

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Report on the MLPA Initiative as Required in the
July 2008 Memorandum of Understanding Amendment and Extension
November 25, 2008

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) among the California Resources Agency (CRA), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and Resources Legacy Fund Foundation structures the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative (MLPA Initiative). The MOU was amended and extended in July 2008 and this is the first semi-annual report required by the amendment.

The MOU amendment sets three deliverables.

1. For the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Point Conception in Santa Barbara County to the California/Mexico border in San Diego County) delivery of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force's preferred alternative marine protected area (MPA) recommendation to the California Fish and Game Commission by December 15, 2009; to secure delivery of CDFG's analysis and comments, if any, on the task force recommendation to the California Fish and Game Commission by January 15, 2010; and to complete the CEQA analysis and rulemaking process for marine protected area proposals for the MLPA south coast by September 1, 2010.
2. For the MLPA North Coast Study Region (California/Oregon border in Del Norte County to Alder Creek near Point Arena in Mendocino County) delivery of the task force's preferred alternative recommendation to the California Fish and Game Commission by October 15, 2010; to secure delivery of CDFG's analysis and comments, if any, on the task force recommendation to the commission by November 15, 2010; and to complete the CEQA analysis and rulemaking process for marine protected area proposals for the north coast by July 15, 2011.
3. For the MLPA San Francisco Bay Study Region (the waters within San Francisco Bay from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Carquinez Bridge), prior to or during data collection and preparation of a regional profile, the parties will meet to review progress in performing this MOU and will reach agreement on the procedures for public participation, scientific input and analysis and schedule for delivery of a recommendation of a preferred alternative to the California Fish and Game Commission for consideration.

Progress has been made in achieving the first objective in several ways:

1. **Appointment of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force.** Appointed in August 2008, the group has met twice and will meet for the third time on December 10 in Sacramento; the task force will also meet with the California Fish and Game Commission on the 11th in Sacramento to discuss the northern Channel Islands.
2. **Appointment of the Master Plan Science Advisory Team.** Appointed in September 2008, the group has met three times and will meet for the fourth time on December 17.
3. **Appointment of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.** Appointed in September 2008, this group has met twice and will meet next in January 2009.
4. **Calendar of meetings for the south coast.** A complete calendar of all south coast meetings through December 2009 has been developed and is attached. A similar calendar is being developed for the MLPA North Coast Study Region.

5. **U.S. Department of Defense.** Negotiations with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) representative to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and other DoD senior officials has resulted in a map that identifies those areas offshore military lands where placement of MPAs would potentially interfere with mission-critical military activities and those areas offshore military lands where placement of MPAs would not be expected to interfere with mission-critical military activities.

A structural change was made to the MLPA Initiative team of staff and contractors with the addition of a staff member from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks). In the previous study region, State Parks was a member of the regional stakeholder group and participated in the iterative design of MPA proposals. In recognition of State Parks' statutorily defined role as a managing agency for state MPAs, for the MLPA South Coast Study Region State Parks is being treated in a similar fashion to the California Department of Fish and Game as a member of the MLPA I-Team. State Parks will develop design guidelines and, based on those guidelines, provide evaluations of the marine protected area proposals developed by the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

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Phase 3 Funding Description (Private Funds Only)
July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2011
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BUDGET ITEM	Phase 3 Total Budget (7/1/08-12/31/11)	Year 1 Total Budget (7/1/08 - 6/30/09)	Year 1 Committed	Year 1 Remaining	Year 2 Total Budget (7/1/09 - 6/30/10)	Year 3 Total Budget (7/1/10 - 6/30/11)	Year 4 Total Budget (7/1/11 - 12/31/11)
Contracted Personnel							
Full-Time Contractors *	\$ 2,169,500	\$ 284,000	\$ 443,600	\$ (159,600)	\$ 876,600	\$ 672,600	\$ 336,300
Part-Time Contractors **	\$ 283,800	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ (75,000)	\$ 120,400	\$ 111,800	\$ 51,600
Contracted Research and Development							
Biological/Socioeconomic Research	\$ 520,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 58,350	\$ 421,650	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -
GIS/Mapping/Databases	\$ 2,410,000	\$ 1,630,000	\$ 1,145,202	\$ 484,798	\$ 780,000	\$ -	\$ -
Environmental Review, Documentation and Analysis	\$ 700,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Stakeholder Participation	\$ 750,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 387,000	\$ (12,000)	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -
Policy Research, Technical Writing	\$ 160,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 13,056	\$ 66,944	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -
Meetings/Workshops/Travel							
Facility, Logistics, Travel, Lodging, Per Diem, Stipends, Communications	\$ 1,291,075	\$ 662,263	\$ 481,200	\$ 181,063	\$ 628,812	\$ -	\$ -
Administration and Support							
Computers, Equipment, Supplies	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,334,375	\$ 3,591,263	\$ 2,603,408	\$ 987,855	\$ 3,270,812	\$ 1,084,400	\$ 387,900

* Includes executive director, program manager, principal planner, planner, policy analysts, regional coordinator, information officer

** Includes GIS specialist, logistics support, science advisors