

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force Motion for an Integrated Preferred Alternative as Adopted as November 10, 2009 Meeting

Motion made by Meg Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Jane Pisano

Motion passed 5-0

On November 10, 2009¹, the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) unanimously approved a motion to forward the MLPA South Coast Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA) marine protected area proposal, as the preferred alternative for the MLPA South Coast Study Region. The IPA, along with the three regional stakeholder group MPA proposals will be forwarded to the California Fish and Game Commission for consideration.

This document summarizes the MPAs that were identified within the BRTF motion to be included in the IPA, includes a table showing the source and regulations of the adopted MPAs, as well additional guidance the BRTF provided as part of the motion.

The motion put forth by the BRTF is to include in the integrated preferred alternative:

- All “common MPAs”² without change, unless otherwise noted below
- Naples SMCA, with the following changes:
 - Add additional allowed use: recreational take of white seabass by spear
 - Add language: This MPA is not intended to restrict use/maintenance of pipelines associated with abalone farm in this location.
- Point Dume SMR/SMCA from Option 1 from the initial options identified by the BRTF during the meeting on October 22, with the following changes:
 - Adjust SMR/SMCA boundary to the west, to conform with river mouth landmark
 - Remove allowed use: commercial take of market squid by dip net
- Palos Verdes SMR/SMCA from Option 2
- Laguna SMCA/SMR/SMCA from Option 2, with the following change:
 - Move northern boundary of SMR to conform with prominent rock feature, and adjust adjacent SMCA boundary.
- San Diego MPAs from Option 2, with the following changes:
 - Additional allowed uses in Swami’s SMCA: recreational take of white seabass by spear AND recreational take of bonito by spear
 - Remove allowed use in San Diego Scripps SMCA: recreational take of coastal pelagic finfish by dip net
 - Additional allowed use in South La Jolla SMCA: recreational take of pelagic finfish, tunas, marlin, bonito and dorado by hook and line

¹ The November 10 meeting was a continuation of a four-day BRTF meeting, which began on October 20, 2009. November 10 was the day the BRTF selected an integrated preferred alternative; however, the BRTF adopted a motion on October 22, 2009 to forward the three regional stakeholder group proposals.

² Prior to Nov. 10, the BRTF identified several areas within the study region where general agreement for MPA configuration had been tentatively reached. MPAs in these areas were referred to as “common MPAs” in documents prepared for Nov. 10, 2009.

- Modified boundary in Tijuana SMCA: extend southern boundary to U.S.-Mexico border
- Farnsworth SMCA, with the following changed:
 - Divide into an onshore/offshore SMCA complex, with the straight boundary that captures the 50 meter contour line within the onshore SMCA in response to DFG feasibility guidelines
 - In offshore SMCA, add the allowed use: recreational take of pelagic finfish, tunas, marlin, bonito and dorado by hook and line
 - Add language to offshore SMCA: “ To minimize anchor damage on purple coral at the Farnsworth Bank: 1) recommend that DFG study the feasibility of installing a mooring system capable of handling commercial diving and fishing boats, and 2) if it is feasible, install said system and at that time institute a no-anchoring provision for the Farnsworth Bank

In addition, the BRTF included the following recommendations to accompany the preferred alternative:

- First, to encourage a formal naming process, which both the parks commission and the fish and game commission have for exploring the use of Native American names that have been put forward for many of the shapes that are included in the recommendation; it is beyond the mission of the BRTF to engage in that naming process.
- Secondly, to harmonize the MPA goals and objectives with the actual regulations that have been moved forward and that it be done within 10 days.
- It is not the BRTF’s intent to limit boating in any of the MPAs.
- The BRTF intends to include the lawful operation of municipal facilities within these MPAs.
- Also recommend that MOUs be used between the various enforcement and managerial agencies, both those that already exist in this entire region, with the departments of Fish and Game and State Parks; there is incredible potential there. It has been shown to work in the Channel Islands and there is good will and experience here in this region.

Source of Boundaries and Proposed Regulations for the South Coast Integrated Preferred Alternative MPA Proposal

Individual MPAs and MPA Clusters	Source of Boundaries*	Proposed Take Regulations
Point Conception SMR	P1	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (All)
Kashtayit SMP	P1	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited EXCEPT: the recreational take of finfish, invertebrates except for rock scallops and mussels, and the harvest of giant kelp by hand. (Proposal 1 modified)
Naples SMCA	P1	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of Pelagic finfish and White seabass (spear). 2. Commercial take of Giant kelp (hand harvest & mechanical harvest). (Proposal 1 modified)
Campus Point SMR	P2, P3	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P2, P3)
Goleta Slough SMR	P1, P2, P3	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (All)
Point Dume SMCA/SMR	P1 modified-SMCA/SMR boundary moved west	SMCA: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of Pelagic finfish, Pacific bonito, and White seabass (spear). 2. Commercial take of Coastal pelagic finfish and Market squid (pelagic round haul nets) and Swordfish (harpoon). SMR: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (Proposal 1 modified)
Point Vicente SMR/ Abalone Cove SMCA	P2	SMR: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. SMCA: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of Pelagic finfish, Pacific bonito, and White seabass (spear) and Market squid (Dip net). 2. Commercial take of Pacific bonito, Coastal pelagic finfish, and Market squid (pelagic round haul nets), Market squid (dip net), and Swordfish (harpoon). (P2)
Bolsa Chica SMCA/SMR	P1 modified-split into SMCA/SMR complex	SMCA: The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational take of Shore fishing (any target) by hook and line. SMR: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (Proposal 1 modified)

