



Marine Life Protection Act

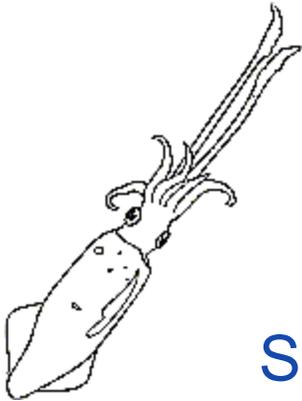
Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Update

**Monterey Bay National Marine
Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting**

April 21, 2011

Monterey, CA

Susan Ashcraft, Department of Fish & Game





Overview



Statewide Update

- ✧ MPA Information and Outreach
- ✧ Monitoring



Regional MPAs Update



MPAs and Fisheries Integration Workshop



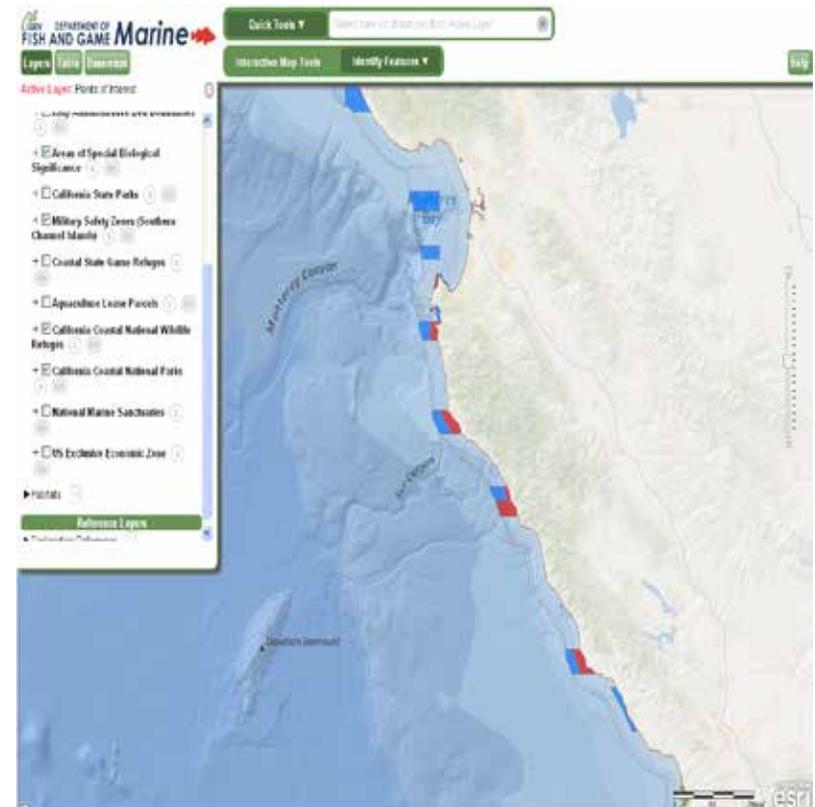


Outreach and Education

 Focus: regulatory information

- ✧ Website
- ✧ Mobile MPA site
- ✧ Regional MPA guides
- ✧ Fishing regulations booklets

 Introducing: *MarineBIOS*





Outreach and Education



Vital Partnerships

- ✧ Enforcement
- ✧ Agencies (State, Federal, City & County)
- ✧ Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation - MOU pending



Under Development:

- ✧ Long-term statewide strategy
- ✧ Partnership guidelines
- ✧ Plans for External Advisory Group



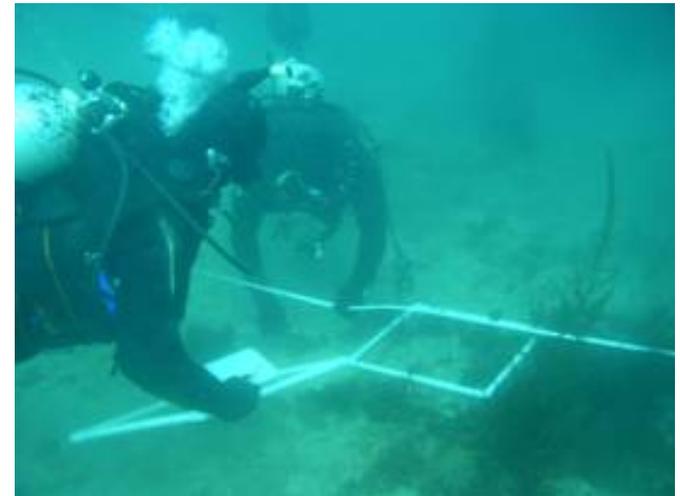


MPA Monitoring



Monitoring Plans - Ecosystem focus

- ✧ Central Coast-Analyzing data
- ✧ North Central-Collecting data
- ✧ South Coast-Collecting data*
- ✧ North Coast-Planned for late 2012
- ✧ Statewide to be determined





Central Coast MPAs



5 year anniversary - Fall 2012

- ✧ 5 year review planning
- ✧ Analysis of baseline data
- ✧ Public Symposium (early 2013)
- ✧ Formal review process - Fish and Game Commission (late 2013)
- ✧ MPA management next steps





North Central Coast MPAs

-  Increased outreach and education efforts
-  Broader distribution of existing outreach materials
-  Baseline data collection still on-going



