

**CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE
SCIENCE ADVISORY TEAM
DRAFT MEETING AGENDA**

*Wednesday, March 23, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

**Elihu Harris State Office Building, Room 2
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, California**

This meeting will be videotaped for future viewing on the Internet. Please visit the MLPA website at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa for more information.

Meeting Objectives

- *Review information from sub-teams for inclusion in master plan framework: reserve design principles, habitat classifications, information sources and needs.*
- *Review and comment on Revised Draft Master Plan Framework*
- *Discuss SAT organizational and operational issues*
- *Discuss SAT interaction with Blue Ribbon Task Force*
- *Begin discussion of peer review process*
- *Selection of members for Central Coast Science Sub-Team*
- *Begin discussion of information needs and data management*
- *Schedule future meetings and meeting agendas (**Please bring your schedules!**)*

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- 1. Introduction and Update** 10:00 a.m.
Steve Barrager, Chair, Master Plan Science Advisory Team
John Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative
John Ugoretz, MLPA and Nearshore Ecosystem Coordinator, DFG

- 2. Draft Master Plan Framework – Sub-Team Reports and Edits**
 - A. Design principles sub-team report and discussion - *Steve Palumbi*
 1. Design guidelines to include in master plan framework
 - B. Habitat sub-team report and discussion - *Steve Gaines*
 1. Habitat definitions and guidelines to include in master plan framework
 - C. General discussion of revised draft and SAT comment - *Mike Weber*
 1. SAT edits to revised draft

- 3. Draft Master Plan Framework – Biogeographic Region Definition**
 - A. Defined regions in the Act - *John Ugoretz*
 - B. Master Plan Team definition of “Marine Regions” - *John Ugoretz and past MPT members*
 - C. Scientific guidelines for delineating biogeographic and zoogeographic regions - *Team*
 1. Impact on replication of habitats within network
 2. Potential SAT recommendation on definition, or defer to sub-team decision by March 30 or review at proposed April meeting?
 3. Select representative(s) to discuss at BRTF April meeting

Lunch - Please be prepared to purchase lunch at nearby restaurants 12:30 p.m.

- 4. Information Needs and Data Organization**
Laura Rogers-Bennett and Rikk Kvitek
 - A. Basic informational needs (habitat maps, etc.)
 - B. Screening, storing, linking and accessing the information

- 5. Central Coast Science Sub-Team selection**
John Kirlin
 - A. Discuss operations and interactions/role of sub-team
 - B. Select members to form the Central Coast Science Sub-Team
 - C. Select representative(s) for April BRTF meeting to answer central coast study region selection questions

- 6. Peer Review of Technical Portions of the Master Plan**
John Kirlin
 - A. Approaches to public policy appropriate peer review
 1. Federal OMB peer review document
 - B. Review a potential process
 - C. Identify portions of the MPF appropriate for formal peer review

- 7. Science Team Organizational Issues**
 - A. Socioeconomic challenges for the team - *Astrid Scholz*
 - B. Interaction with the Blue Ribbon Task Force - *John Kirlin*

- 8. Critique of the Meeting (*What worked, what didn't work?*) and Team Challenges**
Steve Barrager

- 9. Wrap up, Schedule of Future Meetings and Public Comment** 4:00 p.m.
Public comment will be limited to time available at the discretion of the chair.