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FIC/FIN EXTERNAL PROPOSAL FOR MLPA, SOUTH COAST STUDY REGION

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Please note: Contributors mentioned above served as liaison in their local communities, clubs, and organizations. Through several harbor, community, organization, and stakeholder meetings, the voices of many stakeholders, including county/local governments, club members, organizations and individuals, were considered in drafting this proposal.

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Name of MPA Proposal: FIC/FIN External Proposal

Number and type of MPAs in MPA array: 29 SMR 2 SMP 14 SMCA 2 Military 47 Total

Narrative Rationale: This external proposal was developed in a collaborative process by the Fisheries Information Committee, representing the Fisheries Information Network (FIC/FIN), with extensive input from a wide cross section of consumptive, non-consumptive and maritime interests from ports and harbors across southern California. This proposal aims to meet the goals and objectives of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA), including protecting key and unique habitats, and address guidance received from the Science Advisory Team, California Department of Fish and Game and MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, while also attempting to reduce socio-economic impacts on south coast harbor communities. This proposal builds a strong 'backbone' network of State Marine Reserves and high protection State Marine Conservation Areas, allowing for ease of enforcement and public understanding. Also included in this proposal are retained or modified existing MPAs that serve local educational, scientific, and recreational objectives. This proposal builds on input and cross-community support from many users including commercial, recreational, and diving interests as well as harbor and south coast community representatives.

Please note that all existing North Channel Islands MPAs, although not listed here, are included in this network unchanged, as recommended by the California Fish and Game Commission. Table 1 below includes only the additional MPAs this proposal adds (new), retains or substantially modifies. This table is a brief description of the MPAs detailed information on each is included in Marine Map in the array Proposal_XA_Round2. A complete list of existing MPAs and recommended actions regarding their disposition (i.e. retain as is, modify, or eliminate) follows in Table 2 of this submittal.

TABLE 1

| MPA Name | Type (SMR, SMCA, SMP) | General MPA boundaries | Comments Questions Important Information |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Point Conception (new) | SMR | 34° 27.000' N to 120° 25.000' W from MHT line to state water boundary | Exemption language for DoD may be required |
| Campus Point (new) | SMR | 119° 53.500' W to 119° 50.640' W from MHT to state water boundary | |
| Goleta Slough (modified) | SMR | Area below MHT within Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve | State Parks appeared to not want as SMP |
| Big Sycamore Canyon (modified) | SMR | 119° 03.500' W to 119° 00.000' W from MHT to state water boundary | Replaces current SMR |
| Deer Creek (new) | SMCA | 119° 00.000' W to 118° 58.500' W from MHT to state water boundary | |
| Malibu (new) | SMR | 118° 40.000' W to 118° 37.000' W from MHT to state water boundary | |
| Point Vicente (new) | SMR | 33° 44.500' N to 118° 24.700' W from MHT to state water boundary | |
| Portuguese Bend (new) | SMCA | 118° 24.700' W to 118° 21.000' W from MHT to state water boundary | Replaces Abalone Cove SMP |
| Point Fermin (retained) | SMP | Current boundaries | |
| Bolsa Chica (retained) | SMP | Area below MHT within Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve | |
| Upper Newport Bay (modified) | SMCA | Area below MHT from south end of Shellmaker Island to North Star Beach at 33° 37.380' N (see Marine Map) | State Parks appeared not to want SMP |
| Crystal Cove (modified) | SMCA | Area below MHT and bounded by straight lines between the following points in order 33° 35.260' N/117° 52.000' W 33° 35.000' N/117° 52.000' W 33° 33.240' N/117° 49.200' W | See www.ocmarineprotection.org for information about Orange county Inter-tidal protection goals |
| Laguna (new) | SMR | 117° 48.200' W to 117° 46.300' W from MHT to state water boundary | |
| Laguna Coast (modified) | SMCA | Area below MHT and bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in order 33° 31.600' N/117° 46.300' W 33° 31.000' N/117° 46.300' W 33° 30.000' N/117° 45.000' W | See www.ocmarineprotection.org for information about Orange county Inter-tidal protection goals |

