

Preliminary Draft Master Plan Framework

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The MLPA Master Plan

- MLPA Master Plan divided into two elements
 - Master Plan Framework
 - Regional MPA components

The Master Plan Framework

- General guidance based on the MLPA
- Initial application: central coast study region
- Focus on process
 - Foster explicit connections among
 - the MLPA,
 - regional needs, goals, and objectives,
 - goals and objectives of individual MPAs,
 - management measures,
 - monitoring and evaluation.

Structure

- Master Plan Framework
 - Sections of former Table of Contents grouped by theme
 - Design of MPAs and the state network
 - Management
 - Enforcement
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - Financing

Structure

- Appendices: supporting material
 - Glossary (under development)
 - Outline of information required for MPA proposals
 - Description of existing MPAs
 - MLPA
 - etc

Adaptive Design

- Develop more specific guidance on key issues
- Apply the framework and guidance in the central coast study region
- Revise guidance, possibly framework, based on experience
- Apply revised guidance in next region

Next Steps

- Review of preliminary draft
 - Science team review of two sections
 - Task force review today
 - Public comment until March 1
 - Science team working groups
 - MPA design principles
 - Representative habitats
 - Information needs for planning

More Next Steps

- Revise preliminary draft
- Release revised draft by March 15
- Science team review March 23
- Public comment through March 25
- Revise draft and release final April 4
- Task Force review and adoption
April 11