

California's Marine Life Protection Act Initiative presents...



South Coast Summer Public Open Houses

*June 29 and 30, and July 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) requires the state to examine and redesign California's system of marine protected areas. Come to these open houses anytime each evening to visit informational stations, review and comment on draft marine protected area proposals, provide input on particular areas of interest and ask questions of staff and regional stakeholders.

All are welcome to attend*. Drop by anytime between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.!

Monday, June 29

Hilton Garden Inn
6450 Carlsbad Blvd.
Carlsbad, CA 92011
Free parking

Tuesday, June 30

Marina Village Conference Ctr.
1936 Quivira Way
San Diego, CA 92109
Free parking

Wednesday, July 1

Aliso Creek Inn
31106 S. Coast Hwy.
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
Free parking

Monday July 6

Simons Banquet Center
Ports O' Call Village, Berth 80
1050 Nagoya Way
San Pedro, CA 90731
Free parking

Tuesday, July 7

Marina del Rey Hotel
13534 Bali Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Free parking

Wednesday, July 8

Residence Inn
2101 W. Vineyard Ave.
Oxnard, CA 93036
Free parking

Thursday, July 9

Fess Parker's Doubletree
633 E. Cabrillo Blvd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
\$2 parking fee

Monday, July 13

Catalina Island
Location TBD

The success of the MLPA Initiative is dependent upon the active involvement of the public. Visit an open house and share your ideas!

*Opportunities for the non-English speaking public to provide input will also be made available

***For more information, please contact the MLPA Initiative at
916-654-1885 or visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa***



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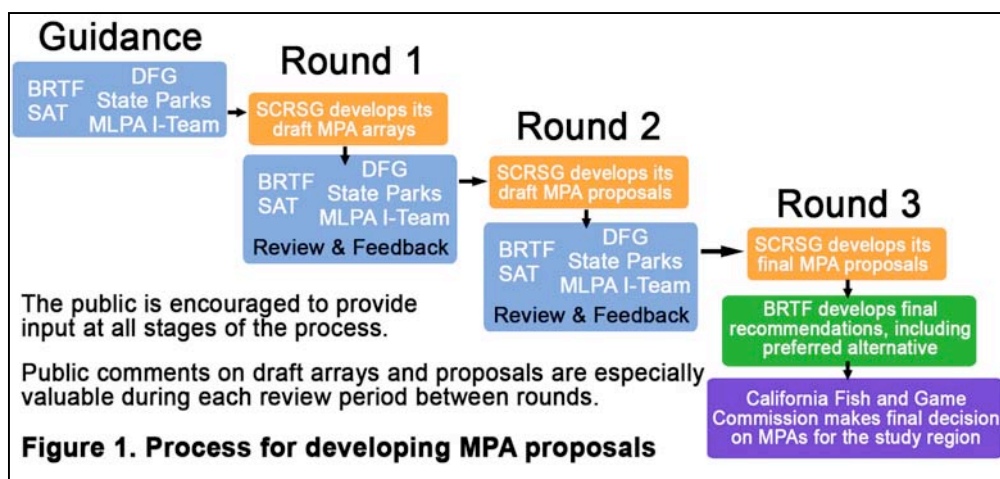
South Coast Project (2008-2009)

What is the format of the public open houses?

They are informal and do not require that you attend the entire three hours. Rather, informational stations are set up where you can move around at your leisure to view maps, receive written materials, ask questions of staff or regional stakeholder group members who helped develop the marine protected area (MPA) proposals, and submit your own ideas or suggestions for how to improve the proposals.

What is the process for developing marine protected area (MPA) proposals within the MLPA South Coast Study Region?

The MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRS) develops alternative MPA proposals during three "rounds" of development and feedback. During each round of planning, the alternative MPA proposals are evaluated by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT), California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), and MLPA Initiative staff. In addition, guidance is provided by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), which will develop a final set of recommendations in October 2009 and then present them to the California Fish and Game Commission.



The public has an opportunity to provide input during each round. The public comments on draft arrays and proposals are especially valuable during each review period between rounds.

Where is the SCRS in the MPA development process for the south coast study region?

Potential MPA proposals for the study region are now in Round 2 and have been submitted for various evaluations. The results of these evaluations and public comment (including comments received at the public open houses) will help inform the process of developing Round 3 proposals, which will begin on August 4, 2009. Ultimately, Round 3 proposals will be delivered to the BRTF, the group overseeing this process, in October 2009. Final recommendations are then developed by the BRTF to advance to the California Fish and Game Commission in December 2009.

What if I can't attend one of the public open houses?

If you are not able to attend, you may also provide your feedback by sending a message to MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov or by mail to MLPA Initiative, c/o California Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento, CA 95814. Your comments will be most helpful if received no later than July 19, 2009 so that they can be distributed to the SCRS and BRTF members prior to the start of Round 3.