

## Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



### Overview of Round 1 Process and Key Planning Guidance for Round 2

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## Iterative Planning Process

Draft arrays and external proposals submitted in Round 1 are the first step in a three part, iterative process:

- Round 1 focus was gathering of information
- Round 2 focus will be incorporating feedback and finding middle ground within SCRSG gem groups
- Round 3 focus will be incorporating feedback and refining ideas within work groups

## Three Rounds of Proposal Development

### Round 1 - Draft Marine Protected Area (MPA) Arrays

- March 4 – MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG) completes draft arrays
- April 28 – SCRSG formally receives evaluations and feedback

### Round 2 - Draft MPA Proposals

- May 21 – SCRSG completes draft proposals
- August 4 – SCRSG formally receives evaluations and feedback

### Round 3 - Final SCRSG MPA Proposals

- September 10 – SCRSG completes final SCRSG proposals
- October 20-22 – MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force and SCRSG formally receive evaluations

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## Round 1 Draft Arrays and Proposals

- Proposal 0 (existing MPAs)
  - Represents the “no action” alternative
- 6 Draft MPA Arrays
  - Generated by cross-interest work groups within SCRSG
  - Includes 2 draft arrays from each “gem group” (Lapis, Opal and Topaz)
- 3 Draft External MPA Proposals
  - Generated by groups external to the SCRSG gems work group process

**10 total draft arrays/proposals evaluated in Round 1**

## Basic Information Available

- Maps
- Description of MPAs
- Recommendations for Existing MPAs
- Staff Summaries
- Habitat Calculations



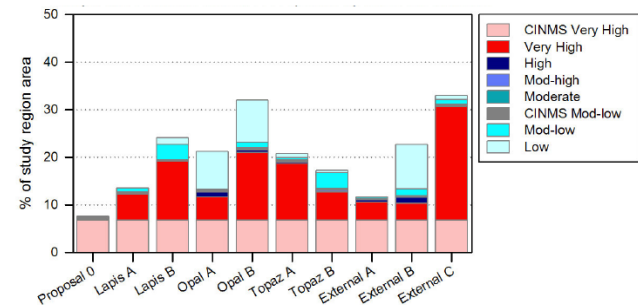
California MLPA South Coast Study Region  
Description of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Draft MPA Array Lapis A  
April 7, 2009

MPA Name	MPA ID	Designation	MPA Acronym	Designation	Level of Protection	Proposed Take Regulations	Other Proposed Regulations
CINMS-CINMS	0001	State	CINMS	Very High	Very High	None	None
Lapis A	0002	State	Lapis A	Very High	Very High	None	None
Lapis B	0003	State	Lapis B	Very High	Very High	None	None
Opal A	0004	State	Opal A	Very High	Very High	None	None
Opal B	0005	State	Opal B	Very High	Very High	None	None
Topaz A	0006	State	Topaz A	Very High	Very High	None	None
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## Area in MPAs by Level of Protection

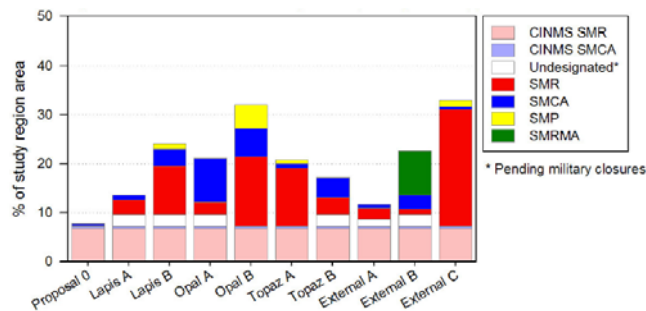
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## Area in MPAs by Designation Type

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## Key Feedback from Round 1: SAT

MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT)  
Evaluations:

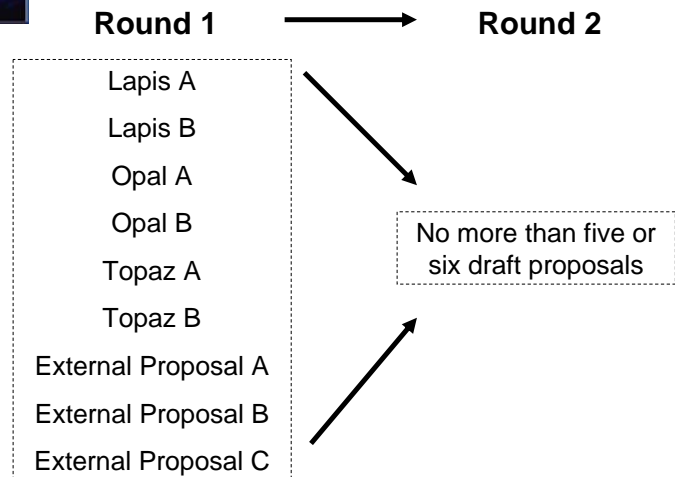
- Habitat Representation
- Habitat Replication
- MPA Size
- MPA Spacing
- Bioeconomic Modeling
- Benefits to Marine Birds and Mammals
- Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

