

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



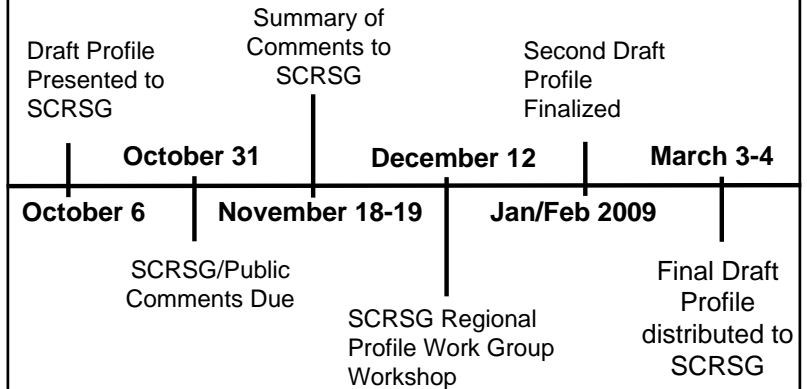
South Coast Regional Profile Update

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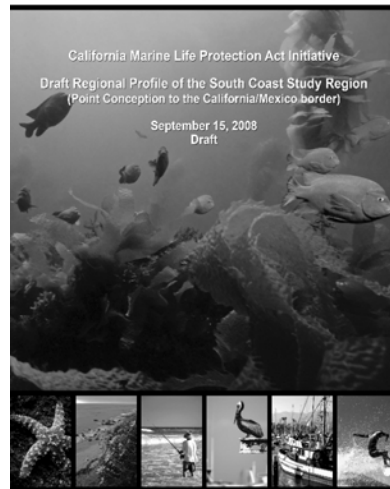
Regional Profile Timeline

Profile development, revisions, and final draft
October 2008 – March 2009



Purpose of Regional Profile

- Provide background information for marine protected area planning
- Integrate 'best readily available science'
- Initiate joint fact-finding process



SCRSG Regional Profile Work Group

- Joint fact-finding process
- 13 SCRSG members participated, including:
 - Sarah Abramson, Bob Bertelli, Jack Engle, Josh Fisher, Joel Greenberg, Kate Hanley, Greg Helms, Mike Huber, Carl Mayhugh, Garth Murphy, Lia Protopapadakis, Bruce Steele, Norris Tapp
- Workshop convened on December 12



Regional Profile Work Group

Workshop objectives included:

- Determine RSG priorities for profile revisions
- Integrate local knowledge into the subregional summaries
- Identify any additional datasets



Regional Profile Revisions


Maps and Spatial Information:

- General comments to improve the readability of maps (e.g. confusing colors)
- Clarify titles, legends, data sources, etc
- Data issues
- Information in profile versus MarineMap



Regional Profile Revisions

- Revisions major focus of the workshop
- Top priorities identified:
 - Map and spatial information issues
 - Need for consistency and fair representation
 - Missing data
 - Inaccurate data
 - Opportunities for improvement




Subregional Summaries

- Important reference document for SCRSG as it develops MPA proposals
- SCRSG members were invited to review and 15 members, plus constituents, commented
- Regional Profile Work Group reviewed summaries and finalized draft
- Subregional summaries moved to its own appendix, with SCRSG as co-authors



Workshop Outcomes

- Input was compiled and reviewed by work group for accuracy
- List of priorities and suggested changes shared with staff
 - Integrated suggestions to the extent possible
 - Followed up on potential new data sets
- Subregional summaries were revised and finalized



Next Steps

- Polishing up final revisions based on input from SCRSG Regional Profile Work Group
- Incorporating new data sets [especially substrate]
- Intent is to have the revised profile ready for next SCRSG meeting in early March



Pending Additional Information

Additional data sets

- Substrate data
- Ecotrust survey results
- Ocean Uses Atlas (draft products available)
- Tribal information