

**CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE
BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE
REVISED MEETING AGENDA
(Revised January 30, 2006)**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2006
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Inn at Morro Bay
60 State Park Road
Morro Bay, California 93442**

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Public participation: The public will be invited by the chair at several points in the meeting to offer comments on agenda items. General comments on the MLPA Initiative and the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, not directed to specific agenda items, will be taken at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Briefing documents, reference materials and meeting presentations/handouts: Please note that task force briefing documents and reference materials are now listed at the bottom of the agenda and will be hyperlinked as they become available. Meeting presentations or presentation handouts are hyperlinked to the relevant agenda item.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive update on the progress of the MLPA Central Coast Project*
- *Receive and provide guidance on proposed packages of marine protected areas (MPAs) for the central coast*
- *Act on a strategy for long-term funding of MPAs in California*
- *Receive the draft monitoring and evaluation plan framework*
- *Receive the draft management plan framework*
- *Receive update on administrative items related to the MLPA Initiative*
- *Receive public comment on items not on the agenda*

Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Staff anticipates that on Tuesday the task force will complete agenda items 1 through 7D. Wednesday will likely start with agenda item 7E.)

1. Introduction and welcome 10:00 a.m.
Phil Isenberg, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
2. A context for BRTF decision-making **[Briefing documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7]**
John J. Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

Managing Marine Ecosystems and Fisheries Management

3. An overview of existing fishery regulations **[Briefing documents 8 and 9]**
John Ugoretz, Nearshore Ecosystem / MLPA Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game
4. Changes in fisheries practices in recent years
Tom Barnes, Senior Biologist Specialist, California Department of Fish and Game
5. Evolving fishery management practices and policies at the national level
Carli Bertrand, Habitat Protection Division, NOAA Fisheries
Steve Ralston, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries
6. Public comment on fisheries management and managing marine ecosystems

Central Coast Project

7. Candidate packages of MPAs for the central coast
Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative
Members, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
Members, Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
 - A. Summary overview of packages: *Dr. Mary Gleason [Briefing documents 10c-h and 11]*
 - B. Assessment of packages: *Dr. Mary Gleason, Dr. Steve Gaines, Dr. Mark Carr, Charles Steinback [Briefing documents 10a, 10b and 12a-h]*
 - C. Package proponents' panel presentation and discussion (*Howard Egan, Steve Scheiblaue, Kaitilin Gaffney, Steve Shimek and Dr. John Pearse*)
 - D. Public comment on packages of MPAs for the central coast
 - E. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** BRTF guidance on further development of MPA packages

Management, Monitoring, Evaluation and Adaptive Management

8. A framework for developing (a) management, and (b) monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management plans **[Briefing documents 13 and 14]**
Michael DeLapa, Central Coast Project Manager, MLPA Initiative
 - A. Presentation of a draft management plan framework
 - B. Presentation of a draft monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management framework
 - C. Public comment on draft documents
 - D. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Approve continued development of documents

Long-Term Funding of MLPA

9. Strategy for the long-term funding of MPAs in California **[Briefing document 15]**
John J. Kirlin
 - A. Presentation and recommendations
 - B. Public comment
 - C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Adopt a strategy to refer to Secretary Mike Chrisman

Initiative Activity

10. Administrative report
John Kirlin
 - A. Update on extracting lessons for the future
 - B. Update on the MLPA Initiative budget **[Briefing document 16]**
 - C. Other items

11. MLPA Statewide Interests Group
Melissa Miller-Henson, Operations & Communications Manager, MLPA Initiative

Other Items

12. At approximately 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, public comment will be taken on the task force meeting and items for future consideration

13. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Set the time and place for next meeting
Phil Isenberg

Adjourn

Briefing Documents

1. John Kirlin PowerPoint presentation re: a decision context for packages of central coast MPAs
2. Letter exchanges with Colonel Franklin R. Wolf, Vandenberg Air Force Base
3. Department of Fish and Game memo re: state marine reserves and kelp harvesting
4. John J. Kirlin memo re: MLPA process requirements
5. Michael DeLapa memo re: qualitative standards and guidelines
6. MLPA staff memo re: central coast planning process – final steps
7. MLPA staff memo re: socioeconomic considerations in developing alternative MPA packages
8. Department of Fish and Game memo re: existing fishing regulations
9. Clark J. Kelso memo re: MLPA and fishery policies
10. Central coast MPA packages (December 15, 2005 submissions)
 - a. Package percentage of study region area histograms by proposed designation and assigned level of protection, and individual MPA depth ranges by package
 - b. Draft analysis of habitat representation in MPA packages 0, 1, 2, 3 and AC
 - c. Package 0 (existing MPAs)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - d. Package 1 (revised January 23, 2006)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
 - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - e. Package 2 (revised January 23, 2006)
 - North & S south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
 - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - f. Package 3 (revised January 23, 2006)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
 - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - g. Package AC (revised January 23, 2006)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
 - h. Package B (revised November 8, 2005)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Proponents' rationale

Briefing Documents (continued)

11. MLPA Initiative staff side-by-side comparison of regional MPA packages 1, 2, 3 and AC (includes subregion maps, areas of divergence and convergence text, overlay maps, and comparison of proposed regulations)
 - Subregion 1: Pigeon Point to Capitola
 - Subregion 2: Capitola to Monterey Breakwater
 - Subregion 3a: Monterey Breakwater to Point Pinos
 - Subregion 3b: Point Pinos to Point Sur
 - Subregion 4: Point Sur to San Martin
 - Subregion 5: San Martin to Point Estero
 - Subregion 6a: Point Estero to Santa Maria River
 - Subregion 6b: Morro Bay
 - Subregion 7: Santa Maria River to Point Conception
12. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team analyses (executive summary) and literature surveys
 - a. Draft SAT evaluation of MLPA goals 1 and 4 related to habitat representation in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - b. Draft SAT evaluation of MLPA goals 2 and 6 related to the size and spacing of MPAs in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - c. Draft MLPA Initiative staff and SAT evaluation of MLPA goal 3 related to recreational, educational and study opportunities (including a summary of replication analysis) in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - d. Draft SAT evaluation of goals 2 and 6 related to populations and networks in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - e. Draft SAT evaluation of fisheries potentially affected by proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - f. Draft literature review for the potential economic value of marine recreational fishing
 - g. Draft literature review for the potential economic value of marine wildlife viewing and whale watching
 - h. Draft literature review for the potential economic value of SCUBA diving and snorkeling
13. Initial Draft Management Plan Framework
14. Draft Monitoring, Evaluation and Adaptive Management Framework
15. John J. Kirilin memo re: long-term funding for MLPA
16. MLPA Initiative budget update

Reference Materials

1. Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)
2. Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act (MMAIA)
3. MLPA Initiative MOU
4. Charge from Secretary Chrisman to the MLPA BRTF (BRTF Charter)