

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
Draft Work Session Agenda
(revised January 28, 2009)

Thursday, January 29, 2009
9:30 AM

Embassy Suites Hotel North*
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Los Angeles, CA 90045

Members of the public are invited to attend and observe the work session. This agenda and associated briefing documents (as they become available) can be found on the MLPA website at www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_sc.asp.

Work Session Objectives

- *Work groups to begin developing draft marine protected area (MPA) arrays*
 - *Start process of designing draft MPA arrays through consideration of “areas of interest” and sharing of information among South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRS) members in work group context*
 - *Consider existing MPAs in the study region and how/whether they contribute to the MLPA goals*
 - *Draw on available guidance, evaluations and information to identify possible geographies for MPAs: MPA boundaries, MPA type and potential allowed uses*
 - *Consider links to goals and regional objectives, and indicate site-specific rationales*
 - *Begin building draft MPA arrays (goal is one or two arrays per work group)*
- *Plan next steps and preparations for February 10, 2009 work session*

Work Session Agenda

Note: The stakeholder group will break for lunch at approximately 11:45 a.m.

9:00 AM Arrival, Refreshments and Greetings

9:30 AM [Plenary] Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review

9:40 AM I. [Plenary] Work Group Objectives and Relevant Guidance

A. Review Work Group Objectives and Outline Process Flow for January 29, 2009 Work Session

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.1: Guidance to Work Groups for Developing MPA Proposals in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (January 14, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT A.2: MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group Work Session #1 Process Overview PPT -- Handout

B. Review Guidance for MPA Development

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.1: Revised Draft Regional Goals and Objectives and Design and Implementation Considerations as Adopted by the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (Adopted January 14, 2009)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.2: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Criteria and Evaluation Components for MPA Proposals (Revised 12 November 2008)

BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.3: MLPA I-Team December 30, 2008 Memo Regarding California Fish and Game Commission Guidance About the Channel Islands

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- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.4:** Summary of Marine Protected Area Planning Guidelines for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Revised January 28, 2009) -- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.5:** Marine Life Protection Act (As Amended to July 2004)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.6:** Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act (As Amended to January 2006)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.7:** Update on Science Advisory Team Evaluation Methods for the MLPA South Coast Study Region PPT (Presented January 13, 2009) -- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.8:** Science Guidance on MPA Network Design Excerpted from the California Marine Life Protection Act Master Plan for Marine Protected Areas (January 2008 version)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.9:** California State Parks Guidelines for Creating Marine Managed Areas (November 18, 2008)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.10:** Summary of BRTF Policy Guidance to the Central Coast and North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Groups (December 4, 2008)
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT B.11:** Science Guidelines for Marine Protected Area Planning PPT (Presented November 19, 2008)

C. Present Updates from Recent MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team and MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Meetings

10:30 AM II. [Plenary] Existing South Coast MPAs

D. Staff Summary of Existing State MPAs

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.1:** Summary of Existing MPAs in the MLPA South Coast Study Region PPT -- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.2:** [DELETED]
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT D.3:** Staff Summary of Area and Habitats in Existing MPAs (Entire Study Region) (September 10, 2008)

E. Evaluation of Existing State MPAs

- BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.1:** California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Evaluation of Existing MPAs in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Revised January 22, 2009) -- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.2:** [DELETED] -- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.3:** State Parks Evaluation of Existing MPAs -- Handout
- BRIEFING DOCUMENT E.4:** SAT Evaluations of Existing Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (PPT Slides Presented September 15, 2008)

11:30 AM Working lunch (provided on site)

11:50 AM III. [Plenary] Geographic Areas of Importance

F. SCRSG Members Present Areas of Geographic Importance

1:00 PM IV. [Work Groups] Draft MPA Arrays

G. Begin Developing Draft MPA Arrays

- Proceed bioregion by bioregion
- Identify and discuss possible draft MPAs in spirit of “inventing without committing”; specify site-specific rationales
- Capture proposed MPA boundaries, types, and allowed uses in MarineMap

BRIEFING DOCUMENT G.1: MLPA I-Team Memo Regarding SCRSG Identified Areas of Importance by Gem Groups -- Handout

4:45 PM [Work Groups] Recap Progress and Preparations for Next Work Session

5:00 PM Adjourn