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From: Michael DeLapa, Central Coast Project Manager, MLPA Initiative
To: Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (CCRSG)
Re: Review of the Central Coast Regional Profile Final Draft

MLPA Initiative staff are pleased to present for your review the DRAFT FINAL Central Coast Regional Profile. The DRAFT Final revises the June 30 Draft and incorporates extensive comments from the Central Coast Regional Stakeholders, the MPLA Science Advisory Team, MLPA Initiative staff and the public. We would appreciate your review of the DRAFT Final in advance of the August 10 - 11 meeting since the Central Coast Regional Profile will be an important agenda item during the first day of the meeting. A major objective of the meeting is to seek feedback on the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of the DRAFT with the California Marine Life Protection Act.

Major changes in the DRAFT Final include:

- An executive summary.
- New section on water quality with information on permitted pollution discharge points, impaired water bodies region, and an overview of water quality monitoring and programs.
- Additional information on the socio-economic setting including ocean economic industries at the county level, additional tourism data, and additional information on non-consumptive uses.
- Additional information on major research institutions and their economic contribution, monitoring programs, outreach and education programs, and scientific monitoring programs.
- Greater detail on habitat context, unique natural features in the region, regional biodiversity, pinnipeds, and salmonids.
- Removal of section called "planning and management issues" with an aim to keep the document focused on factual information rather than issue analysis.
- Additional maps of oceanographic habitat, distribution of selected species, water quality, coastal watersheds, access and dive sites, research/educational institutions, monitoring sites, and commercial passenger fishing vessel data.
- New appendix (App 1) with a list of spatial data layers available for MPA planning in the Central Coast study region.

- New graphs in the fisheries section showing commercial fishery landings, trends in commercial boat registrations and commercial license sales, trends in recreational fishing license sales, and CPFV registrations.
- Additional references to other relevant studies, including historical fishery trends in the MBNMS area.
- Maps available on the ftp website showing historical trip effort by CPFVs to Central Coast study region micro-blocks.

MLPA Initiative staff received many important comments, questions, and additional information sources over the past month and put forth a great effort to incorporate them into the DRAFT Final. We will discuss the process of how we responded to comments at the August CCRSG meeting.

We intend to release the Central Coast Regional Profile as a FINAL document by the first week of September. If you have further comments, please submit them in writing to ccrsgcomments@resources.ca.gov by 5:00 pm August 16. Comment received by this date will be incorporated into the final document. Information received after this time will be considered during the Central Coast Project, but not formally incorporated into the Regional Profile.

Thank you for your continued support of the MLPA Initiative Central Coast Project.