

State of California
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
AND THE MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT (MLPA) BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE
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Meeting of
February 2, 2011 (Wednesday)
10:00 a.m.²

Resources Agency Building
Auditorium¹
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento

AGENDA³

ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**NOTE: Public testimony will be taken following agenda item 1(F) below.
Please see the attachment entitled "TESTIFYING BEFORE THE COMMISSION."**

1. PRESENTATION OF THE MLPA BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPA) IN THE NORTH COAST STUDY REGION, ANALYSES OF THE PROPOSALS, AND RECEIPT OF COMMISSION GUIDANCE.
 - (A) OVERVIEW OF THE NORTH COAST MLPA INITIATIVE PLANNING PROCESS.
 - (B) COMPARISON OF THE TWO RECOMMENDED MPA PROPOSALS.
 - (C) SCIENCE ADVISORY TEAM ANALYSES.
 - (D) DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS.
 - (E) DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION EVALUATION.
 - (F) BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.
 - (G) COMMISSION GUIDANCE TO STAFF ON COMMISSION PREFERRED PACKAGE AND ALTERNATIVES FOR REGULATORY AND CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PROCESSES. (THE COMMISSION WILL ANNOUNCE THE START OF THE REGULATORY AND CEQA PROCESSES AT A FUTURE DATE.)
2. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING.

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² The Commission may break for lunch at approximately 12:00 noon.

³ The public is encouraged to comment on any item on the agenda. In order for the Commission to adequately consider public comments, the public is requested to submit written comments no later than **ten** days prior to the meeting. Written comments received fewer than **ten** days preceding the meeting will be submitted to the Commission at the meeting; however, Commission staff is unable to deliver material received one day before and on the day of the meeting to the Commissioners when the meeting is not in Sacramento. Please send your comments to be received no later than two days before the meeting.

If you decide to speak at the Commission meeting, please begin by giving your name and affiliation (if any) and the number of people represented by your organization. Then tell the Commission your concerns. Time allotted for each agenda item depends upon the number of speakers for each item and the length of the agenda. The Commission is interested in your views; don't worry about how to say them. If several people have spoken, try not to be repetitious. If there are several with the same concerns, please try to appoint a spokesperson. The Commission is particularly interested in the specific reasons you are for or against a proposal because the Commission's decision needs to be based on specific reasons.

If you would like to present handouts/written material to the Commission at the meeting, please provide eleven (11) copies.

TESTIFYING BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Verbal Testimony

Please complete a speaker's card and give it to a member of the staff prior to the item being considered.

The following suggestions are offered to help you organize your testimony:

1. State your name, area of residence and whom representing.
2. State your major points first.
3. Briefly support major points with factual data, rationale, and/or logic.
4. Conclude with a brief summary of your major points.

You have come to present your ideas and make your feelings known. You want to accomplish something and feel your time was well spent. This means you want your testimony to be as effective as possible. Although it is nice to come with friends and supporters, remember the Commission makes the decisions. You will be most effective by talking to the Commission, not the audience.

Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to set regulations and policy. There is no doubt that a well-spoken presentation is persuasive. Make your points clear. Reasoning and/or facts to support them are very helpful. Important points may be lost in reading long, prepared statements. A well-delivered and concise statement does the job best.

Repetition can be a problem. Please don't repeat previous testimony. If someone has already covered the points you intended to address, it is usually best to simply indicate your support for the position and perhaps briefly summarize your feelings. Testimony may be limited depending on the number of people wishing to speak. Speaker information cards will be used to organize the testimony.

Written testimony

1. Written material of any length may be submitted prior to or at a meeting; however, it is unrealistic to expect the Commission to read lengthy written material that is submitted at the adoption hearing.
2. Your case will often be strengthened if you present your views in written form to the Commission at least 10 days in advance.
3. Any said written material, if more than one type-written page in length, should be prefaced by a one-page summary.

Please bear in mind that the Commission's mandate is to reach decisions on the basis of what, in its judgment, is best for fish, wildlife, and habitat statewide. Therefore, strictly localized opinions and petitions, no matter how forcefully presented, may not always be acted upon favorably by the Commission.

On the back of this sheet is an outline that may help you organize your testimony. We offer these suggestions to help you be effective and successful in your efforts before the Commission.

SUGGESTED TESTIMONY OUTLINE*

(Submit a speaker's card)

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, MY NAME IS _____.

I AM FROM _____, AND I REPRESENT _____.
(club, organization, self)

I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE TOPIC OF _____.

Summarize major points:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Facts, data, rationale and/or logic:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Specific recommendations (if not included above):

Again, brief summary of main points:

*On particularly involved and controversial subjects, the Commission may find it necessary to place a time limit on individual testimony.

Cede Time Strategy February 2, 2011 meeting

In order to save time and avoid repetitions statements, individuals are encouraged to appoint a spokesperson. Spokespersons with ceded time will be given extra time to speak.

It is expected that individual speakers will be limited to **one minute** each. Spokespersons who have received ceded time from **10** individuals will be given **2 minutes** to speak. If there are fewer speakers than expected, individuals may receive up to **3 minutes** and spokespersons with time ceded from **10** individuals may receive up to **5** minutes.

If you are the chosen spokesperson for a group, when it is your turn to provide testimony, you may state that you represent the group and ask your group members to raise their hands so that the Commission may see whom you represent.

If someone has already covered the points you intended to address, we encourage you to simply indicate your support for the position and briefly summarize your feelings.