

California MLPA North Central Coast Project
Initial External Proposal B
October 4, 2007

PROPOSAL NAME: *Initial External Proposal B: Marine Resources Protection Plan*

PROPOSAL CONTRIBUTORS: *Coastside Fishing Club, American Sportfishing Association, United Anglers of Southern California, Sportfishing Association of California, Southern California Marine Association, Nor-Cal Kayak Anglers*

FORMAT IN WHICH PROPOSED MPA BOUNDARIES WERE SUBMITTED: [Circle or mark one]

_____ MPA ARRAY IN DORIS _____ HARDCOPY MAP TO STAFF ___X___ GIS FORMAT

DIGITAL GEOSPATIAL DATA REPRESENT APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF BOUNDARIES. FOR EXACT BOUNDARIES USE MATRIX BELOW.

NUMBER AND TYPE OF MPAS IN INITIAL MPA PROPOSAL:

___8___ SMR ___1___ SMP ___6___ SMCA ___15___ Total # MPAs

NARRATIVE RATIONALE:

This is not an MPA recommendation at this time. Until important information from the SAT is received it is premature for any group to submit MPA recommendations to the process. Coastside Fishing Club and our partner organizations submit this array of MPA concepts in an effort to help the NCCRSB with the MPA planning process.

Our approach in developing this concept array of MPAs was facilitated by communication with numerous stakeholder groups, including many represented on the Regional Stakeholder Group, from the commercial and recreational fishing sectors, state and federal government, conservation and environmental groups, and many others. This process has been underway for approximately one year in an effort to fully understand how various stakeholders value California ocean resources. Without an available systematic analysis of "Areas of Importance" to commercial, recreational, and non-consumptive users, we have been forced to make assumptions regarding areas of value based on anecdotal evidence. In some instances, this same approach was used to fill gaps in geospatial data describing the ecology of the marine environment. Once the data become available we envision a review process of this MPA concept array and reserve the right to make alterations based on new evidence.

In developing this MPA concept array the SAT guideline from the Central Coast Process were applied. We understand that the current SAT is evaluating the merit of those guidelines and should the SAT guidance change we would envision this concept array would also evolve to meet the new level of scientific certainty.

Please also see cover letter appended to the end of this document.

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Provide ALL the information listed below for each individual MPA included in the initial proposal.

MPA Name	Type (SMCA, SMP, SMR)	GIS ID #	General MPA Boundaries (describe in words)	Disallowed Uses (be specific about what is not allowed in MPA)	Goals/Objectives/Design Criteria this MPA Contributes Toward
Point Arena SMR	SMR	15	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 1 Northern Bound: 39 N Southern Bound: 38 55.0 N Eastern Bound: Shoreline continuing north along -123 44.0 W north of Garcia River. SMR/SMCA Bound: -123 46.0 W	No take in SMR	G101, G102, G103, G104, G105 G202, G203, G204 G301, G303 G402 G502, G503 G601, G602 Considers all design criteria
Point Arena SMCA	SMCA	14	Northern Bound: 39 N Southern Bound: 38 55.0 N Western Bound.: 3 nm SMR/SMCA Bound: -123 46.0 W	SMCA to disallow commercial/recreational take of groundfish* (see note at bottom of table).	G101, G102, G103, G104, G105 G202, G203, G204 G301, G303 G402 G502, G503 G601, G602 Considers all design criteria
Sea Ranch SMR	SMR	12	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 2 Northern Bound: 38 42.0 N Southern Bound: 38 39.0 N Eastern Bound: Shoreline SMR/SMCA Bound: Straight line connecting 38 42.0N / -123 28.0W and 38 39.0N / -123 25.0 W.	No take in SMR	G101, G102, G103, G104, G105 G202, G203, G204 G301, G303 G402 G502, G503 G601, G602 Considers all design criteria
Sea Ranch SMCA	SMCA	11	Northern Bound: 38 42.0 N Southern Bound: 38 39.0 N Western Bound: 3 nm	SMCA to disallow commercial/recreational take of groundfish*.	G101, G102, G103, G104, G105 G202, G203, G204 G301, G303

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			SMR/SMCA Bound: Straight line connecting 38 42.0N / -123 28.0W and 38 39.0N / -123 25.0 W.		G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
Salt Point SMP	SMP	13	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 3 Northern Bound: 38 37.0 N Southern Bound: 38 33.5 N Eastern Bound: Shoreline Western Bound: Straight line connecting 38 37.0N / -123 28.0W and 38 33.5N / -123 20.0N	No commercial take	G3O1, G3O2, G3O4 G5O1, G5O2, G5O3 Considers all design criteria
Russian River SMR	SMR	10	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 4 Northern Bound: Shoreline Southern Bound: 38 26.7 N Eastern Bound: Extent of NCCSR Western Bound: -123 08.3W	No take	G1O5 G3O1, G3O2, G3O3 G4O1, G4O2 G5O2 Considers all design criteria
Bodega Head SMR	SMR	9	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 5 Northern Bound: 38 22.0 N Southern Bound: Straight line connecting 38 17.3W / -123 2.4W and 38 39.0N / -123 23.0 W and 38 14.8N / -123 5.1W (3nm limit) Eastern Bound: Shoreline SMR/SMCA: Line connecting 38 22.0N / -123 5.8W, 38 19.3N / -123 5.8W and 38 16.6N / -123 3.2N	No Take in SMR	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O3 G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
Bodega Head SMCA	SMCA	8	Northern Bound: 38 22.0 N Southern Bound: Straight line connecting 38 17.3W / -123 2.4W and 38 39.0N / -123 23.0 W and 38	SMCA to disallow commercial/recreational take of groundfish*.	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O3 G4O2

