

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Charge, Ground Rules & Decision Process for the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (Draft for review, revision, adoption)

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Overview

- Charge of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group - Responsibilities as member, identifying MPA proposals, and joint fact-finding
- Ground Rules - Guidance on conduct and collaboration, commitment to process, and rules for media contact
- Decision Process - Framework for making decisions and developing MPA proposals including straw votes, coordination among SCRSG members, and use of work teams



Charge of the SCRSG

- **Goals to achieve**
 - Review and refine regional profile
 - Draft and adopt goals and objectives
 - Draft and refine MPA proposals
- **Responsibilities of SCRSG**
 - Check in with constituencies
 - Commit to meeting goals of MLPA
 - Contribute user knowledge



Charge of the SCRSG (continued)

- Identify and consider MPA proposals
 - Uses iterative process
 - Open to fully developed “external” proposals
 - Proposals satisfy goals of MLPA
- Information and joint fact-finding
 - Uses studies, field notes, first-hand knowledge of resource users
 - Uses best, readily available science
 - Process for collaborating to narrow and resolve data conflicts
 - Review and refine regional profile



Ground Rules: Participate & Collaborate

- Active participation means communicating ideas and offering meaningful dialogue
- Respectful interaction means respecting integrity, diversity and legitimacy of others: no personal attacks
- Creative thinking means problem-solving approach, looking to satisfy mutual interests and offering integrative solutions
- SCRSG member may lose appointment if he/she violates ground rules



Ground Rules: Commitment

- Good faith effort to achieve goals of project
- Come to meetings prepared, on-time and with no distractions



Ground Rules: Media Contact

- Rely on Annie Reisewitz (MLPA I-Team) and Jordan Traverso (CDFG) for media inquiries
- Balance outreach with respect for process
- Communication with media should not undermine success of MLPA.
- Avoid the following:
 - prejudging outcomes
 - representing another's viewpoint
 - commenting on proposals still in development



Decision Process

- Broad-based support across members
- Straw voting used as tool to refine options
- Cooperation with science advisory team and MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
- Coordination between primary and alternate SCRSG members
- Use of multi-interest work teams
- Neutral facilitation team



Discussion of Ground Rules

- Are the ground rules clear?
- Can you agree to support and uphold these ground rules?
- Do you have any specific revisions to the ground rules?