

California's Marine Life Protection Act Initiative presents...

North Coast Summer Public Open Houses July 6-8, 2010

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) requires the state to re-examine and redesign California's system of marine protected areas. Draft marine protected area proposals have been developed for the area north of Point Arena to the California-Oregon border. Stop by these open houses anytime to visit informational stations, review and comment on draft marine protected area proposals, provide input on particular areas of interest, and ask questions of staff and regional stakeholders.

Drop by anytime! Please note specific day and evening times associated with each location.

Tuesday, July 6	Wednesday, July 7	Thursday, July 8
	8:00 - 10:00 a.m. The Octagon/Beginnings 5 Cemetery Road Briceland, CA	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. Redwood National & State Parks South Operations Center 121200 Highway 101 Orick, CA
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. C.V. Starr Community Center 300 South Lincoln Street Fort Bragg, CA	5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center 921 Waterfront Drive, Rm 211 Eureka, CA	5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Elk Valley Rancheria Community Center 2332 Howland Hill Road

RSVP: To ensure adequate refreshments and seating, please RSVP to Delbra Gibbs (916.424.8897 or dga_mlpa@sbcglobal.net).

Crescent City, CA

The success of the MLPA Initiative is dependent upon the active involvement of the public. Visit an open house and share your ideas!

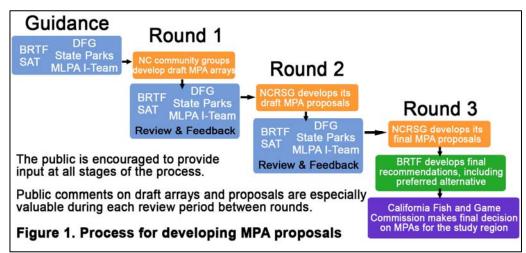


What is the format of the public open houses? The open houses are informal and do not require that you attend the entire time. Rather, informational stations are set up where you can move around at your leisure to view maps, receive written materials, ask questions of staff or regional stakeholder group members who helped develop the marine protected area (MPA) proposals, and submit your own ideas or suggestions for how to improve the draft MPA proposals.

What is the process for developing marine protected area (MPA) proposals within the north coast study region? To fully integrate the robust local knowledge available within the MLPA North Coast Study Region (state waters from Alder Creek, near Point Arena, to the California/Oregon border), community groups and/or individuals were invited to develop external MPA arrays as the first round of MPA proposal development. In January, 34 individuals were appointed to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG). The NCRSG was provided with the draft arrays developed by community groups, and have developed revised proposals that incorporate many of these ideas.

What is the timeline for MPA planning in the north coast?

MPA proposals developed through the MLPA Initiative are crafted over three iterative rounds. In October 2009, north coast communities were invited to develop draft MPA arrays as part of Round 1 of the MPA planning process. During Rounds 2 and 3, NCRSG members will have the opportunity to integrate ideas from the external arrays as they develop the next stage of MPA proposals. During each round of planning, the alternative MPA proposals are



evaluated by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and MLPA Initiative staff. In addition, guidance is provided by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, which will develop a final set of recommendations in October 2010 and then present them to the California Fish and Game Commission in December 2010. The public has an opportunity to provide input at all stages of the process.

Where is the NCRSG in the MPA development process for the north coast study region?

Draft MPA proposals for the study region are now in Round 2 and have been submitted for various evaluations. The results of these evaluations and public comment (including comments received at the public open houses) will help inform the process of developing Round 3 proposals, which will begin on July 29, 2010. Ultimately, in October 2010, Round 3 proposals will be delivered to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), the group overseeing this process. Final recommendations are then developed by the task force to advance to the California Fish and Game Commission in December 2010.

What if I can't attend one of the public open houses in person?

If you are not able to attend, you may also provide your feedback on Round 2 draft MPA proposals by visiting http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/mpaproposals_nc.asp. Here, you can complete an online form expressing your comments, which will be shared with the NCRSG and BRTF. Additionally, print copies of the feedback forms are available at a number of local libraries and government offices. Your comments will be most helpful if received no later than July 14, 2010 so the information can be distributed to NCRSG and BRTF members prior to the start of Round 3.

