

# California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

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**To:** MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team  
**From:** MLPA I-Team  
**Subject:** Summary of comments from SAT members on documents received at the December 17, 2008 SAT meeting  
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At your December 17, 2008 meeting you were provided several documents for review and MLPA I-team staff requested that you provide any comments via e-mail. This memo summarizes the comments received from SAT members on the various documents. These comments were shared with the SAT work groups for each document and were considered in revisions to documents.

## **Key and Unique Habitats in the MLPA South Coast Study Region**

1. I heard at the meeting that surfgrass and eelgrass are KEY habitats, not unique habitats. That's fine; but note the comments below nonetheless.
  - a. Wide-bladed seagrasses are *Zosera pacifica* (Coyer et al. 2008. Annals of Botany. 101(1):73-87.)
  - b. (Eel grass) Not just coastal bay; in protected areas along mainland coast and Channel Islands.
2. The hydrogen sulfide vents at White Point are not represented on the map.

## **Draft Background Information of Beach Manipulation Activities in the MLPA South Coast Study Region**

1. It's unclear whether or not the environmental impacts caused by beach nourishment activities are unique to only the open coast or do they also encompass estuarine systems?
2. Are the impacts from dredging harbors, bays, and estuaries for beach nourishment and flood control activities beyond the scope of this summary?