

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Developing External Arrays from Community Groups

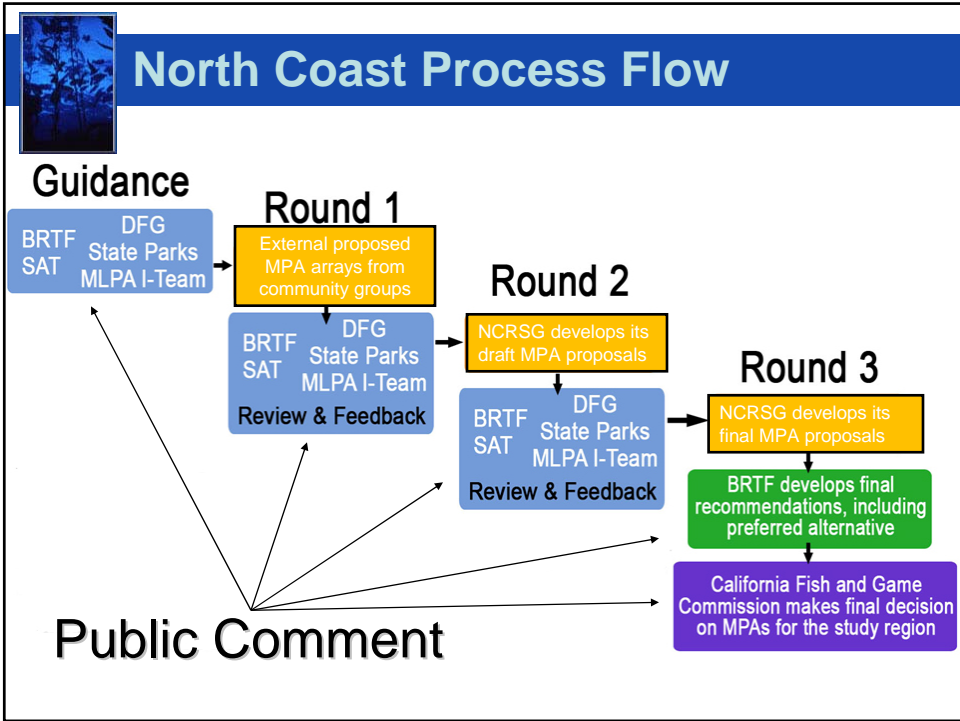
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North Coast Process Flow

- Round 1:** External Arrays Developed by Community Groups
- Round 2:** Draft NCRSG Proposals Developed by the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG)
- Round 3:** Final NCRSG Proposals Developed by the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group



External MPA Arrays

External Arrays Developed by Community Groups

- Address the entire study region
- Have support from multiple interests
- Meet science and feasibility guidelines where possible
- Serve as a basis of ideas and designs to be utilized by the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group



Transition to NCRSG (Round 2)

Role of External MPA Arrays

- Cross-interest work group(s) within the NCRSG will develop Round 2 MPA proposal(s), and will draw ideas from external MPA arrays
- Ideas that best meet science and feasibility guidelines are more likely to be incorporated by the NCRSG
- External MPA arrays will not continue independently from the NCRSG draft MPA proposal(s) in Round 2



Transition to NCRSG (Round 2)

Role of Those Developing External MPA Arrays

- External MPA array proponents may be nominated to become NCRSG members
- External array proponents not nominated to the NCRSG may still provide input via public comment and communicating with NCRSG members



Developing External MPA Arrays

- Those groups intending to submit external arrays have identified themselves (no new groups after today)
- External MPA array proponents are encouraged to collaborate to create cross-interest arrays that address the entire study region
- External array proponents are encouraged to reach out to additional interest groups and communities



External MPA Array Resources

Resources Already Provided

- Previous MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force guidance
- Science guidelines
- Feasibility criteria and guidelines
- Introduction to MarineMap

Resources Provided in Coming Weeks

- Draft north coast regional profile
- Additional data layers
- Additional guidance from the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team



Components of External MPA Array

- One page cover sheet (proposal name, contributors, contact information)
- One or two page narrative
- Information for each MPA within the proposal
 - Boundaries
 - Designation
 - Proposed allowed uses
 - Site-specific rationale
 - Design considerations and other information
- One page document outlining the proposed fate of existing MPAs

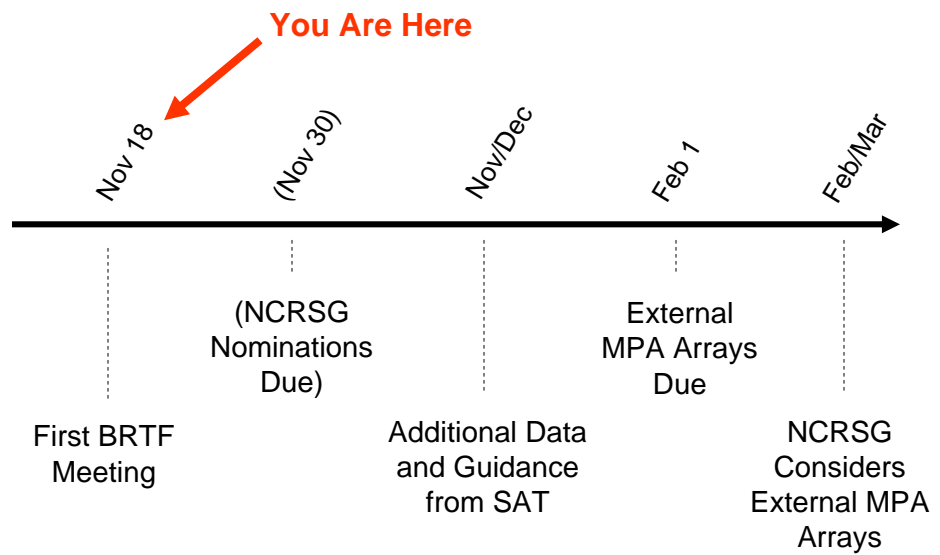


External MPA Array Next Steps

- External MPA array proponents provided with a summary of available materials following today's meeting
- In coming weeks external MPA array proponents should begin to identify locations that may be acceptable for marine protected area (MPA) siting
- As they become available, additional materials and information will be provided to external MPA array proponents



External Array Timeline



Today's Panel

Questions for External MPA Array Proponents

- What groups and organizations are contributing to your external MPA array?
- What are your driving interests and reasons for developing an external MPA array?
- Do you anticipate additional opportunities for collaboration with any of the other community groups that have submitted an intent form?
- Any particular issues that may require BRTF guidance that have not yet been discussed?