australia

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02:18, Aug 23, Maria Westin, Sweden
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02:13, Aug 23, Mauricio Diogo, Portugal
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01:56, Aug 23, Cassandra Kirkpatrick, United Kingdom
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01:42, Aug 23, Catherine Gaspard, Belgium
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01:33, Aug 23, Andrea Tuswald, Austria
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01:15, Aug 23, Haris Ikonomidis, Greece
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00:47, Aug 23, Al Shaw, NJ
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00:41, Aug 23, magdalena dziubek, Poland
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00:40, Aug 23, Melissah Chadwick, Australia
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00:28, Aug 23, Name not displayed, France
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00:25, Aug 23, Susanne T enjoying summer, Germany
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00:02, Aug 23, Alamzeb Akhund, Pakistan
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23:40, Aug 22, Kristina Nazarova, Ukraine
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23:30, Aug 22, John Doe, Malaysia
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23:09, Aug 22, Gary Lacroix, CA
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23:09, Aug 22, Kaye Skinner, AZ
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23:01, Aug 22, Kerry Hein, CA
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22:47, Aug 22, dee oconnell, CO

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22:45, Aug 22, Kasia Szeliga, Poland
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22:31, Aug 22, Dan Williams, CA
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22:19, Aug 22, Jeremiah O'Brien, CA
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22:16, Aug 22, Val Muchowski, CA

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22:05, Aug 22, Brent Rusert, CA

This law is not about fishing and yet that is the only thing that is being talked about we need to slow this down and let people know the truth about the mlpa. This is the third time it has been tried, this time private money and lots of it is being used. Why are the people running the show involved in oil and big real estate companies.

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22:05, Aug 22, Manojkumar Bhoyar, India

I support

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22:01, Aug 22, Ashley Payne, PA

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21:41, Aug 22, Michele Devine, CA

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21:38, Aug 22, Name not displayed, CA

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21:37, Aug 22, Name not displayed, CA

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21:20, Aug 22, Carrie Durkee, CA

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21:14, Aug 22, Camilla Vaga, Sweden

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21:01, Aug 22, Lynda Hooper, FL

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21:00, Aug 22, Patricia Schwindt, CA

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20:58, Aug 22, Daniel Platt, CA

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20:50, Aug 22, janie rezner, CA

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20:27, Aug 22, Amanda Benson, IA

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20:09, Aug 22, Patricia Bucio, Mexico

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20:08, Aug 22, Louis Zimm, CA

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19:40, Aug 22, Sue Harrington, CA

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19:36, Aug 22, Name not displayed, NY

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19:26, Aug 22, Hugo Godinez, TX

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19:06, Aug 22, Pebbles Trippet, CA

For something as vital as our ocean that makes up the majority of our planet, 6 mo. delay is reasonable.

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18:57, Aug 22, CARMEL FROST, Australia

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18:56, Aug 22, Name not displayed, AZ

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18:49, Aug 22, Name not displayed, CA

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18:36, Aug 22, Eleazar Araujo, Venezuela

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17:58, Aug 22, William Harper, GA

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17:49, Aug 22, Teresa Poulson, CA

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17:26, Aug 22, Liz Vinston, VA

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16:31, Aug 22, Robert Giese, WI

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15:47, Aug 22, Vivian Helliwell, CA

The MLPAL lacks measurable objectives and funding for enforcement as required by the MLPA. The alleged science guidelines are based on unsupportable assumptions about larval distribution, and do not consider existing fishing regulations. Conflicts of interest on the BRTF have not been addressed. The private entities paying for the MLPAL (RLFF) claim on their website that MPAs cure overfishing--which we do not have in state waters. people with the least impacts are denied access to traditional local food. More time is needed to correct inequities in the MLPAL.

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15:40, Aug 22, Peter Billington, United Kingdom

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15:18, Aug 22, Charles Kavanagh, CA

the speed and focus of the MLPA makes me as a fisherman feel like I am riding on a rail in the back of a dump truck....AGAIN ! This is a very complicated issue where all people involve would be better served with more time to look beyond personal agendas

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14:38, Aug 22, C Nelson, CA

It is a excuse to gradually take over land in simple terms and, take away people's Constitutional rights to use America's land and oceans. Most Americans would object to this if they understood the reality of it all. Peace.

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14:21, Aug 22, Jon Sears, CA

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13:38, Aug 22, marc rosati, CA

since when do you use private money to take public resources from the public? it's wrong and it shouldn't be tolerated.the N.W.O. wants to take control of ALL food resources. this is part of their agenda

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13:37, Aug 22, Chum R, Canada

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13:27, Aug 22, Maciek Ludwig, Poland

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13:20, Aug 22, Gene Morris, CA

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13:14, Aug 22, Jason Gelsinger, CA

It seems this is a one sided deal and everyone will lose!!!Except the people that are fast tracking this.