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Guide for North Coast Summer Public Open Houses

NOTE: You are welcome to visit any station, in any order, at your pace and convenience

Station 1: Welcome

Station 2: Bioregional Maps (northern and southern bioregions)

Station 3: Introduction to the MLPA

Station 4: Science and Data

Station 5: Comments and Suggestions

Thank you for attending! To ensure that your input is most helpful in the marine protected area (MPA) planning process, please keep the following in mind when completing your comment form:

- focus on specific MPAs, geographies and allowable uses,
- suggest revisions to proposed MPAs to better meet your interests, and
- read specific proposed regulations for each proposed MPA, which can be found on wall
 maps around the room and are available as a handout upon request.

Comments submitted during the open houses will be shared with members of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force; a summary of comments will be posted to the MLPA website. Please find an MLPA Initiative staff member (wearing a yellow name tag) to submit your comments during the open house; comment forms are available in print form (for hand writing) or on one of the computers (for typing).

If you would like to submit your comments at another time, you may also provide your feedback by visiting the MLPA website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/round2comments_nc.asp, by sending a message to MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov, or by standard mail to MLPA Initiative, c/o California Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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California's Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Opportunities for Public Involvement

The success of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative process depends on the continued involvement of the public. There are a number of ways interested members of the public can participate in this process:

Stay Informed

- Visit the MLPA website at www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa
- Sign up for the MLPA Initiative list server or print mailing list
- View live webcasts of meetings as they take place or archived videos of the meetings on the MLPA website (visit the MLPA website for updated meeting and workshop schedules)

Provide Input

- Contact a member of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
- Submit feedback on documents for comment
- Provide comments on marine protected area proposals as they are developed
- Provide verbal comments in person at blue ribbon task force, science advisory team, regional stakeholder group, and California Fish and Game Commission meetings
- Submit written comments, ideas and suggestions via email, regular mail or fax:

Email: MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov

Mail: Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

c/o California Natural Resources Agency

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: 916.653.8102, Attn: MLPA Initiative

Spread the Word

Assist with outreach and help ensure that others in your community are aware of this initiative, upcoming meetings and other public involvement opportunities.

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Key Online Resources

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa

California Marine Life Protection Act

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/mlpa language.pdf

California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas (January 2008 revised draft)

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/masterplan.asp

Regional Profile for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (April 19, 2010)

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/ncprofile.asp

Round 2 draft MPA proposals and special closure recommendations

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/mpaproposals nc.asp

Submit comments on Round 2 drat MPA proposals electronically (most helpful if comments are submitted by July 14)

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/round2comments nc.asp

Draft Methods Used to Evaluate Marine Protected Area Proposals in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (March 16, 2010)

http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentVersionID=31524

MarineMap

http://northcoast.marinemap.org/

Upcoming meetings and events

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings n.asp

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California MLPA North Coast Project Comments on Round 2 Draft Marine Protected Area Proposals

PLEASE NOTE: This form allows you to submit comments for one proposed marine protected area (MPA), one MPA proposal, and/or one proposed special closure. You are also invited to make general comments about the MPA planning process. If you would like to submit comments for more than one proposed MPA, one MPA proposal and/or one special closure, please submit additional form(s).

YOUR INFORMATION

Comments specific to an individual MPA:

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Last Name *	
Email Address or Phone Number (Optional - To be used only if we have questions about your comments)	
□ Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2 □ Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	

COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC MPA PROPOSAL If you have comments on a specific MPA proposal, please check the name of the proposal. Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1 Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2 Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1 o Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2 Comments on a specific MPA proposal: COMMENT ON AN INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL CLOSURE If you have comments specific to an individual special closure, please include the name of the special closure. Special closures are designated in the marine environment to provide geographically-specific protection of resources from human activities. In some instances special closures may offer protection, such as to breeding seabird and marine mammal populations, from geographically-specific threats that are not necessarily addressed by marine protected areas (MPAs), including disturbance. Draft proposed special closures have been developed separately from draft MPA proposals, but are intended to link to a specific proposal. Name of Special Closure Proposal(s) with which this special closure is associated (please check the appropriate boxes):

□ Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1

□ Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2

□ Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1

□ Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2

Comments specific to an individual special closure:

COMMENT ON THE OVERALL MPA PLANNING PROCESS

General comments about the overall MPA planning process: