# California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting Agenda

(revised November 30, 2010)

Monday, October 25, 2010 at 8:30 AM Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 8:00 AM

River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540

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Flynn Center Multipurpose Room\*
981 H Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

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**Public Comment:** The public will be invited to offer general comments on subjects related to the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) *at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25*. Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the room. Time allotted for public comment is determined by the number of requests; submitting written comments that can be easily summarized in one to two minutes is encouraged.

**Meeting Materials:** Briefing documents will not be provided at the meeting but will be posted to the MLPA website as soon as they are available. This agenda may be found on the MLPA website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings\_n.asp.

# **Meeting Objectives**

- Receive the Round 3 MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) Marine Protected Area (MPA) Proposal and Round 3 NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation
- Receive evaluations of the Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal, MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs), and Round 3 NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation from the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks), and MLPA Initiative staff
- Discuss and develop north coast study region recommendations for marine protected areas and special closures
- Receive updates on the SAT, NCRSG, and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)
- Receive updates on north coast public outreach and education, tribal outreach and data gathering, the 2008-2011 MLPA Initiative budget and upcoming meetings
- Receive an update on MLPA implementation in other study regions

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# Meeting Agenda - Monday, October 25, 2010

Note: At the discretion of the chair, agenda items may be heard in any order and on either day of the meeting. The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:25 p.m. and public comment will be taken at approximately 3:00 p.m. The meeting may continue after a dinner break.

# Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Brief Introductions

Cindy Gustafson, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Ken Wiseman, Executive Director, California MLPA Initiative

# I. Updates

# A. MLPA Implementation in the Central Coast, North Central Coast and South Coast Study Regions

Becky Ota, Marine Region Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Game

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1: California Department of Fish and Game Memo Regarding Marine Protected Area

Implementation and Monitoring (October 19, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.2: PowerPoint Presentation: Marine Protected Area Implementation Update – Handout

Placeholder

### B. Master Plan Science Advisory Team

Satie Airame, Science and Planning Advisor, California MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team Levels of Protection for the MLPA North Coast

Study Region (approved October 14, 2010; document revised October 22, 2010) -

Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.2: Responses to Science Questions Posed during the July 29-30, 2010 North Coast

Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting (approved October 14, 2010) - Handout

Placeholder

# C. Statewide Interests Group

Cindy Gustafson and Ken Wiseman

### D. Public Outreach and Education

Kelly Savce, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, California MLPA Initiative

# E. Tribal Outreach and Data Gathering

Satie Airame

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1: Summary of Input from North Coast Tribes and Tribal Communities Regarding the MLPA

North Coast Project (input submitted through August 25, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.2: Proposed Uses from North Coast Tribes and Tribal Communities for Round 2 Draft MPA

Proposals (input received through August 26, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.3: Recommended Changes to the Proposed Uses Intended to Accommodate Tribes and

Tribal Communities in the Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal (October 22, 2010) - Handout

Placeholder

# II. Task Force Operations

### F. MLPA Initiative Budget and Calendar

Ken Wiseman

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.1:** MLPA Initiative 2008-2011 Budget Update – Handout Placeholder **BRIEFING DOCUMENT F.2:** Calendar of Upcoming Meeting Dates – Handout Placeholder

# III. NCRSG MPA Proposal and Special Closures Recommendation for the North Coast Study Region

# G. The Decision-Making Context for the MLPA North Coast Study Region

Melissa Miller-Henson, Program Manager, California MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Setting the Decision-Making Context – Handout Placeholder

# H. North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Process for Developing an MPA Proposal and Special Closures Recommendation

Eric Poncelet, NCRSG Lead Facilitator, Kearns and West

BRIEFING DOCUMENT H.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Concluding the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

MPA Planning Process - Handout Placeholder

# I. Overview of NCRSG MPA Proposal

Satie Airame and NCRSG Co-leads

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

MPA Proposal - Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.2:** Comparison of Existing MPAs (Proposal 0) and Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal by

Designation Type and Level of Protection – See slides 6 and 7 of Briefing Document I.1

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.3: NCRSG MPA Proposal: Narrative Rationale, Supplemental Rationale, Staff Summary,

Overview and Geographic Cluster Maps, Description of MPAs, Consideration of Existing MPAs, NCRSG Overview Table, Recommendation Regarding Tribal Use Category within

MPAs, and Additional NCRSG Recommendation (compiled October 19, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT I.4: MPA Proposal 0 (existing MPAs): Cluster Maps, Staff Summary, Description of MPAs

(compiled October 19, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT 1.5: Public Comments Received Regarding the Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal in the MLPA

North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

### J. Overview of NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation

Dominique Monie, Marine Planner, California MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Overview of NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation –

Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.2: Cluster Maps, Descriptions, and Basic Information for Round 3 NCRSG Special Closures

Recommendation in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (compiled October 19, 2010)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.3: Public Comments Received Regarding NCRSG Recommendations for Special Closures

in the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT J.4:** MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Special Closures Recommendation:

Green and Flatiron Rocks Alternative (document revised October 19, 2010)

# IV. Evaluations of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal and Special Closures Recommendation

# K. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Habitat Representation and Habitat Replication

Dr. Mark Carr, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT K.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Habitat Evaluations of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal for the

North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

# L. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – MPA Size and MPA Spacing Dr. Mark Carr, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Size and Spacing Evaluations of Round 3 NCRSG MPA

Proposal - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT L.2: Evaluation of North Coast Round 3 MPA Proposal: Habitat Representation, Habitat

Replication, MPA Size and MPA Spacing Analyses (October 14, 2010)

#### М. Presentation SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Potential Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

Charles Steinback, Ecotrust

BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Round 3 Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Commercial and

Recreational Fisheries in the North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

Summary of Potential Impacts of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group **BRIEFING DOCUMENT M.2:** 

Marine Protected Area Proposal on Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in the North

Coast Study Region (revised October 11, 2010)

#### Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Bioeconomic Modeling N.

Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluation of MLPA North Coast

Summary of Bioeconomic Model Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG Marine Protected Area **BRIEFING DOCUMENT N.2:** 

Regional Stakeholder Group Round 3 MPA Proposal - Handout Placeholder Proposal for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (October 14, 2010)

#### Ο. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results - Marine Birds and Marine **Mammals**

Ron LeValley, Co-chair, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team Dawn Goley, Member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT 0.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Marine Birds and Marine Mammals Evaluations for Round 3

NCRSG MPA Proposal in the MLPA North Coast Study Region - Handout Placeholder

Evaluations of Benefits to Marine Birds from Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder **BRIEFING DOCUMENT 0.2:** 

Group Marine Protected Area Proposal and Recommended Special Closures (October 14,

2010)

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT 0.3:** Evaluation of Benefits to Marine Mammals from Round 3 North Coast Regional

Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal and Recommended Special Closures

(October 14, 2010)

#### P. Presentation of SAT Round 3 Evaluation Results – Water Quality

Dominic Gregorio, Member, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team

BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.1: PowerPoint Presentation: SAT Evaluation of Water and Sediment Quality of Round 3

North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT P.2:** Summary of SAT Water and Sediment Quality Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast

Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal (October 14, 2010)

#### Q. Presentation of California Department of Fish and Game Evaluation of Round 3 **NCRSG MPA Proposal**

Rebecca Studebaker, Marine Biologist, California Department of Fish and Game

BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.1: PowerPoint Presentation: DFG Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder

Group Marine Protected Area Proposal - Handout Placeholder

Evaluation and Comments on the Final (Round 3) Stakeholder Proposal for Marine **BRIEFING DOCUMENT Q.2:** 

Protected Areas in the Marine Life Protection Act North Coast Study Region (November 10, 2010) (This document was received on November 30, 2010; this document was

not available during the BRTF meeting.)

### R. Presentation of California Department of Parks and Recreation Evaluation of **Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal**

Kevin Fleming, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Parks and Recreation

BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.1: PowerPoint Presentation: California State Parks Evaluation of North Coast Regional

Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal - Handout Placeholder

**BRIEFING DOCUMENT R.2:** California State Parks Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Marine Protected Area Proposal (October 22, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

# S. Goal 3 Evaluation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal

Darci Connor, Marine Planner, California MLPA Initiative

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.1: PowerPoint Presentation: Goal 3 Evaluation of Proposals – Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.2: Summary of the Goal 3 Evaluation of Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Marine Protected Area Proposal - Handout Placeholder

BRIEFING DOCUMENT S.3: Guidelines to Assist Stakeholders in Addressing Goal 3 of the Marine Life Protection Act

(MLPA) in the MLPA North Coast Process (May 17, 2010)

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# **Recess**

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# Welcome and Review of Day 2 Agenda

- V. Developing North Coast Study Region Recommendations for Submission to the California Fish and Game Commission
  - T. Detailed Presentation of Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal and NCRSG Special Closures Recommendation

Satie Airame and NCRSG Co-Leads, moderated by Eric Poncelet

- U. Process for Developing Recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission
- V. Develop Recommendations to the California Fish and Game Commission

BRIEFING DOCUMENT V.1: MLPA Initiative Staff Memo Regarding Potential Actions at the October 25-26, 2010 BRTF

Meeting (October 22, 2010) - Handout Placeholder

Potential Action: Adopt recommendations to forward to the California Fish and

Game Commission regarding north coast marine protected areas

and special closures

W. Next Steps

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