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			14.8N / -123 5.1W (3nm limit) Western Bound: 3nm SMR/SMCA: Line connecting 38 22.0N / -123 5.8W, 38 19.3N / -123 5.8W and 38 16.6N / -123 3.2N		G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
Point Reyes SMR	SMR	2	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 6 Northern Bound: 38 00.0 N; shoreline Southern Bound: 3nm Eastern Bound: -122 56.5W Western Bound: 3nm SMR/SMCA: West bound 38 00.0N / -123 02.0W to 37 59.1N / -123 02.0W; East bound 38 00.0N / -123 02.0W to 38 00.0N / -122 57.4W; south bound 37 59.1N	No take in SMR	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O2, G3O3 G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
Point Reyes SMCA	SMCA	3	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 6 Northern Bound: 38 00.0 N; shoreline Southern Bound: 3nm Eastern Bound: -122 56.5W Western Bound: 3nm SMR/SMCA: West bound 38 00.0N / -123 02.0W to 37 59.1N / -123 02.0W; East bound 38 00.0N / -123 02.0W to 38 00.0N / -122 57.4W; south bound 37 59.1N	SMCA to disallow commercial and recreational groundfish*; commercial anchovy and sardine.	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O2, G3O3 G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
Drakes Estero SMCA	SMCA (SMR)	1	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 7	No take (except oyster farming until 2012)	G1O1, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3

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			Encompasses Drakes Estero and Estero de Limantour.		G3O1, G3O2, G3O3 G4O1 G5O2 Considers all design criteria
Fitzgerald SMR	SMR	7	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 8 Northern Bound: 37 35.6N Southern Bound: 37 29.7 N Eastern Bound: Shoreline SMR/SMCA: North bound 37 33.5N; West bound -122 32.3W; south bound 37 29.7N	No take in SMR	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O3 G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
Fitzgerald SMCA	SMCA	6	Northern Bound: 37 35.6N Southern Bound: 37 29.7 N Western Bound: 3nm SMR/SMCA: North bound 37 33.5N; West bound -122 32.3W; south bound 37 29.7N	SMCA to disallow commercial and recreational groundfish*; commercial anchovy and sardine.	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O3 G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
South East Farallon Island SMR	SMR	4	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 9 Northern Bound: 37 42.0N Southern Bound: 3nm Eastern Bound: -123 00.0W Western Bound: 3nm SMR bound: North bound 37 42.0N; South bound 37 40.5N; West bound -123 02.0W; East bound -123 00.0W	No take in SMR	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4, G1O5 G2O2, G2O3, G2O4 G3O1, G3O2, G3O3 G4O1, G4O2 G5O2, G5O3 G6O1, G6O2 Considers all design criteria
South East	SMCA	5	See submitted GIS package; Fig. 9	SMCA to disallow commercial	G1O1, G1O2, G1O3, G1O4,

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Farallon Island SMCA			Northern Bound: 37 42.0N Southern Bound: 3nm Eastern Bound: -123 00.0W Western Bound: 3nm SMR bound: North bound 37 42.0N; South bound 37 40.5N; West bound -123 02.0W; East bound -123 00.0W	and recreational groundfish*;	G105 G202, G203, G204 G301, G302, G303 G401, G402 G502, G503 G601, G602 Considers all design criteria

* Groundfish includes "rockfish" and "roundfish" as identified by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council Groundfish Management Plan. A list of these species can be found on page 14 of the Fisheries Management Plan (<http://www.pcouncil.org/groundfish/gffmp/fmpthru19.pdf>)

Consideration of Existing State MPAs

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Please indicate how each of the following existing MLPA North Central Coast MPAs are considered within your initial MPA proposal.

Existing MPA	Included Without Changes (proposed to be retained)	Included with Boundary or Regulation Change (proposed to be modified)	Not Included (proposed for elimination)
Manchester and Arena Rock SMCA		A portion may be included in the Point Arena SMR/SMCA complex.	
Del Mar Landing SMP			Not included
Salt Point SMCA		Included in Salt Point Concept.	
Gerstle Cove SMCA		Included in Salt Point Concept.	
Fort Ross SMCA			Not included
Tomales Bay SMP			Not included
Point Reyes SMCA		Included in Point Reyes concept.	
Estero de Limantour SMCA		Included in Drakes Estero concept.	
Duxbury Reef SMCA			Not included
Sonoma Coast SMCA		Included in Bodega Head concept.	
Bodega SMR		Included in Bodega Head concept.	
Fitzgerald SMP		Included in Fitzgerald concept.	
Farallon Islands SMCA		Included in Farallon Islands concept.	

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On behalf of a coalition of the following groups, *Coastside Fishing Club, American Sportfishing Association, Nor-Cal Kayak Anglers, Sportfishing Association of California, Southern California Marine Association, and United Anglers of Southern California*, we submit the following attached “**Marine Resources Protection Plan**” for consideration in Phase two of the MLPAL.

The “**Marine Resources Protection Plan**” is a well founded and scientifically based approach to protect our ocean resources while preserving fishing opportunities for current and future generations of Californians. We are confident that this alternative will achieve high conservation marks upon evaluation by the SAT, and will be seen by all as a proposal that creates a unique win-win situation for all involved.

We and our coalition partners continue to work within Phase two of the RSG process to develop alternative proposals that we can support as well, but believe the “**Marine Resources Protection Plan**” alternative will significantly add to the quality of the proposals considered by the Blue Ribbon Task Force. We proudly submit it for consideration and welcome any comments and questions.

Signed,

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