

# California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

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## **DFG Ceremony Will Launch the Central Coast Marine Protected Areas**

**Who:** Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman, Acting Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Director John McCamman and representatives with DFG, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Chair Susan Golding, and members of the California Fish and Game Commission, including Commission President Richard Rogers.

**What:** Ceremony to Launch the Central Coast Marine Protected Areas. These areas represent the first completed study region of the landmark Marine Life Protection Act Program.

**When:** 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, the day before the MPAs take effect.

**Where:** Point Lobos State Reserve (near Sea Lion Point), Route 1, Carmel, CA, 93923. (The entrance is located 3 miles south of Carmel on Highway 1).

The Resources Agency, California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Fish and Game Commission will celebrate the Sept. 21 implementation of the Central Coast Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These areas represent the first of five study regions to be implemented by 2011.

DFG will have its high-speed catamaran the Marlin available as well as two other boats to provide media tours of the nearby MPA research sites following the event. This ceremony is intended to highlight this major accomplishment of establishing MPAs to better conserve California's marine resources and their unique habitats. This event will also serve to recognize all those who made the central coast series of MPAs possible.

The Marine Life Protection Act Program was designed to advance the conservation of marine resources for their long-term sustainable use while also enhancing outdoor recreation and ocean research opportunities along the coast.

For additional information about the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, log on to [www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/mpa/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/mpa/).

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