

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Goals and Regional Objectives for the MLPA South Coast Study Region

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Refresher on Goals and Objectives

- A goal is a broad statement of intent
 - Briefly defines desired long-term vision
 - Simple to understand and communicate
 - Goals are defined in the MLPA
- Objectives are more specific statements of intent that work towards achieving a goal

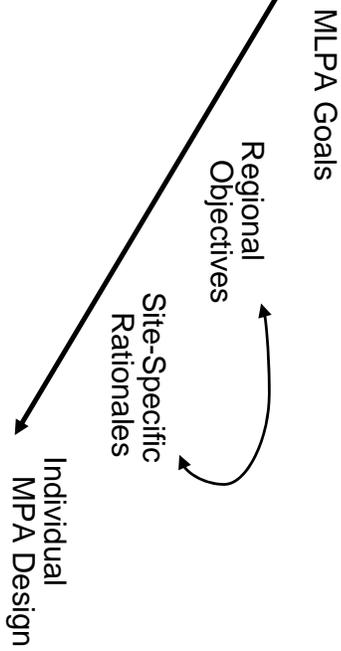
Regional Goals and Objectives

- **Regional goals** from the MLPA
 - Conservation-based goals & guidelines
 - Defines six goals for the program
- **Regional objectives** are achievable aims to accomplish MLPA goals within the study region
 - What will be accomplished, not how to go about it
 - Realistically achievable through MPA design
 - Each MPA should contribute towards regional objectives for MLPA goals
- **Today, the SCRSG will discuss and potentially adopt regional objectives for the MLPA South Coast Study Region**

Site-Specific Rationales

- Site-Specific Rationales  MPA-specific objectives
 - Simply and succinctly explain why an area is important to protect
 - Should link directly to regional objective(s)
 - May give more specific explanation of “how” this site would meet a regional objective
 - Also explains other important considerations that affect design
 - Critical record to inform future monitoring plans and management choices

Goals, Objectives and MPA Proposals



Next Steps by the SCRSG Today

- Review revisions to regional objectives for MLPA goals in the south coast (from SCRSG in November)
- Discuss revisions
- Adopt regional goals and objectives

And beyond today ...

- Begin using regional objectives to identify areas of importance
- Begin siting/designing MPAs
- Develop site-specific rationales for MPAs