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| | | 33° 30.000' N/117° 44.660' W | |
| Dana Point (modified) | SMCA | Area below MHT and bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in order 33° 29.070' N/117° 44.040' W 33° 27.350' N/117° 43.300' W 33° 27.408' N/117° 42.270' W | See www.ocmarineprotection.org for information about Orange county Inter-tidal protection goals |
| Doheny Beach (modified) | SMCA | Area bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in order: 33° 27.70 N/117° 41.38 W. 33° 27.48 N/117° 41.39 W. 33° 27.48 N/117° 40.43 W. | |
| Batiquitos Lagoon (modified) | SMR | Area below MHT within Batiquitos Ecological Reserve to fence at 117° 18.725 W | State Parks appeared not to want SMP |
| San Elijo Lagoon (modified) | SMR | Area below MHT within San Elijo Ecological Reserve | State Parks appeared not to want SMP |
| San Dieguito Lagoon (modified) | SMR | Area below MHT within San Dieguito Ecological Reserve | JPA Board decided 2/20/09 to designate the lagoon an SMR |
| Del Mar SMR (new) | SMR | 32° 58.600' N to 32° 56.000' N from MHT to state water boundary | Beach replenishment activities vital in this area and need to continue |
| La Jolla (modified) | SMR | Area below MHT and bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in order 32° 51.860' N/117° 15.280' W 32° 51.860' N/117° 16.250' W 32° 51.220' N/117° 16.170' W 32° 51.070' N/117° 16.400' W | Squid take not needed, marked by buoys maintained by city of San Diego lifeguards |
| Sunset Cliffs (new) | SMR | Area bounded by MHT and the following lines 32° 44.800' N 117° 17.000' W 32° 43.200' N | |
| Ocean Beach (new) | SMCA | Area bounded by state water boundary and the following lines: 32° 46.000' N 117° 17.000' W 32° 43.200' N | |
| Cabrillo (modified) | SMR | Area bounded by MHT and the following lines: 32° 40.600' N 117° 15.000' W 32° 39.700' N 117° 14.300' W | Local enforcement, education, and monitoring from provided by National Park Service |
| Oneonta Slough (new) | SMR | Area below MHT within Tijuana River Ecological Reserve | |
| Blue Cavern (modified) | SMR | Area bounded by MHT and the following lines: 118° 29.300' W 33° 27.000' N 118° 27.000' W | |
| Bird Rock (new) | SMCA | Area bounded by the state water boundary and the following lines: 118° 29.300' W 33° 27.000' N 118° 27.000' W | |
| Cat Harbor (new) | SMCA | Area bounded MHT and straight lines connecting the following points 33° 25.315' N/118° 30.760' W 33° 25.300' N/118° 25.950' W | |
| Casino Point (new) | SMR | Area bounded MHT and straight lines connecting the following points in order: 33° 20.960' N/118° 19.560' W 33° 21.000' N/118° 19.520' W | Local enforcement, signage, and boundary indicators |

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| | | 33° 20.920' N/118° 19.380' W 33° 20.900' N/118° 19.430' W | |
| Lovers Cove (modified) | SMCA | Area below MHT and bounded by the following lines: 33° 20.700' N 118° 18.900' W | |
| Farnsworth Bank (retained) | SMCA | Area bounded by the following lines: 33° 21.000' N 118° 30.500' W 33° 20.000' N 118° 32.000' W | No take of purple hydrocoral |
| Military Closure Wilson Cove | N/A | Military area Wilson cove | |
| Military Closure SWAT 1 | N/A | Military Area SWAT 1 | |
| Begg Rock (new) | SMR | All area around Begg Rock from MHT to state water boundary | |

TABLE 1: Array of MPA areas excluding North Channel Islands

* See Marine Map entries for details

Notes:

- MPAs included in this external proposal are described in detail under the FICFIN user account in Marine Map.

- In light of the extraordinarily high potential socio-economic impacts to both recreational and commercial fisheries at Catalina Island, this proposal considers the Southern Island bioregion as a work in progress, still awaiting SAT and BRTF guidance on potential Navy closures at San Clemente Island, which represents significant biodiversity and kelp habitat in the bioregion. We reserve the opportunity to make modifications to MPAs around Catalina Island after the May 18th and 19th BRTF meetings.

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TABLE 2

Consideration of existing State MPAs in FIC/FIN external proposal:

Below is the recommended action to be taken with existing State MPA areas.

| MPA Name | Retained without change | Retained with boundary or regulation change | Eliminated or replaced |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Refugio SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Goleta Slough SMP | | Classify as SMR | |
| Big Sycamore Canyon SMR | | | Replaced by new Big Sycamore Cyn SMR |
| Abalone Cove SMP | | | Replaced by Portuguese Bend SMCA |
| Point Fermin SMP | Retain as is | | |
| Arrow Point to Lion Head Pt. Special Closure | | | Eliminate |
| Catalina Marine Science Center SMR | | Modify boundaries for feasibility | |
| Lovers Cove SMCA | | Modify boundaries for feasibility | |
| Farnsworth Bank SMCA | Retain as is | | |
| Bolsa Chica SMP | Retain as is | | |
| Upper Newport Bay SMP | | Modify boundaries and change designation to SMCA | |
| Robert E. Badham SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Irvine Coast SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Crystal Cove SMCA | | Modify boundaries and allowed take | |
| Heisler Park SMR | | | Replaced by Laguna SMR |
| Laguna Beach SMCA | | Modify boundaries and allowed take | |
| South Laguna Beach SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Niguel SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Dana Point SMCA | | Modify boundaries and allowed take | |
| Doheny SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Doheny Beach SMCA | | Modify boundaries and allowed take | |
| Buena Vista Lagoon SMP | | | Out of Study region |
| Agua Hedionda SMR | | | Eliminate |
| Batiquitos Lagoon SMP | | Modify boundaries to include entire estuary and change to SMR | |
| Encinitas SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| Cardiff San Elijo SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| San Elijo Lagoon SMP | | Classify as SMR – Same boundaries | |
| San Dieguito Lagoon SMP | | Classify as SMR – Same boundaries | |
| San Diego Scripps SMCA | | | Eliminate |
| La Jolla SMCA | | Classify as SMR | |
| Mia J. Tegner SMCA | | | Replaced by Cabrillo SMR |

TABLE 2: Disposition of existing MPA areas (continued)

Additional justification is provided below for retaining certain MPA areas that do not meet Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines.

Example: The boundaries of La Jolla SMCA, proposed for reclassification to SMR, are clearly defined in public educational displays that have wide acceptance in the community.



