Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

- 8-member Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF)
- 55-member Regional Stakeholder Group
  - (RSG) (32 primary and 23 alternate representatives)
- 17-member Science Advisory Team (SAT)
- 17-member Initiative Team staff
- 26-member Statewide Interest Group (SIG)
Major Products

- **Master Plan Framework**
  - Process for designing alternative proposals for MPA network components
  - Considerations in the design of MPAs
    - Management
    - Enforcement
    - Monitoring

- **Regional Profile**
  - Habitat descriptions
  - Oceanographic features
  - Land-sea interactions
  - Coastal communities
  - Recreational and commercial fisheries and aquaculture
  - Jurisdiction and management
Major Products (continued)

• Regional goals and objectives
• List of species most likely to benefit from MPAs
• Ecotrust commercial fisheries effort study
• Non-extractive recreational use study
• Individual objectives for MPAs
• Development of alternative packages of MPAs
Regional Stakeholder Group

- Recreational fisheries
  - Howard Egan
  - Dave Edlund
  - Eric Endersby
  - Bob Hather
  - Tom Mattusch
  - Darby Neil
  - Art Seavey

- Commercial fisheries
  - Tom Capen
  - David Crabbe
  - Ray Fields
  - Neil Guglielmo
  - Tom Hafer
  - Jeremiah O’Brien
  - Mike Ricketts
Regional Stakeholder Group (cont.)

- Port and harbor districts
  - Rick Algert
  - Steve Scheiblauer
- State and federal agencies
  - Ellen Faurot-Daniels
  - Holly Price
- Conservation
  - D’Anne Albers
  - Kaitilin Gaffney
  - Gordon Hensley
  - Marla Morrisey
  - Milos Radakovich
  - Walter Schobel
- Research and education
  - Don Canestro
  - John Pearse
- Non-extractive recreation
  - Michelle Knight
  - Jesus Ruiz
  - John Wolfe
- Other
  - Kris Lindstrom
  - Ron Massengill
  - Robin Robinson
Progress to date

- 7 meetings of the RSG
- 7 meetings of the BRTF
- 10 meetings of the SAT
- 6 meetings of the SIG
- 1000s of hours or communication, data acquisition, and data analysis
- Development of work products
December 2005

• CCRSG finalizes packages and objectives for individual MPAs
  – December 15, 2005, 8:00 AM deadline
    • Final candidate MPA internal/external packages
    • Final individual MPA objectives
• Completed packages posted to web for comment
• Staff and SAT analyses of packages
January - February 2006

- SAT meets January 20 to review final packages
- Staff incorporates SAT evaluations into its analyses and posts information to website
- BRTF meets Jan. 31-Feb. 1 to consider packages, evaluations, and hear public comment
- BRTF guidance for revisions posted; public comment invited
- As directed by BRTF, staff may work with stakeholders and SAT to refine packages
March 2006

- SAT meets March 2 for further evaluations
- Staff incorporates SAT evaluations, public comment and other information into options for BRTF action
- BRTF meets March 14-15 to make its recommendation to DFG
- BRTF decision posted to web
April 2006 and thereafter

- DFG considers recommendation from BRTF, makes a decision on a preferred alternative, and forwards recommendation to the Fish and Game Commission in May 2006
- CEQA analysis begins
- Fish and Game Commission receives the DFG recommendation and begins public hearings
- Possible commission action late in 2006
Public comments and information

• Public comment:
  – mlpacomments@resources.ca.gov

• MLPA website:
  – www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa