Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Overview of MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force North Coast Recommendations

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BRTF North Coast Recommendations

In October the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) adopted seven motions, two related to marine protected areas (MPAs) and special closures:

- Revised Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal, with NCRSG recommendation to name the Ten Mile MPAs after Skip Wollenberg and staff recommended updates to the recreational take intended to accommodate tribal uses (BRTF motion #1)
- North Coast Enhanced Compliance Alternative MPA
 Proposal, that builds off the Revised Round 3 NCRSG
 MPA Proposal with modifications to improve compliance
 with science guidelines and California Department of Fish
 and Game feasibility criteria (BRTF motion #4)
- North Coast Special Closures Recommendation, as developed by the NCRSG (part of motions #1 and #4)

NCRSG = MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

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Enhanced Compliance Alternative

The North Coast Enhanced Compliance Alternative Marine Protected Area Proposal (ECA) consists of the Revised Round 3 North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Marine Protected Area Proposal (RNCP), modified as follows:

- Add nearshore "ribbon" state marine conservation areas (SMCAs) in Pyramid Point, Samoa, Big Flat and Vizcaino SMCAs with all recreational uses retained, including those intended to accommodate tribal uses
- Retain in the remaining offshore SMCAs at Pyramid Point, Samoa, Big Flat and Vizcaino only those uses at moderate-high or high levels of protection (LOPs)
- Retain in Reading Rock SMCA only proposed uses at moderate-high or high LOPs



Enhanced Compliance Alternative

ECA modifications, continued:

- Retain at Skip Wollenberg/Ten Mile Beach SMCA all proposed uses at any LOP
- Retain in estuarine MPAs only those uses intended to accommodate tribal uses with a moderate-high or high LOP
- Add a statement regarding restricting proposed recreational uses intended to accommodate tribes and tribal communities to only tribes and tribal communities when appropriate administrative or legislative action is taken
- Add pelagic finfish (spearfishing) to proposed uses for all SMCAs

ECA = North Coast Enhanced Compliance Alternative MPA Proposal



Available Materials

- Maps
- Description of MPAs
- Consideration of Existing MPAs
- Special Closures (table and basic information)

Materials available online at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/mpaproposals_nc.asp

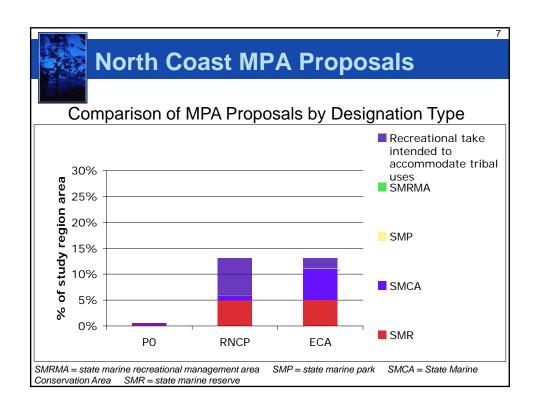


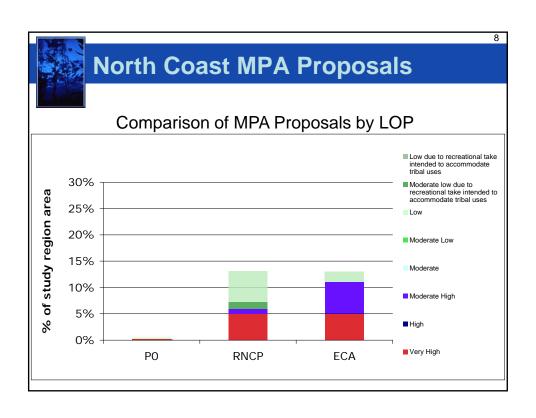
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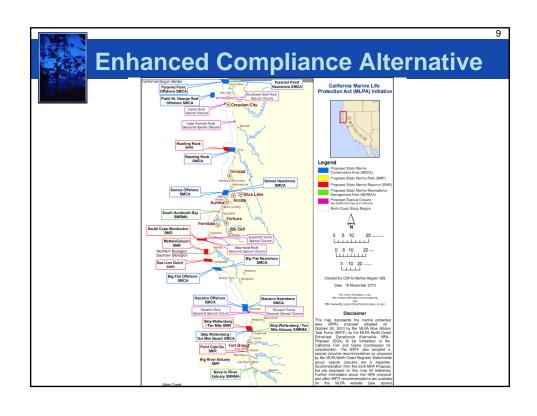
Two MPA Proposals and Proposal 0