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Upper Newport Bay SMCA	P2	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational take of Shore fishing (any target) by hook & line and Finfish (hook & line). (P2)
Crystal Cove SMCA Laguna SMR Dana Point SMCA	P1 modified- Laguna SMR moved south	SMCAs: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of Lobster (hoop net & diving), Urchin (diving), and Finfish (hook & line, Spear). 2. Commercial take of Lobster (Trap), Urchin (Diving), Coastal pelagic finfish & Market squid (Pelagic round haul nets). SMR is: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (Proposal 1 modified)
Batiquitos SMR	P1	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P1)
Swami's SMCA	P3	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational take of Pelagic finfish, White seabass & bonito (spear). (P3 modified)
San Elijo Lagoon SMR	P1, P3	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P1, P3)
San Diego-Scripps Coastal SMCA/ Matlahuayl SMR	P3	SMCA: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except recreational take of Coastal pelagic finfish (hook & line) SMR: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P3 modified)
South La Jolla SMCA/SMR	P1 modified- new SMCA extended to state waters, original SMCA/SMR combined to SMR and north boundary brought south	SMCA: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational take of Pelagic finfish, Pacific bonito, Marlin, tunas, and dorado (hook & line). SMR: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (Proposal 1 modified)
Famosa Slough SMR	P2	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P1 and P2)

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Cabrillo SMR	P1, P2	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (All)
Tijuana River Mouth SMCA	P1 modified-southern boundary extended to Mexico border	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of Coastal pelagic finfish (dip net) 2. Commercial take of Coastal pelagic finfish (pelagic round haul nets). (Proposal 1)
Arrow Point to Lion Head Point SMCA	Existing closure modified (designation)	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of marine aquatic plants and fishes. 2. All commercial take is allowed, though other species and gear restrictions apply. (existing closure)
Bird Rock SMCA/ Blue Cavern SMR	P2 modified-SMR/SMCA boundary adjusted north to include Bird Rock in the SMR	SMCA: The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The Recreational take of Pelagic finfish, Pacific bonito, & White seabass (spear), Pelagic finfish (hook & line), and Market squid (dip net). 2. Commercial take of Pelagic finfish (hook & line) and Swordfish (harpoon). SMR: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P2 modified)
Long Point SMR	P3	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P1 and P3)
Cat Harbor SMCA	P1	SMCA: The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. Recreational take of Lobster (hoop line and diving), Urchin (diving), Finfish (hook & line and spear), and squid (jigging). 2. The commercial take of Sea cucumber and Urchin (diving) and Lobster (trap). In addition allow mariculture for White seabass and Yellow Tail. (P1 modified)

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Farnsworth Onshore SMCA/ Farnsworth Offshore SMCA	P1 modified-split into 2 SMCAs at 50 m contour line	<p>Onshore SMCA: The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recreational take of Pelagic finfish, bonito and White Seabass (spear), Market squid (dip net), and Marlin, tunas, and dorado by Trolling (hook & line). 2. Commercial take of Coastal pelagic finfish and Market squid (Pelagic round haul nets) and Swordfish (Harpoon). <p>Offshore SMCA: The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recreational take of Pelagic finfish, Pacific bonito, and White seabass (spear), Market squid (dip net), Marlin, tunas, and dorado by Trolling (hook & line), and tunas, marlin, bonito, dorado and pelagic finfish (hook & line). 2. Commercial take of Coastal pelagic finfish by Pelagic round haul nets; Market squid by Pelagic round haul nets; and Swordfish by Harpoon. (P1 modified)
Casino Point SMR	P2	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P2)
Lover's Cove SMCA	P1, P2	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational take of Pier fishing (any target) by hook & line. (P1, P2)
Begg Rock SMR	P1, P2	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. (P1, P2)
San Clemente Military Closure 1	P1, P2, P3	Managed and enforced by the U.S. Navy as a federal Safety Zone, this area will be restricted to military training only. Due to access restrictions resulting from the Safety Zone, the marine environments will not be exposed to any take other than that resulting from military training operations. (All)
San Clemente Military Closure 2	P1, P2, P3	Managed and enforced by the U.S. Navy as a federal Safety Zone, this area will be restricted to military training only. Due to access restrictions resulting from the Safety Zone, the marine environments will not be exposed to any take other than that resulting from military training operations. (All)
+13 Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary existing MPAs		

* Note: P1 = SCRSG MPA Proposal 1 P2 = SCRSG MPA Proposal 2 P3 = SCRSG MPA Proposal 3