California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

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Marine Life Protection Act North Coast Workshop to be Held Tuesday

Note Location Change for Fort Bragg

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WHO: The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative, a public-private partnership dedicated to implementing the 1999 law mandating the redesign of the state's marine protected areas (MPAs).

WHAT: This free educational workshop will provide an overview of the community-based MPA planning process for the north coast, a description of existing marine protected areas in the study region, how the science of MPAs is applied, and how the public can become involved. Staff will also provide an introduction to MarineMap and the guidelines for MPA proposal development.

WHY: The MLPA Initiative planning process both encourages and requires public involvement. The MLPA Initiative is committed to working directly with the ocean community to ensure a science- and stakeholder-driven process and open lines of communication every step of the way.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Members of the public can participate in person, by teleconference and Webinar from two staffed locations, or from their home or office if they have a phone line and Internet access. The three public in-person locations are:

- Eureka, Red Lion Inn, 1929 Fourth Street (main workshop location)
- Crescent City, Best Western Northwoods Inn, 655 US Highway 101 S (staffed teleconference/Webinar location)
- Fort Bragg, CV Starr Community Center, 300 South Lincoln Street (staffed teleconference/Webinar location)

Please note that the Fort Bragg venue is a new location; it has been moved from the previously advertised Town Hall location.

Interview opportunities: DFG biologists and other subject-matter experts will be available for interviews at all three locations.

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