

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Blue Ribbon Task Force
Draft Meeting Agenda
(revised October 19, 2010)

Monday, October 25, 2010 at 8:30 AM
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 8:00 AM

River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

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Flynn Center Multipurpose Room*
981 H Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

C.V. Starr Community Center*
300 South Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Public Comment: The public will be invited to offer general comments on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) **at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25.** Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the number of requests; submitting written comments that can be easily summarized in one to two minutes is encouraged.

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will not be provided at the meeting but will be posted to the MLPA website as soon as they are available. This agenda may be found on the MLPA website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_n.asp.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive the Round 3 MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) Marine Protected Area (MPA) Proposal and Round 3 NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation*
- *Receive evaluations of the Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal, MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs), and Round 3 NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation from the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks), and MLPA Initiative staff*
- *Discuss and develop north coast study region recommendations for marine protected areas and special closures*
- *Receive updates on the SAT, NCRSG, and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Receive updates on north coast public outreach and education, tribal outreach and data gathering, the 2008-2011 MLPA Initiative budget and upcoming meetings*
- *Receive an update on MLPA implementation in other study regions*

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Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

Cindy Gustafson, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, California MLPA Initiative

I. Updates

A. MLPA Implementation in the Central Coast, North Central Coast and South Coast Study Regions

Becky Ota, Marine Region Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1: California Department of Fish and Game Memo Regarding Marine Protected Area Implementation and Monitoring (October 19, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.2: PowerPoint Presentation: MPA Implementation Update – Handout Placeholder

B. Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Dr. Satie Airamé, Science and Planning Advisor, California MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: Revised Levels of Protection Table as Approved by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team on October 14, 2010 – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.2: Responses to Science Questions Posed during the July 29-30, 2010 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting (approved October 14, 2010) – Handout Placeholder

C. Statewide Interests Group

Cindy Gustafson and Ken Wiseman

D. Public Outreach and Education

Kelly Sayce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, California MLPA Initiative

E. Tribal Outreach and Data Gathering

Satie Airamé

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Summary of Input from North Coast Tribes and Tribal Communities Regarding the MLPA North Coast Project (input submitted through August 25, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.2: Proposed Uses from North Coast Tribes and Tribal Communities for Round 2 Draft MPA Proposals (input received through August 26, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.3: List of Recommended Changes to Proposed Recreational Allowed Uses Intended to Accommodate Tribes and Tribal Communities – Handout Placeholder

II. Task Force Operations

F. MLPA Initiative Budget and Calendar

Ken Wiseman

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1: MLPA Initiative 2008-2011 budget update – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2: *Calendar of Upcoming Dates for the MLPA North Coast Study Region* – Handout Placeholder

III. NCRSG MPA Proposal and Special Closures Recommendation for the North Coast Study Region

- G. The Decision-Making Context for the MLPA North Coast Study Region**
Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, California MLPA Initiative
BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: PowerPoint Presentation – Handout Placeholder
- H. North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Process for Developing MPA Proposal and Special Closures Recommendation**
Dr. Eric Poncelet, Senior Director/Senior Mediator, Kearns and West
BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: PowerPoint Presentation – Handout Placeholder
- I. Overview of NCRSG MPA Proposal**
Dr. Satie Airamé and NCRSG Co-leads
BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal – Handout Placeholder
BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2: Comparison of Existing MPAs (Proposal 0) and Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal by Designation Type and Level of Protection – Handout Placeholder
BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.3: NCRSG MPA Proposal: Narrative Rationale, Supplemental Rationale, Overview Map, Staff Summary, Cluster Maps, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, NCRSG Overview Table, Habitat Calculations, and Additional NCRSG Recommendation (compiled October 19, 2010)
BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.4: MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs): Overview Map, Staff Summary, Cluster Maps and Description of MPAs, Habitat Calculations (compiled October 19, 2010)
BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.5: Public Comments Received Regarding the Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal in the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder
- J. Overview of NCRSG Recommended Special Closures**
Dominique Monie, Marine Planner, California MLPA Initiative
BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of NCRSG Recommended Special Closures – Handout Placeholder
BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2: Detail Maps, Descriptions, and Basic Information for Round 3 NCRSG Recommended Special Closures in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (compiled October 19, 2010)
BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.3: Public Comments Received Regarding NCRSG Recommendations for Special Closures in the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder
BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.4: Green and Flatiron Rocks: Alternative to Special Closures (revised October 19, 2010)

IV. Evaluations of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal and Special Closures Recommendation

- K. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Habitat Representation and Habitat Replication**
Dr. Mark Carr, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Habitat Evaluations of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal for the North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder
- L. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – MPA Size and MPA Spacing**
Dr. Mark Carr, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Size and Spacing Evaluations of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal – Handout Placeholder
BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.2: Evaluation of North Coast Round 3 MPA Proposal: Habitat Representation, Habitat Replication, MPA Size and MPA Spacing Analyses (October 14, 2010)

M. Presentation SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

Charles Steinback, Ecotrust

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Round 3 Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in the North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.2: Summary of Potential Impacts of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in the North Coast Study Region (revised October 11, 2010)

N. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Bioeconomic Modeling

Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal for the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.2: Summary of Bioeconomic Model Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG Marine Protected Area Proposal for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (October 14, 2010)

O. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Marine Birds and Marine Mammals

Ron LeValley, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Dr. Dawn Goley, Member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Marine Birds and Marine Mammals Evaluations for Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal in the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.2: Evaluations of Benefits to Marine Birds from Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal and Recommended Special Closures (October 14, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT O.3: Evaluation of Benefits to Marine Mammals from Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal and Recommended Special Closures (October 14, 2010)

P. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Water Quality

Dominic Gregorio, Member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.1: PowerPoint Presentation: SAT Evaluation of Water and Sediment Quality of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.2: Summary of SAT Water and Sediment Quality Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal (October 14, 2010)

Q. Presentation of California Department of Fish and Game Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal

Susan Ashcraft, Associate Supervisor Biologist, Marine Protected Areas Project, California Department of Fish and Game

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.1: PowerPoint Presentation: DFG Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.2: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation of North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal for the MLPA North Coast Study Region – Handout Placeholder

R. Presentation of California Department of Parks and Recreation Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal

Kevin Fleming, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Parks and Recreation

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.1: PowerPoint Presentation: California State Parks Evaluation of North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal Proposals – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.2: California State Parks Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal – Handout Placeholder

S. Goal 3 Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal

Darci Connor, Marine Planner, California MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Goal 3 Evaluation of Proposals – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.2: Summary of the Goal 3 Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.3: Guidelines to Assist Stakeholders in Addressing Goal 3 of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) in the MLPA North Coast Process (May 17, 2010)

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Welcome and Review of Day 2 Agenda

V. Developing North Coast Study Region Recommendations for Submission to the California Fish and Game Commission

T. Detailed Presentation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal and NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation

Dr. Satie Airamé and NCRSG Co-Leads, moderated by Dr. Eric Poncelet

U. Process for Developing Recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission

Cindy Gustafson

V. Develop Recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission

BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.1: MLPA Initiative Staff Memo Regarding Potential Actions – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.2: PowerPoint Presentation – Handout Placeholder

Potential BRTF Action: *Adopt recommendations to forward to the California Fish and Game Commission regarding north coast marine protected areas and special closures*

W. Next Steps

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