

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Phase 2 MOU Milestones Update
Revised November 8, 2007

Note: Numbers referenced below correlate with page 11, Exhibit A of the MLPA Initiative memorandum of understanding (MOU) among the California Resources Agency, California Department of Fish and Game, and Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, effective 01/01/07.

1. December 31, 2006 – Announce selection of next MLPA study region and new MOU

Update: New MOU signed on December 20, 2006 and study region announced December 21, 2006.

2. January 15, 2007 – Membership in MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force announced

Update: Members of the task force announced on February 22, 2007

3. January 30, 2007 – First meeting of MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Update: First meeting of the task force held on March 29, 2007 and second meeting held June 19, 2007

4. February 15, 2007 – Membership in Master Plan Science Advisory Team announced

Update: Membership of science team announced on June 21, 2007 and first meeting held on June 26, 2007

5. February 2007 – First presentation to California Fish and Game Commission (every two months of program thereafter)

Update: New executive director made presentation to commission on April 12, 2007 and has attended most Commission meetings since this time.

6. April 2007 – California Fish and Game Commission to consider changes to draft master plan

Update: Commission received proposed changes to draft master plan in April 2007, with ongoing testimony at commission meetings and BRTF. Approval is expected during first quarter of 2008.

7. September 2007 – California Fish and Game Commission policy review of draft MPA proposals and guidance to MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on proposals

Update: Joint meeting of the commission and task force held in September 2007 on water quality issues. Next proposed joint meeting in first quarter of 2008 will jointly review stakeholder proposals.

8. March 15, 2008 – Presentation of MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force proposed site alternatives and recommendation for preferred alternative to the California Fish and Game Commission

Update: Scheduled completion of recommendation for alternative MPA proposals set for March 26-27, 2008. Recommend extending 3 to 5 weeks for appropriate SAT review.