Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

Overview of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting

Presentation to the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
August 30-31, 2010 • Fortuna, CA

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August 30-31 Meeting Objectives

- Develop Round 3 MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) MPA proposal(s) to be forwarded to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF)
  - Core charge of the NCRSG
- Ensure accuracy of proposed MPA boundaries, designation types, and allowed uses
- Discuss next steps for presenting the Round 3 NCRSG MPA proposal(s) to the BRTF

INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting Flow – August 30, 2010

Proposed Timing (approximate)

- Updates (9:10 AM)
- Continue developing Round 3 MPA proposal(s) (9:50 AM)
  - Northern bioregion

    Lunch (12:00 noon)
  - Southern bioregion (approx. 12:30 PM)
  - Estuaries (approx. 3:30 PM)
- Public comment (4:30 PM)

Dinner (The Scotia Inn and Pub)

Meeting Flow – August 31, 2010

Proposed Timing (approximate)

- Continue developing Round 3 MPA proposal(s) (8:00 AM)
- Public comment (11:00 AM)
- Complete Round 3 MPA proposal(s) (12:00 noon)

  Lunch
- Discuss special closures (2:45 PM)
- Quality control of Round 3 proposal(s) (3:45 PM)
- Confirm completion of Round 3 proposal(s), and discuss next steps (4:45 PM)

  Reception for NCRSG members (following meeting)

Key Elements

- Focus of discussions is on NCRSG members
- Items requiring additional discussion can be deferred and continued on Day 2
- NCRSG to address sooner rather than later whether it will produce one or more than one proposal
- NCRSG can discuss individual special closures along with MPAs on Day 1 and Day 2 morning, as needed
- I-Team to provide support
  - Facilitation: Help keep discussions focused and on track
  - Planners: Provide feedback on science and policy guidance
  - California Department of Fish and Game and California State Parks: Provide feedback on respective guidelines

Keys to Success

- Full, focused participation
- Active listening
- Integrative thinking
- Satisfy mutual interests
  - Focus on “interests” (the underlying need) rather than “positions” (particular solutions)
- Strive to meet guidance/guidelines; carefully consider tradeoffs involved

Next Steps

Day 3 (8 AM – 12 noon)

- Voluntary work session focused on completing MPA attribute information (site-specific rationale, goals and objectives, and other design considerations)
- I-Team will ask for volunteers at end of Day 2
- Work in small groups

September 3-13

- NCRSG reviews MPA attribute information and sends comments to co-leads
- Co-leads send compiled comments to planners by Sept. 8
- Co-leads develop narrative rationale and send to planners by Sept. 13

Next Steps (continued)

Oct. 13-14 MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team Meeting

- Present evaluations of Round 3 proposal(s)

Oct. 25-27 BRTF Meeting with NCRSG

- Describe Round 3 proposal(s), including rationales and tradeoffs
- Respond to BRTF questions
- Opportunity to express level of support and preference for Round 3 MPA proposals (if more than one proposal)