

**CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE
BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE
REVISED MEETING AGENDA
(Revised March 14, 2006)**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2006
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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Public participation: The public will be invited by the chair at several points in the meeting to offer comments on agenda items. General comments on the MLPA Initiative and the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, ***not directed to specific agenda items***, will be taken at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Briefing documents and meeting presentations/handouts: Please note that task force briefing documents are now listed at the bottom of the agenda and will be hyperlinked as they become available. Meeting presentations or presentation handouts are hyperlinked to the relevant agenda item.

Meeting Objectives

- *Receive proposed packages of marine protected areas (MPAs) for the central coast and make recommendations to the California Department of Fish and Game*
- *Receive the Final Draft Guide to Developing a Management Plan under the California Marine Life Protection Act*
- *Receive the Final Draft Adaptive Management and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework*
- *Receive update on and act upon administrative items related to the MLPA Initiative*
- *Receive public comment on items not on the agenda*

Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Staff anticipates that on Tuesday the task force will complete agenda items 1 through 7. Wednesday will likely start with agenda item 8.)

1. Introduction and welcome 10:00 a.m.
Phil Isenberg, Chair, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

2. A context for BRTF decision-making, including Package S **[Briefing document 1]**
John J. Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

Central Coast Project

3. Summary overview of revisions to central coast MPA packages 1, 2, 3 and AC, and new package S **[Briefing documents 2a-h and 3]**
Dr. Mary Gleason, Principal Planner, MLPA Initiative
4. Introduction of Package S, MLPA Initiative staff developed package of MPAs for the central coast **[Briefing document 11]**
John J. Kirlin
5. Evaluation of central coast MPA packages 1, 2, 3, S and AC **[Briefing documents 4a-f]**
Dr. Mary Gleason
Dr. Steve Gaines and Dr. Mark Carr, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
Paul Reilly, MLPA Central Coast Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game
6. Package proponents' panel presentation of changes to packages since last BRTF meeting
Members, Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
7. Public comment on packages of MPAs for the central coast
8. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Approve a recommendation to the California Department of Fish and Game regarding alternative packages of MPAs and a preferred alternative package for the central coast

Framework Documents

9. A Final Draft Guide to Developing a Management Plan under the California Marine Life Protection Act and a Final Draft Adaptive Management and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework **[Briefing documents 5 and 6]**
Amy Boone, Policy Analyst, MLPA Initiative
Dr. Tegan Hoffmann, Principal, T.C. Hoffmann and Associates
 - A. Presentation of documents
 - B. Public comment on draft documents
 - C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Approve final documents
10. Suggested revisions to the MLPA Master Plan Framework adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission **[Briefing document 7]**
Paul Reilly
 - A. Presentation of suggested revisions
 - B. Public comment on suggested revisions
 - C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Approve forwarding suggested revisions to the California Department of Fish and Game

Initiative Activity

11. Administrative report
John Kirlin
 - A. Update on extracting lessons for the future **[Briefing document 10]**
 - B. Update on the MLPA Initiative budget **[Briefing documents 8 and 9]**

- C. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Approve funding request for activities related to MLPA study regions
- D. Cost estimates for the long-term funding of MLPA implementation
- E. Other items

- 12. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
John Ugoretz, MLPA Policy Advisor, Department of Fish and Game
- 13. MLPA Statewide Interests Group
Melissa Miller-Henson, Operations & Communications Manager, MLPA Initiative

Other Items

- 14. While a precise time cannot be guaranteed, at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday public comment will be taken on the task force meeting and items for future consideration. Public comments on specific agenda items should be made during that agenda item.
- 15. **TASK FORCE ACTION:** Set the time and place for next meeting
Phil Isenberg

Adjourn

Briefing Documents

- 1. A context for BRTF decision-making
- 2. Central coast MPA packages
 - a. Package percentage of study region area histograms by proposed designation and assigned level of protection
 - b. Draft analysis of habitat representation in MPA packages 0, 1, 2, 3, S and AC
 - c. Package 0 (existing MPAs)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - d. Package 1 (based on February 9, 2006 version)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
 - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - e. Package 2 (based on February 9, 2006 version)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
 - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - f. Package 3 (revised February 9, 2006)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats

- Proponents' rationale
 - Proponents' summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - g. Package S (February 22, 2006)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Staff rationale (John J. Kirilin memo regarding a recommendation for alternative packages of proposed MPAs and a preferred alternative package)
 - Staff summary matrix of individual MPAs in package
 - h. Package AC (based on December 15, 2005 version)
 - North & south central coast study region maps
 - Staff summary of area and habitats
 - Proponents' rationale
3. MLPA Initiative staff side-by-side comparison of regional MPA packages 1, 2, 3, S and AC (includes subregion maps and comparison of proposed regulations)
 - Subregion 1: Pigeon Point to Capitola
 - Subregion 2: Capitola to Monterey Breakwater
 - Subregion 3: Monterey Breakwater to Point Sur
 - Subregion 3 Inset: Monterey Peninsula
 - Subregion 4: Point Sur to San Martin
 - Subregion 5: San Martin to Point Estero
 - Subregion 6: Point Estero to Santa Maria River
 - Subregion 6 Inset: Morro Bay
 - Subregion 7: Santa Maria River to Point Conception
 - Comparison of proposed regulations (stand-alone document)
 4. MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team analyses
 - a. Executive summary
 - b. Draft SAT evaluation of MLPA goals 1 and 4 related to habitat representation in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - c. Draft SAT evaluation of MLPA goals 2 and 6 related to the size and spacing of MPAs in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - d. Draft SAT evaluation of goals 2 and 6 related to populations and networks in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - e. Draft MLPA Initiative staff and SAT evaluation of MLPA goal 3 related to recreational, educational and study opportunities (including a summary of replication analysis) in proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 - f. Draft SAT evaluation of commercial and recreational fisheries potentially affected by proposed MPA packages in the central coast study region
 5. Final Revised Guide to Developing a Management Plan under the California Marine Life Protection Act
 6. Final Revised Adaptive Management and Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
 7. Suggested revisions to the MLPA Master Plan Framework adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission
 8. MLPA Initiative budget update
 9. Memo regarding funding request for activities related to MLPA study regions

10. Consultants for the Extracting Lessons Learned Project
11. Summary of MPA Boundaries, Proposed Regulations, Rationales. Potential Impacts and Public Comments for MLPA Initiative Staff Package S