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Overview of Changes to the Regional Profile of the North Coast Study Region

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Regional Profile Timeline



- Draft Regional Profile
 - Released December 2, 2009
 - Initial version based on several months of staff research
- Revised Regional Profile
 - Released February 19, 2010
 - Major revisions from first draft based on comments from the public and additional available information
- Final Regional Profile
 - Released April 21, 2010
 - (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/ncprofile.asp>)
 - Added tribal appendix
 - Updated substrate information
 - Updated atlases



Updates: Tribal Appendix

- Added Appendix E: California Tribes and Tribal Communities
- Eleven tribes and tribal communities submitted information
- Information was included in the appendix verbatim
 - Staff did not edit submissions
 - Included in the appendix in alphabetical order, by name of tribe or tribal community



Updates: Substrate Data

- Not all fine scale substrate data were available for draft regional profile (December 2, 2009 and February 19, 2010 versions); all fine scale substrate data now incorporated into profile
- When processing earlier draft of fine scale substrate data, an error caused a shift in relative abundance of hard and soft bottom habitat
 - Error artificially increased abundance of hard bottom habitat reported in previous drafts of regional profile
 - Error in reporting fine scale substrate data has been corrected



Updates: Atlases

- Habitat and Species Atlas
 - Not all fine scale substrate data were available for draft atlases; fine scale substrate data now incorporated
 - Shipwrecks layer updated in Habitat and Species Atlas
- Coastal Management and Human Use Atlas
 - Humboldt Bay shellfish farming grounds added