## Key Feedback from Round 1: Other

### Other Evaluations and Analyses:

- California Department of Fish and Game (DGF) Feasibility Analysis
- California Department of Parks and Recreation Evaluation
- Goal 3 Analysis

## Round 2 Will Require Winnowing



## Key Guidance from Round 1: BRTF

### MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) guidance regarding:

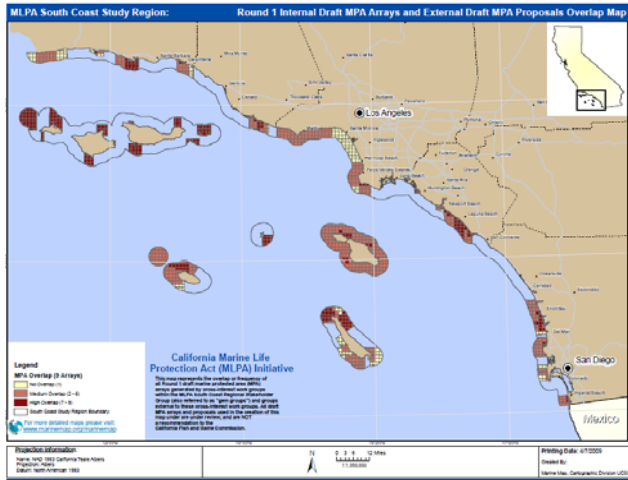
- Emphasizing past guidance, including *cross-interest support*, *SAT evaluations* and *DFG feasibility criteria*
- Reducing number of proposals to no more than five or six by end of Round 2
- Water quality
- Funding
- Military use areas and pending military closures
- Use of best available substrate data

## Finding Middle Ground

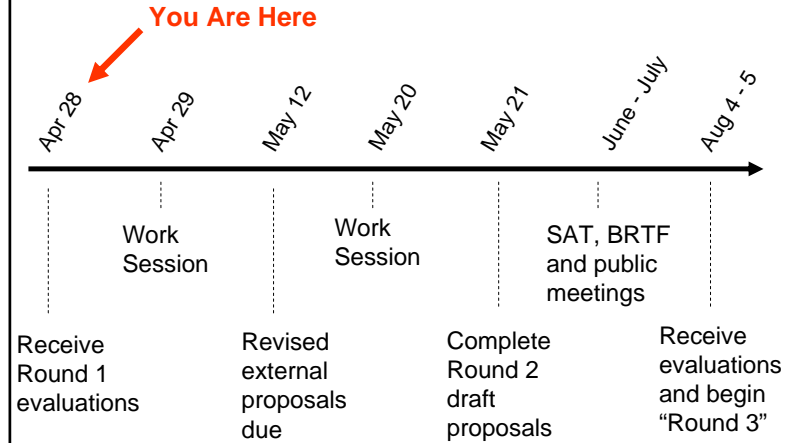
- Round 1 focus was gathering information; Round 2 focus is finding middle ground and cross-interest support
- Many good ideas can be found across range of draft arrays and external proposals; stakeholders encouraged to borrow and share ideas
- Geographic areas of overlap may represent locations where stakeholders can find middle ground solutions
- Focus around cross-interest ideas; that is, ideas that have support from multiple, consumptive and non-consumptive interests

## Finding Middle Ground

Overlap Between All Draft Arrays and Draft External Proposals

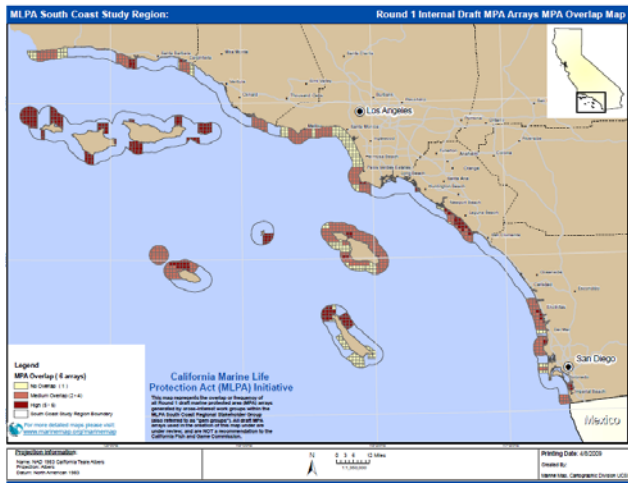


## Round 2 Timeline



## Finding Middle Ground

Overlap Between SCRSR Draft Arrays



## Additional Considerations in Round 2

- Special closures
- Water quality evaluation by the SAT
- Potential additional BRTF guidance on military use areas and pending military closures



## Key Planning Guidance for Round 2

- Be clear about the intent of proposed MPAs, including specific goals and objectives
- Clearly state proposed allowed uses and consider intended level of protection
- Look across all Round 1 proposals to see which MPA concepts performed better than others and consider hybrid ideas in difficult geographies
- Utilize the extensive knowledge of other stakeholders
- Use tools available (e.g. MarineMap) to work outside of formal meetings to develop creative, cross-interest solutions