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13:14, Aug 22, mark nicks, OK

Please slow the process so it can be properly evaluated and implementedWe need to remove the people from the decision making process whom are biased, and let independent minded , competent, (non-grant chasing) people make these decisions, whithout their personal agendas.

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12:59, Aug 22, kim crumley, CA

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12:59, Aug 22, Katherine Angie, MD

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12:42, Aug 22, Joel Greenberg, CA

While I do not oppose Assemblyman Chesbro's request, I believe it falls short of what is really needed--a complete halt to ALL MLPA implementation until the legislature exercises their oversight that is mandated by the act. No MPAs should have been implemented without the active approval of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture. This has been ignored to date.Only an extremely thorough examination by legislative committee will suffice to bring to light the inequities between legislative intent and the inequities introduced by the MLPA Initiative.

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12:37, Aug 22, Frank Emerson, CA

Too much public access to public trust resources is being taken away in the name of eco system protection, when Oil drilling, Ag and Muni runoff pollution are not part of the process.

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11:51, Aug 22, Jeff Crumley, CA

This whole fast track process is a wet handshake. I demand that this process be backed up two years. It is one sided and caters to special interests without addressing the real issues...water quality, marine mammals and corporate greenwashing.Greed, Idealism and Control.

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11:50, Aug 22, Harry Barnard, CA

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11:36, Aug 22, Tomas DiFiore, CA

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11:04, Aug 22, William Kirkham, CA

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10:59, Aug 22, Josh Fisher, CA

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10:44, Aug 22, Bev Caro, PA

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10:35, Aug 22, frederick hollander, CA

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10:34, Aug 22, Jeff Maassen, CA

Storm water runoff, Non Point pollution, Source point pollution, Desalination, once through cooling, Oil Development and onshore fracking, wave power, Airborne fallout, watershed restoration and coastal development should all be included for consideration in the MLPA process. The BRTF to be truly fair should include representation from all stakeholders and not industry that has conveniently excluded themselves from regulation under this law. I was a RSG member on the SCRSG.

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10:27, Aug 22, Dana Hostettler, TN

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10:04, Aug 22, Dan Hamburg, CA

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09:31, Aug 22, Selina Puckett, United Kingdom

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08:08, Aug 22, Kurt Frees, OH

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07:55, Aug 22, Michael Carpenter, CA

“North Coast residents, including Indian Tribal members, fishermen, seaweed harvesters and environmentalists, have strongly criticized the MLPA process for its violation of tribal fishing and harvesting rights, numerous conflicts of interests and corruption of the democratic process. In contrast with the Central Coast, North Central Coast and Southern California coast regions, the stakeholders on the North Coast approved a unified single proposal for marine protected areas.”

I want to honor the hard work of the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and the “One Unified Array” which is supported by seventeen local government jurisdictions in three counties and adopted by the Blue Ribbon Task Force" and it must be noted that the SAT never evaluated the “One Unified Array” as it was presented by the Stakeholder group.

A complex but over arching argument and AHRA has never signed on in support of the array.

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The State and the Public Private Partnership of the MLPai have wasted the efforts and good people's money and time by rejecting tribal sovereignty from the beginning and mis-guiding Stake Holder groups and populations of previous 'Study Regions' and in the current North Coast SR until pressed by protest and dissent.

We had to prove Bagley-Keene applied.

We had to prove LEK is more valuable than satellite enhanced proxy and models.

Governor Jerry Brown is looking for ways to save money.

SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MLPai ON THE North Coast.

RE-INTERPRET THE SAT - LOPs to account for actual days at sea.

Tomas DiFiore

AHRA

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Albion Harbor Regional Alliance has not endorsed support for any array.

We support Option ZERO on the North Coast.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tomas DiFiore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

----- Original Message -----

From: "Diane Beck" <dfbeck@northcoast.com>

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Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 4:30 PM

Subject: MLPAI North Coast Region comments in favor of unified proposal

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> January 27, 2011

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> Dear President Kellogg and Fish and Game Commissioners:

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> The following comments are on behalf of the Redwood Chapter Sierra Club,
> with over 9,000 members in northwestern California.

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> The Redwood Chapter Sierra Club urges you to approve the community-driven
> single unified proposal that has been offered by a wide variety of
> fishing, environmental, and tribal groups on the north coast. The unified
> proposal represents a consensus compromise arrived at after working deeply
> and diligently for more than a year. It strives to balance ecological and
> economic concerns, to both serve public need and conserve ocean resources.

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> The broad support for the unified proposal is very important to having the
> marine reserves work, and it best protects tribal rights. The already
> existing extensive fishing regulations, the inclement weather and rough
> ocean conditions, and the small population of the north coast add up to
> far less use of resources than in other areas of the state. The buy-in
> from local communities is of real consequence to the ultimate
> effectiveness of the Marine Protected Areas.

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> We urge you to adopt the north coast unified proposal.

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> Yours sincerely,

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> Diane Fairchild Beck, Conservation Chair

> Redwood Chapter Sierra Club

> P.O. Box 466

> Santa Rosa, CA 95402

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