

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force

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Dear California tribes and tribal communities,

On behalf of the California Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative, I respectfully invite the you to assist with further developing the *MLPA Regional Profile of the North Coast Study Region (California-Oregon border to Alder Creek)* by submitting information for a special appendix describing California tribes and tribal communities.

The regional profile will help inform members of the north coast community during the development of marine protected area (MPA) proposals as part of the MLPA Initiative – a public-private partnership among the California Natural Resources Agency, California Department of Fish and Game, and Resources Legacy Fund Foundation.

As leaders representing an important community of coastal users, your involvement will help to ensure important information about your connection and relationship to the coastal marine environment is available for MPA planning purposes. Your participation in sharing information would be greatly appreciated, including organizational structure, current and historical traditional harvesting practices, and the coastal areas used for traditional purposes.

Information submitted for the regional profile will be included verbatim and unedited in a special appendix. In addition, information in the regional profile will the subject of a discussion at the May 2010 MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting.

In 1999, the California State Legislature enacted the MLPA to reexamine and redesign California's state marine protected areas. Currently the MLPA Initiative is conducting a public planning process in the MLPA North Coast Study Region (from the California/Oregon border to Alder Creek near Point Arena in Mendocino County). ***The involvement of California tribes and tribal communities is important to the success of the MLPA Initiative's marine protected area planning effort in the north coast.***

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Enclosed, please find details explaining the process for submitting information to include in the regional profile. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 1, 2010. Additionally, letters detailing the above information were mailed this week to north coast tribal chairpersons in an effort to reach all tribes and tribal communities within the north coast study region.

Thank you in advance for your active involvement in providing the best available information about California tribes and tribal communities in the north coast. Do not hesitate to contact me (916.653.5674 or Ken.Wiseman@resources.ca.gov) if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Ken Wiseman
Executive Director

cc: Members, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Enclosures: Instructions for submitting information, overview of the MLPA Initiative, MLPA
North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group contact information