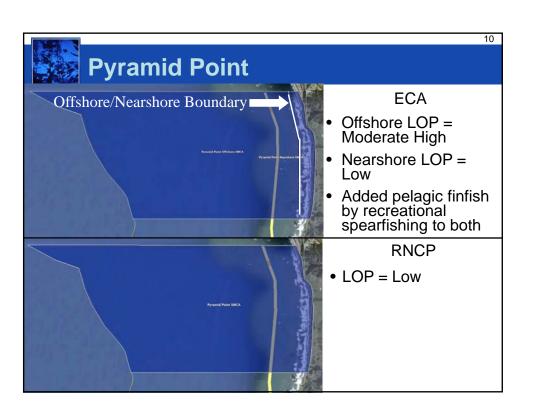
		Number of MPAs*	Percent of Study
	Acronym	(SMRs)	Region (SMRs)
Proposal 0			
(existing MPAs)	PO	5 (1)	0.3% (0.2%)
Revised NCRSG			
MPA Proposal	RNCP	17 (6)	13.1% (5%)
North Coast			
Enhanced			
Compliance			
Alternative MPA			
Proposal	ECA	21 (6)	13.1% (5%)

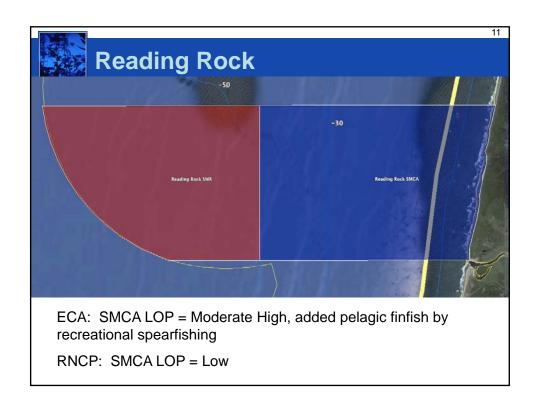
^{*} Numbers include state marine recreational management areas, a type of marine managed area

