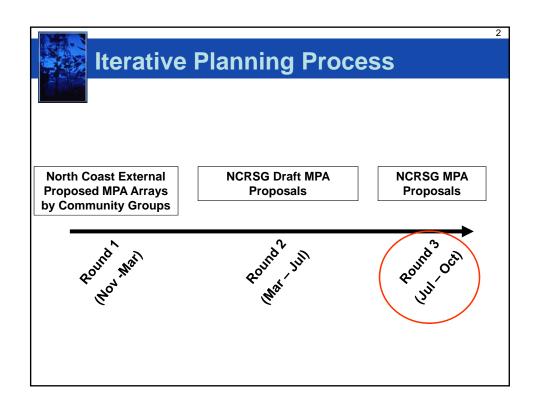
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Planned Round 3 Process Design for the North Coast Study Region

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Round 3 Process Design

Basis for Design

- Key MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) guidance to date
- MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) interests and preferences
- MLPA Initiative staff experience and professional judgment



Key BRTF Guidance to Date

- Meeting science guidelines central to MPA proposals developed by NCRSG
- Create backbone of MPAs with a very high or high level of protection (LOP)
- Strive for cross-interest support in MPA designs
- Consider unique aspects of the study region
- Stakeholder knowledge important; use to supplement best readily available science





Key BRTF Guidance to Date (cont.)

- In past study regions few instances of not meeting science guidelines; the exception, not the rule
- BRTF members prefer to select preferred alternative from NCRSG proposals that meet science and other guidelines, rather than proposing solutions to meet guidelines
- In previous study regions, BRTF has recommended "safe harbor" for Round 3





Key NCRSG Interests, Preferences

- Discussing MPA designs in the full group
- Promoting efficient deliberations
- Producing Round 3 MPA proposals that NCRSG members and constituents can support
- Working to minimize potential, negative socioeconomic impacts
- Striving to meet preferred science guidelines where possible
- Developing MPAs that do not restrict traditional tribal gathering



Planned Round 3 Process Design

- NCRSG primarily work in full group setting toward cross-interest proposal
- Proposal must meet minimum science guidelines to the extent possible; specific focus on habitat replication and MPA spacing
- If NCRSG cannot come to agreement on single proposal, work to identify key areas of disagreement and create multiple proposals to address differences
- All NCRSG members be able to "live with" at least one Round 3 MPA proposal
- Primary opportunity to express support for Round 3 MPA proposal(s) is Oct. 25-27 joint BRTF-NCRSG meeting



Key Sources of Information in Round 3

- Round 1 external MPA arrays and Round 2 draft MPA proposals
- BRTF and staff guidance, including California Department of Fish and Game and California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Rounds 1 and 2 evaluation results
- NCRSG members' local knowledge
- Additional ideas generated by NCRSG members between meetings
- Public input





Traditional Tribal Gathering Information

- To improve information in Round 3, I-Team and California Department of Fish and Game staff working with tribes and tribal communities to develop two resources:
 - Aggregated list of potential allowed methods of take and species associated with each Round 2 MPA
 - 2. General list of traditional, non-commercial tribal gathering activities to reference
- Two lists intended to help NCRSG define species and methods of take to accommodate traditional tribal gathering





Round 3 Guidance Regarding Tribal Uses

- NCRSG refer to two lists to help determine which species and methods of take to specify
- NCRSG specify for each proposed allowed use whether underlying intent to:
 - Only accommodate traditional tribal gathering, or
 - ii. Accommodate traditional tribal gathering, as well as recreational users

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Guidance Regarding Tribal Uses (cont.)

- Proposed allowed species and methods of take to be assigned an LOP consistent with SAT protocol
- For Round 3 SAT evaluations, MPAs intended as backbone but with LOP below moderate high to accommodate tribal gathering:
 - 1. Evaluate according to SAT evaluation methods
 - Include MPAs with proposed uses assigned an LOP below moderate high if NCRSG only intends to accommodate traditional tribal gathering in those MPAs



Addressing Potential Process Challenges

- Round 3 process design contingent on NCRSG making sufficient progress toward achieving charge
- Throughout Round 3, I-Team staff will assess if:
 - Sufficient progress not being achieved in developing Round 3 MPA proposals
 - 2. Some NCRSG members not able to satisfy interests or contribute ideas toward proposal they can live with
- Facilitation team may modify Round 3 process design to ensure completion of NCRSG charge

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Next Steps

- July 21-22
 - -BRTF provides Round 3 guidance
- July 29-30
 - -Round 2 evaluation results presented to NCRSG
 - -NCRSG begins developing Round 3 MPA proposals
- August 30-31
 - -NCRSG finalizes Round 3 MPA proposals
- October 13-14
 - -SAT reviews Round 3 evaluation results
- October 26-28 (joint BRTF/NCRSG meeting)
 - -Round 3 evaluation materials presented to BRTF/NCRSG
 - BRTF finalizes recommendation to California Fish and Game Commission
- December 15
 - -BRTF presents recommendation to commission