

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Overview of Evaluation Methods for Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

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Project Overview



- Ecotrust contracted by the MLPA Initiative to:
 - Supplement existing data
 - Collect data on commercial and recreational fishing (use and values) to characterize the spatial extent and relative importance
 - Evaluate the maximum potential negative economic impact (gross and net) of alternative marine protected area (MPA) proposals
 - Focus is on the fisheries, and not on regional multipliers of economic impact



Survey Summary Statistics

- **Commercial Fisheries**
 - 219 interviews resulting in 440 individual fishing grounds
 - Sample representation: number of fishermen and percent (%) of total ex-vessel revenue, 2000-2008:
 1. Dungeness crab/trap: 141 fishermen (61%)
 2. Urchin/dive: 32 fishermen (59%)
 3. Salmon/troll: 86 fishermen (35%)
 4. Rockfish/fixed gear: 55 fishermen (68%)
- **Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel (CPFV)**
 - 22 CPFV captains interviewed
 - Approximately 73 individual fishing grounds



Survey Summary Statistics

- **Recreational fisheries:**
 - 574 fishermen completed on-line survey
 - 1,592 individual fishing grounds (IFG)
- Fishermen could provide information for more than one user group
 - Dive: 140 fishermen (209 IFG)
 - Kayak: 20 fishermen (33 IFG)
 - Private vessel: 527 fishermen (1,305 IFG)



MPA Impact Analyses

- **Commercial Fisheries**
 - Maximum potential impacts on fishing grounds (area and value)
 - Maximum potential socioeconomic impacts (*gross and net)
 - Disproportionate impacts to fisheries and *individuals
 - Consideration for existing fishing closures
- **Recreational Fisheries**
 - Maximum potential impacts on fishing grounds (area and value)

** Maximum gross potential economic impact and disproportionate impacts to individuals are not evaluated for CPFV fisheries*



MPA Impact Analyses

- **Based on the fishing grounds and cost estimates derived from the data collection effort:**
 - Distinguish between total fishing grounds and fishing grounds inside state waters
 - Determine percent area and value impacted
 - Consider or identify “outliers” – i.e. fishermen or fisheries likely to experience disproportional impacts
 - Effect of existing fishery management area closures and other constraints on fishing grounds (rockfish conservation areas and existing MPAs)



Summary

Approval sought for:

- Evaluation and description of the evaluation methods which is to be inserted into the *Methods Used to Evaluate MPA Proposals in the North Coast Study Region* as Chapter 12 and Appendix C
- Evaluation will be applied to round 1 – evaluation of *external MPA arrays* – and subsequent rounds of evaluation of MPA proposals