

Marine Life Protection Act



Marine Protected Area Implementation Update

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Central Coast Study Region

Implementation - September 2007

- Outreach Public information signs developed for the Monterey to Santa Cruz area; developed a guide to central coast marine protected areas (MPA); investigating a smartphone application
- Management Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Sea Doc Society removing derelict fishing gear from MPAs

Monitoring

- Baseline Characterization Approximately \$4 million to support data collection in 2007 and 2008:
 - Five baseline studies were funded ranging from socioeconomic surveys to ecological surveys across a range of key habitats

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North Central Coast Study Region

Implementation - April 2010

- Outreach Partnering with State Parks to develop signage plan; developed guide to north central coast MPAs; worked with former regional stakeholders to develop informational flyer
- Management Fish and Game Commission adopted emergency regulation changes to Stewarts Point SMR/SMCA, considering changes to Southeast Farallon Island Special Closure

Monitoring

- Monitoring Plan Approved by the Fish and Game Commission April 2010
- Baseline Characterization Approximately \$4 million to support data collection for 2010 - 2012
 - Eleven baseline studies were funded including ecological surveys across a range of key habitats, and socioeconomic studies



South Coast Study Region

Implementation

- Draft Environmental Impact Report Released August 18 for a 45day public comment; review period was extended 15 days to October 19, 2010
- Management Military closures are in effect; Sea Doc Society removing derelict fishing gear and debris from existing and proposed MPAs and surrounding areas

Monitoring

- Monitoring Plan Being developed with MPA Monitoring Enterprise
 anticipated release early 2011
 - Public workshops were held in July and will be held November
 - Ongoing conversations with agency and academic scientists to identify and discus metrics; consideration of existing programs and Channel Islands monitoring
- Baseline Characterization \$4 million available a request for proposals is anticipated to coincide with MPA adoption

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