

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised June 3, 2009)

Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 9:30 AM

Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel *
6101 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045

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Public comment: The public will be invited to offer general comments on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), ***not specific to an agenda item, at approximately 11:30 a.m.*** Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the number of requests and can range from one to three minutes per comment; submitting written comments that can be easily summarized in one to two minutes is encouraged. Note that the public comment period is for comments specific to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force; comments related to other MLPA Initiative activities or groups should be directed to those bodies or MLPA staff.

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Meeting Objectives

- *Receive and discuss staff recommendations regarding the efforts of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG) to develop draft marine protected area (MPA) proposals and potentially provide guidance regarding Round 2 evaluations of draft MPA proposals and the development of SCRSG MPA proposals in Round 3*
- *Receive a panel presentation regarding the Marine Life Protection Act and fisheries management*
- *Receive and discuss an MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) proposed water quality evaluation method and potentially approve the SAT proposed method for evaluating marine protected area (MPA) proposals*
- *Receive and discuss report regarding the status of federal and state coordination recommendations and potentially provide guidance regarding next steps*
- *Receive updates on the work of the SAT, SCRSG, and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Receive an update on the revised south coast regional profile*
- *Receive 2008-2011 budget update*

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Please note the following agenda changes:

* **New agenda item:** In response to strong interest among stakeholders and the public, a new agenda item (H) has been added focusing on Round 2 evaluations of draft marine protected area proposals. The BRTF will receive and discuss staff recommendations and public comment on this subject.

* **Order of agenda items:** It is expected that the task force will take up the new agenda item, Agenda Item H (Receive and Discuss Staff Memo Regarding Round 2 Draft Marine Protected Area Proposal Evaluations), first thing in the morning after introductions and that Updates (items A through E) will be received throughout the day.

* **General public comment:** Public comment on subjects related to the work of the task force, not listed on the agenda, will now be taken at approximately 11:30 a.m.

* **Lunch:** The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Welcome, Agenda Review and Brief Introductions

I. Updates

- A. Master Plan Science Advisory Team
- B. Statewide Interests Group
- C. Public Education and Outreach Activities
- D. South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and Regional Profile
- E. North Coast Project

II. The Marine Life Protection Act and Fisheries Management

F. Panel Presentation Regarding the MLPA and Fisheries Management in California

Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, Member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Dr. Cheri Recchia, Director, MPA Monitoring Enterprise

Becky Ota, Acting Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game

Joshua Lindsay, Fishery Policy Analyst, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1:** MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team Consideration of Fish Stocks and Fisheries in Science Guidelines and Evaluation of MPA Proposals (Revised May 18, 2009)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2:** Consideration of Stock Status and Fisheries in Science Advice for MPA Design and Evaluation PPT- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.3:** MPAs: Diverse Tools for Diverse Needs PPT- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.4:** California Department of Fish and Game Memorandum Regarding Policy Guidance for Consideration of Fisheries Management in Implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act - Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.5:** Overview of Federal Fisheries Management, NOAA Fisheries Service PPT- Handout

III. MLPA South Coast Project

G. SAT Proposed Water Quality Evaluation Methods

Dr. Steven Murray, Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Potential Action: *Approve SAT proposed water quality evaluation methods as an additional method for evaluating marine protected area proposals*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: SAT Draft Recommendations for Considering Water Quality and Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Revised May 12, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.2: Water Quality Evaluations Methods for South Coast Study Region (Revised May 1, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.3: SAT Water Quality Evaluation for the MLPA South Coast Study Region PPT - Handout

H. Receive and Discuss Staff Memo Regarding Round 2 Draft Marine Protected Area Proposal Evaluations

Potential Action: *Provide guidance regarding Round 2 evaluations of draft MPA proposals*

Potential Action: *Provide guidance regarding the development of SCRSR MPA proposals in Round 3*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: Staff Memo Regarding Round 2 Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals for Evaluation (June 2, 2009) - Handout

IV. State and Federal Coordination Recommendations

I. Status of Recommendations for Improved MPA Management Coordination with Federal Agencies

Potential Action: *Provide guidance to the MLPA Initiative staff regarding next steps*

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: Recommendations for Improved Coordination with Federal and State Agencies for MPA Management (Revised May 22, 2009)

V. MLPA Initiative Operations

J. Updated 2008-11 MLPA Initiative Budget

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1: Phase 3 Funding Description July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2011 (Updated May 29, 2009) - Handout

K. MLPA Calendar of Future Meetings

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1: Future Meetings Schedule for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Revised June 2, 2009) - Handout

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