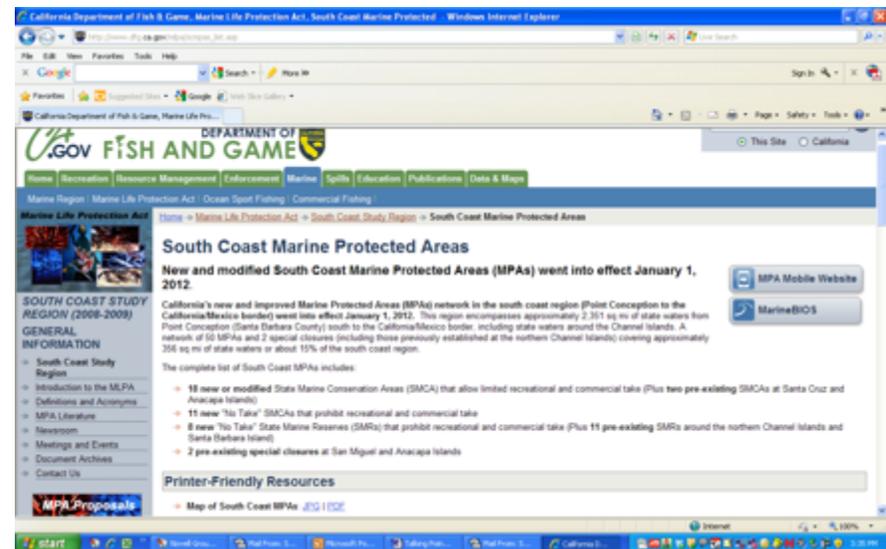


South Coast MPAs

 Effective January 1, 2012

 Department Products:

- ✧ New MPA information online in advance
- ✧ Mobile MPA site updated January 3
- ✧ *Notice flyer* posted & distributed
- ✧ Regulations booklets
- ✧ Soon: South Coast MPA booklet

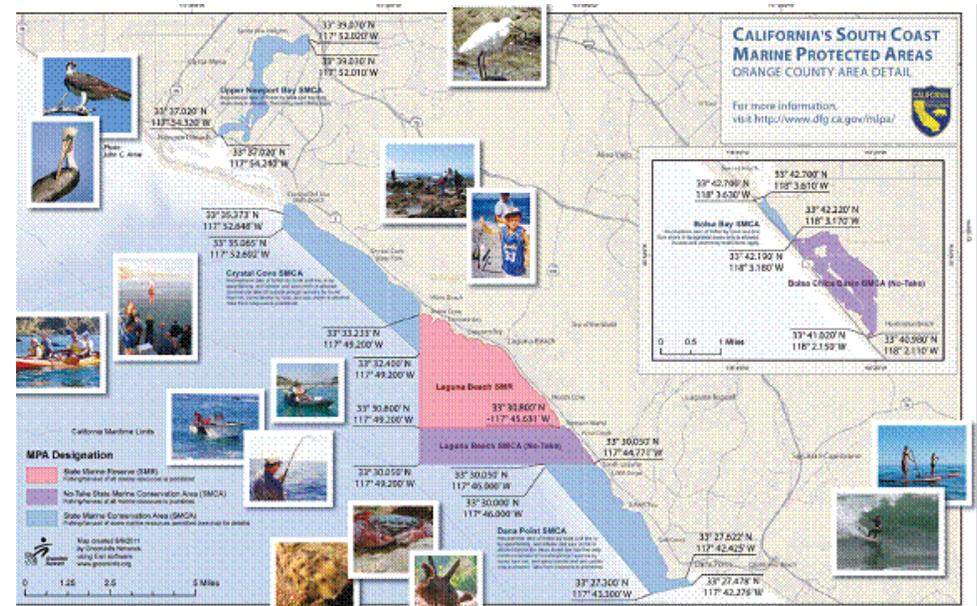




South Coast MPAs (cont)

Partnership Collaborations

- ✧ Channel Islands NMS Partner agencies
- ✧ NGO consortium and local county agencies
- ✧ County-specific MPA tri-fold brochures





South Coast MPAs (cont)

-  Targeted Outreach
 - ✧ Local governments
 - ✧ Sportfishing community
 - ✧ Commercial lobster fishery
-  Enforcement is keeping busy
-  Some challenges with misinformation





North Coast MPAs

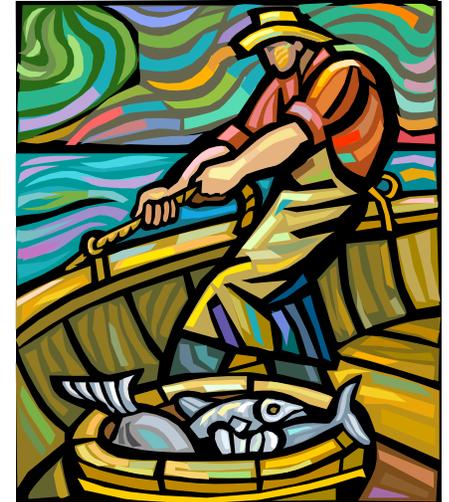


-  Proposed regulations process underway
-  Draft EIR:
 - ✧ Early March release
 - ✧ 45 day comment period
-  April: Discussion
-  June: Adoption
-  Monitoring to start mid-2012



MPAs and Fisheries Integration

-  March 2011: DFG-convened workshop
-  22 scientists participated
-  Key questions:
 - ✧ *Expected biological effects of MPAs on California marine fisheries?*
 - ✧ *Can MPAs be incorporated into stock management?*
 - ✧ *Should fisheries management strategies change in response to a network of MPAs?*
-  Report available:
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/mfig.asp>





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