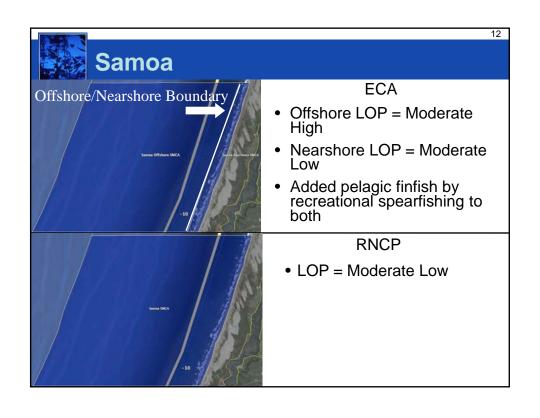


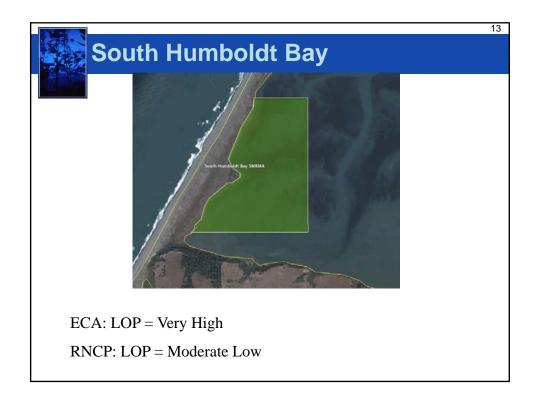


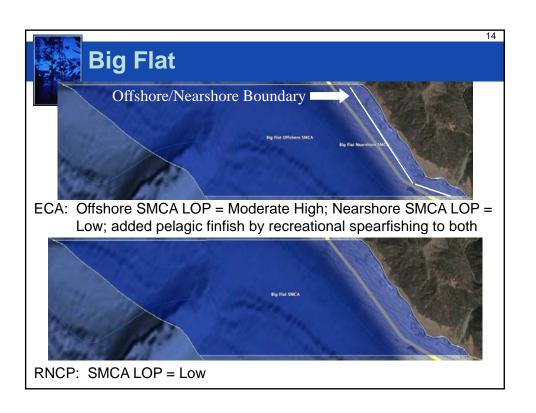


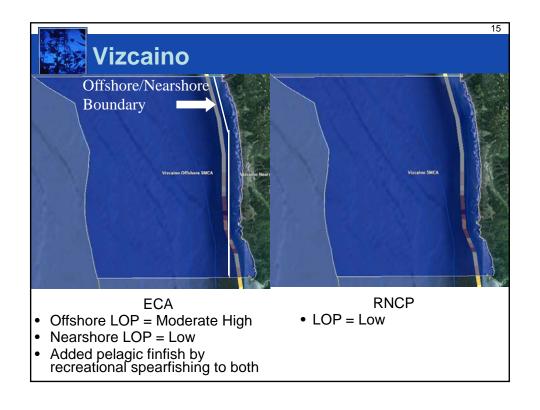


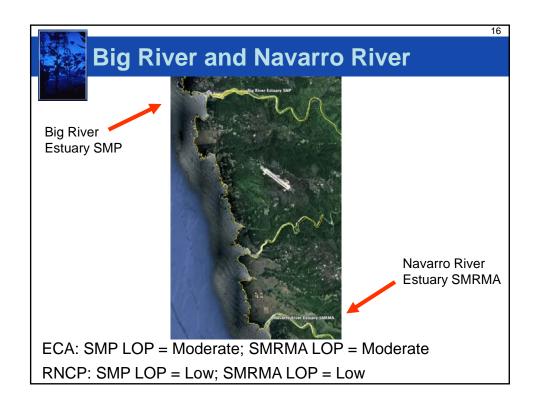
















Special Closures

- Seven special closure options
 - -2 focus on marine mammal protection
 - -5 focus on marine bird protection
- All special closures suggested as 300 foot no-entry zones
- 4 of the 7 special closures are seasonal closures, from March 1 - August 31
- Included proposal for an alternative to special closures at Green Rock and Flatiron Rock
- Included language regarding intention to allow access for traditional, non-commercial, tribal activities when it becomes possible within State of California statutory authority



SAT Evaluations

- Habitat Representation
- Habitat Replication
- MPA Size
- MPA Spacing
- Bioeconomic Modeling
- Potential Impacts to Fisheries

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Other Materials and Evaluations

- Maps
- Area Charts (by designation type and level of protection)
- Staff Summaries
- Habitat Calculations
- Goal 3 Analysis
- California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Analysis
- California State Parks Evaluation

Materials available online at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa and http://www.northcoast.marinemap.org



BRTF Motions 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7

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- Incorporation of tribal uses in marine protected areas of the MLPA North Coast Study Region when the legal authority to do so is clarified and settled by the State of California and California tribes and tribal communities
- Co-management with tribes and tribal communities
- Add recreational take of Pacific lamprey and eulachon to appropriate estuarine MPAs
- Retain three existing north coast marine protected areas with modifications
- Change classification of two SMRMAs





Next Steps - Timeline

- December 6, 2010
 - SAT meeting via webinar and teleconference to review evaluations of ECA and RNCP
- February 2, 2011
 - BRTF presents recommendations to California Fish and Game Commission (Sacramento area)