

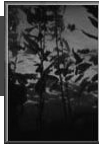
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Work Group Session #1

Process Overview

January 29, 2009 • Los Angeles, CA



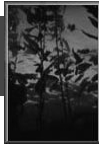
Work Group Session Objectives

- Work groups to begin developing “draft marine protected area (MPA) arrays”
 - Consider SCRSG areas of interest
 - Consider existing MPAs in the study region
 - Draw on available guidance, evaluations, and information
 - Consider links to goals and regional objectives
 - Indicate site-specific rationales
 - Focus first on suggesting “preliminary MPA options”
- Plan next steps and preparations for next work session on February 10



Draft Agenda

- 9:00 AM** *Arrival, refreshments, greetings*
- 9:30 AM** [Plenary] Welcome and agenda review
- 9:40 AM** [Plenary] Review work group objectives and relevant guidance
- 10:30 AM** [Plenary] Overview of existing south coast MPAs, including evaluations
- 11:30 AM** [Plenary] Brief SCRSG presentations of areas of importance; 2 minutes per primary/alternate pair
(working lunch, provided on site)
- 1:00 PM** [Work Groups] Begin developing draft MPA arrays
- 4:45 PM** Recap progress made and discuss preparations for next work session
- 5:00 PM** *Adjourn*



Charge to Work Groups

- Three cross-interest SCRSG work groups to develop MPA proposals for MLPA South Coast Study Region
- Iterative process with three rounds
 - Draft MPA arrays (you are here!)
 - Draft SCRSG MPA proposals
 - Final SCRSG MPA proposals
- Informed by:
 - Guidelines (MLPA, Master plan science, State Parks and California Department of Fish and Game feasibility)
 - Best information available (draft regional profile, GIS data layers, informational presentations, stakeholder personal knowledge)
 - Feedback/evaluations from blue ribbon task force, science advisory team, and staff
 - Public input/external proposals
 - Cross-interest dialogue



Process Flow – Round 1

Previous SCRSG meetings (meetings 1-3)

- Joint fact-finding (developing best available information)
- Review of guidance for developing MPA proposals
- Sharing of core interests

January 29 SCRSG work session

- Review existing south coast MPAs
- Consider areas of geographic importance
- Begin identifying and discussing “preliminary MPA options”

February 10 SCRSG work session

- Continue identifying and discussing “preliminary MPA options”
- Begin developing maximum of two “draft MPA arrays”

March 3-4 SCRSG meeting

- Share initial draft MPA arrays ideas across work groups
- Complete development of two “draft MPA arrays”



January 29 Work Group Process

- Review areas of geographic importance discussed at January 13-14 meeting (overlap maps and spreadsheets)
- Work group members offer “preliminary MPA options” (individual MPAs)
 - Proceed bioregion by bioregion: North Mainland (Point Conception to Marina Del Rey), South Mainland (Marina Del Rey to California/Mexico border), East Channel Islands (includes Santa Catalina and San Clemente Islands)
 - Each work group member can offer three preliminary MPA options for entire study region
 - Reserve some time at end of each bioregion to discuss preliminary feedback on preliminary MPA options
- Plan for next work session



Staff Roles

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Work Session Ground Rules

- SCRSG ground rules apply (e.g., rules for active, focused and full participation; respectful interaction; integration and creative thinking)
- All primaries and alternates have been assigned to a specific work group
- During Round 1 work sessions, preliminary MPA options developed in MarineMap will be accessible only to work group members
 - Safe space for invention
- Draft ideas developed at this early stage are not to be shared through the media
- Members of public can attend as “observers” but may not participate in work group deliberations
- No scheduled public comment period



Seek Mutual Gains

- Understand the range of interests
- Look for benefits for multiple parties
- Avoid unnecessary negative impacts
- Be creative; invent options in the spirit of “inventing without committing”
- Engage in “joint problem solving”
- Strive for “an elegant solution”