

# Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



## South Coast Regional Profile Update

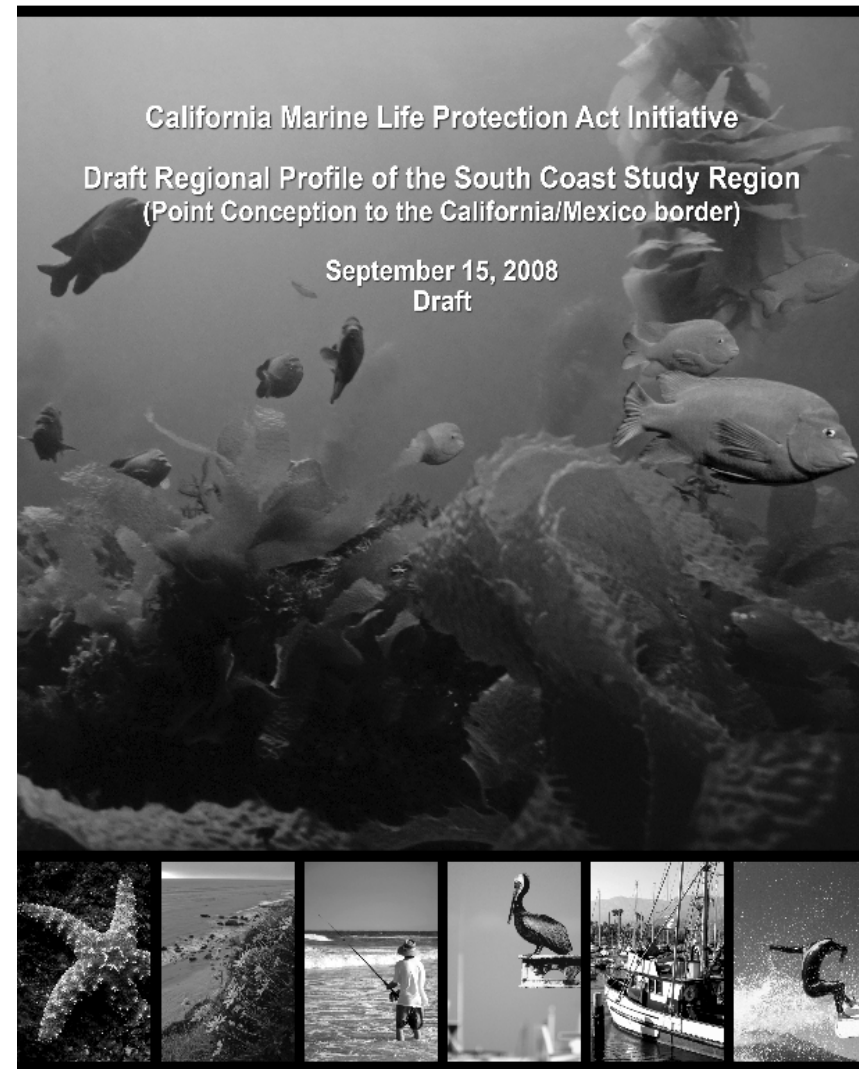
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# Purpose of Regional Profile

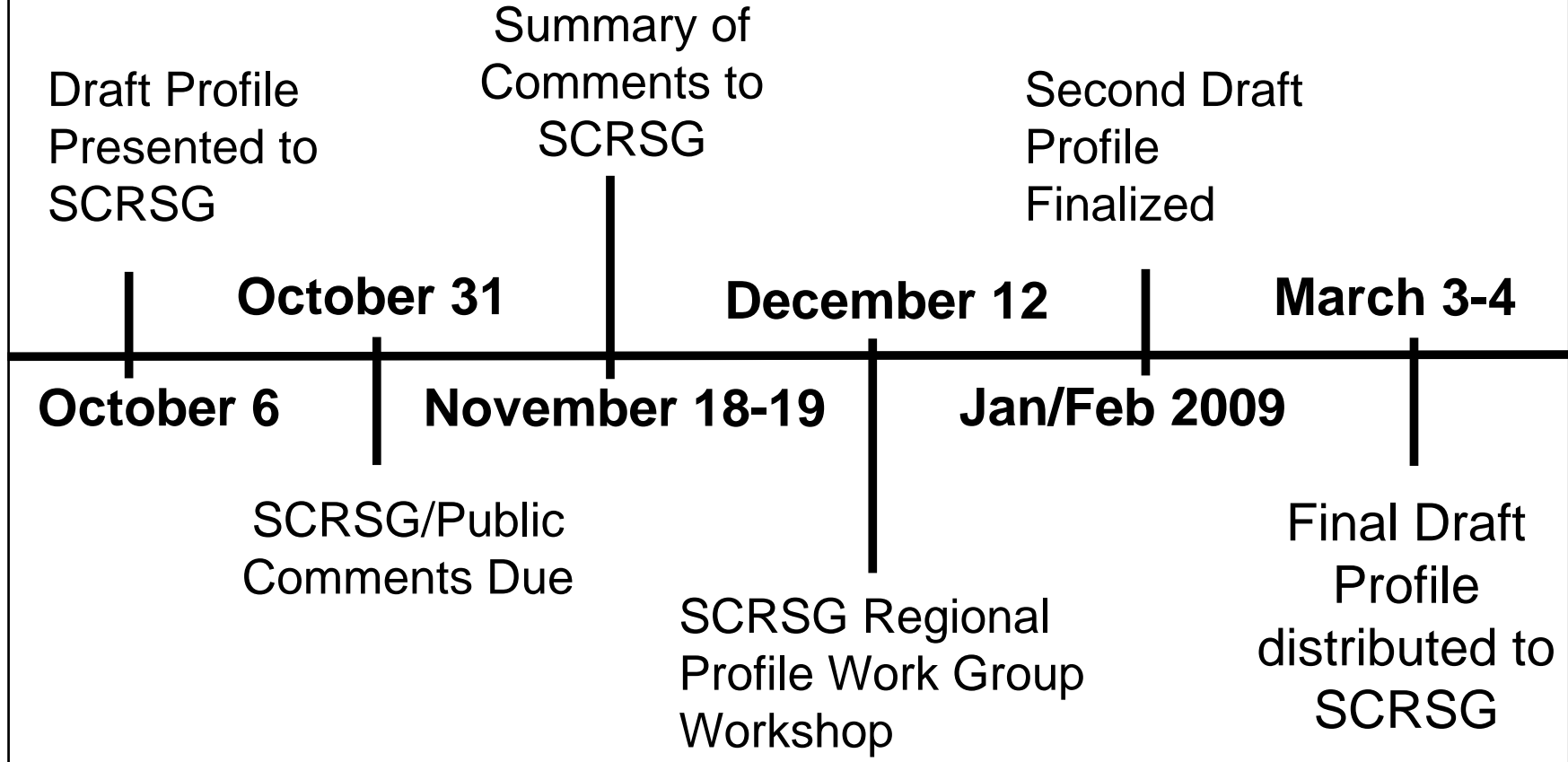
- Provide background information for marine protected area planning
- Integrate 'best readily available science'
- Initiate joint fact-finding process





# Regional Profile Timeline

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





## 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

- **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



# 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



## 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



# Pending Additional Information

## **Additional data sets**

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



## 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