

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Overview of Draft External Marine Protected Area Proposals

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Internal and External MPA Proposals

- Internal proposals
 - Developed by MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG) cross-interest work groups
- External proposals
 - Developed by members of the public and interest groups/organizations outside of the MLPA SCRSG



External Proposals

- May inform development of marine protected area (MPA) proposals by the SCRSG
- Must meet the same criteria as proposals developed by the SCRSG
- Draft external MPA proposals were due by February 18, 2009
- Proponents of external proposals will give presentations today



Draft External Proposals Submitted

- Three complete draft external MPA proposals were submitted to the MLPA Initiative:
 - **Draft External Proposal A:** Fisherman's Information Network/Fisherman's Information Committee
 - **Draft External Proposal B:** United Anglers of Southern California
 - **Draft External Proposal C:** Santa Barbara Channelkeeper and Santa Monica Baykeeper



Basic Information Available

- From proponents:
 - Narrative rationale for draft proposal
 - Individual MPA information (in MarineMap)
 - Additional materials
- From MLPA Initiative staff:
 - Maps (hard copy, PDF, and MarineMap)
 - Summary of areas and habitats captured
 - Summary of proposed regulations
 - Area charts



Number of MPAs Comparison

- Draft External Proposal A
 - 38 MPAs in total
 - 22 SMRs, 12 SMCAs, 4 SMPs
- Draft External Proposal B
 - 50 MPAs in total
 - 18 SMRs, 22 SMCAs, 8 SMPs, 2 SMRMA
- Draft External Proposal C
 - 47 MPAs in total
 - 41 SMRs, 3 SMCAs, 3 SMPs



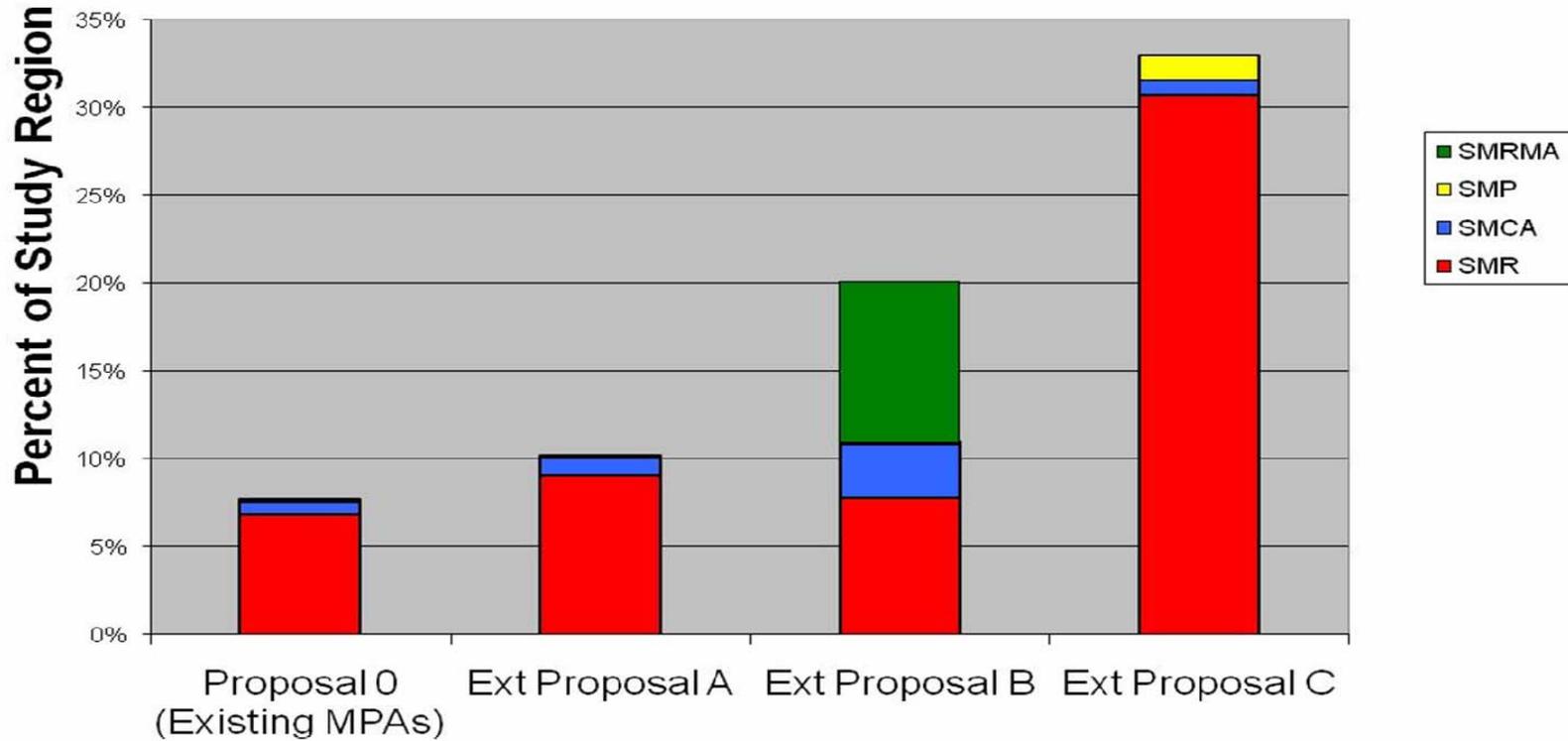
Other Considerations

- Existing MPAs within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary were included in all three draft external MPA proposals without change
- Pending military closures were not included in draft external MPA proposals, and in some cases, MPAs were proposed in military use areas
- Note that the deadline for external MPA proposals was prior to MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force guidance on military use areas and closures



Comparison of Total Areas

Comparison of Existing MPAs and Draft External Proposals in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (February 24, 2009)





Considering Draft External Proposals

- Source of ideas that inform SCRSG MPA development
- Some ideas may be adopted by gem work groups
- Draft external MPA proposals will move forward as separate proposals and will be evaluated along with SCRSG draft MPA arrays and existing MPAs (MPA Proposal 0)



Individual MPA Ideas

- Submitted via MLPA public comments
- Do not constitute complete MPA proposals
- May serve as an additional source of ideas
- Individual MPA ideas will not be evaluated