



Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



Progress in MLPA Planning & Implementation

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MLPA Regional Program Phases

- Central Coast (CC): Monitoring
- North Central Coast (NCC): Implementation and Monitoring
- South Coast (SC): Adoption
- North Coast (NC): Planning
- San Francisco Bay: Future



Central Coast Monitoring

- First year of CC baseline data collection summarized in Sea Grant report:
 1. Kelp Forest Ecosystems
 2. Rocky Intertidal
 3. Deep Demersal
 4. Collaborative Fishing Surveys
 5. Socioeconomic Surveys



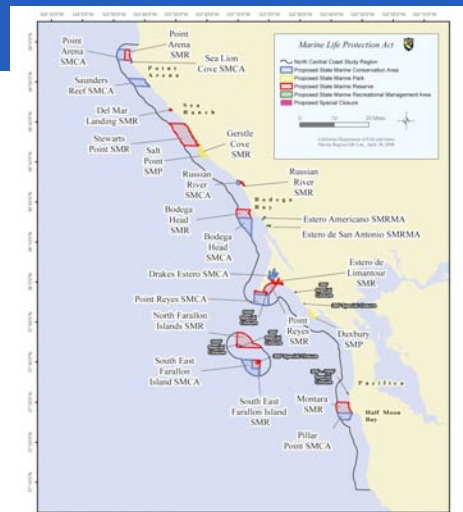
Central Coast Monitoring

- Additional CC baseline conducted by DFG including:
 1. ROV Surveys
 2. Nearshore Fish Trapping
 3. Spot Prawn Surveys
(Portuguese Ledge & Soquel Canyon SMCAs)
 4. Population & movement surveys
(Carmel Pinnacles SMR)



North Central Coast Implementation

- NCC MPAs adopted by the Commission in August 2009
 - 24 MPAs
 - 8 Special Closures
 1. (5 mainland;
 2. 3 at Farallon Islands)
- Regulations expected to become effective April 1, 2010



North Central Coast Study Region

Integrated Preferred Alternative

This marine protected area (MPA) proposal was unanimously selected on April 23, 2008 by the MPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) as its preferred alternative and is being submitted to the California Fish and Game Commission (CFG) for consideration. This proposal integrates elements from three proposals developed by the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCSRG) (proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6). These NCCSRG proposals will also be forwarded in their entirety to the CFG for consideration. Further information on each MPA proposal can be found in the associated text document with the same MPA proposal name.





North Central Coast Outreach Plans

1. Regional MPA regulations booklet
2. Fold-out maps
3. Temporary signage
4. Flyers (for harbors, processors, launch ramps)
5. Online clickable map
6. Statewide MPAs Regulations Digest (in progress)
7. Long term statewide signage plan (under development)



North Central Coast Monitoring Plan

- A peer reviewed Draft NCC Monitoring Plan was released for public comment on November 10, 2009
- A revised NCC Monitoring Plan was submitted to the Fish & Game Commission on February 3, 2010
- A copy of the draft plan is available at:
http://www.calost.org/monitoring_ent.html#Draft



North Central Coast Monitoring

- \$3.7 million through OPC for baseline monitoring in NCC
- Proposals already submitted - Announcement of projects awarded expected before MPAs go into effect (by April 1, 2010)
- Awarded projects will be posted on the Sea Grant website: www.csgc.ucsd.edu



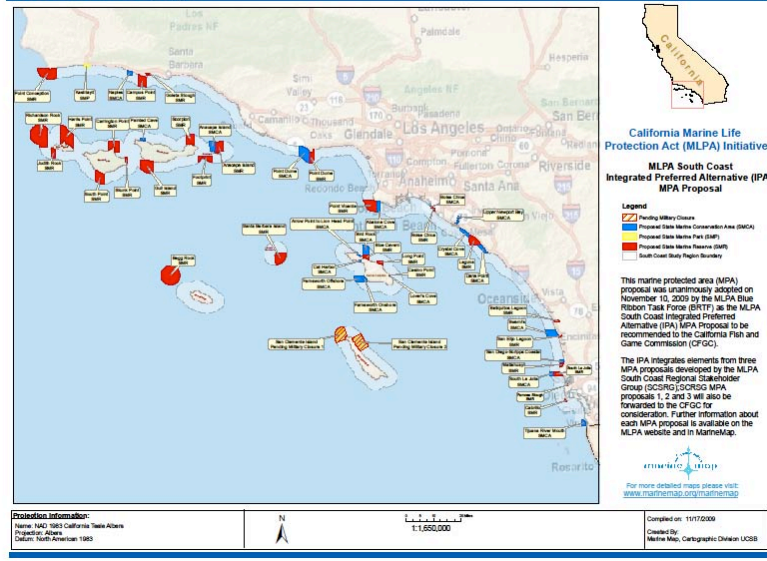
South Coast Planning: Complete

- Sep 2009: Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG) finalized three proposals
- Oct - Nov 2009: BRTF created an Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA)
 - Includes elements of all 3 RSG proposals
 - All proposals forwarded to Commission
- December 2009: Commission chose the IPA to initiate south coast CEQA and regulatory process (now underway)

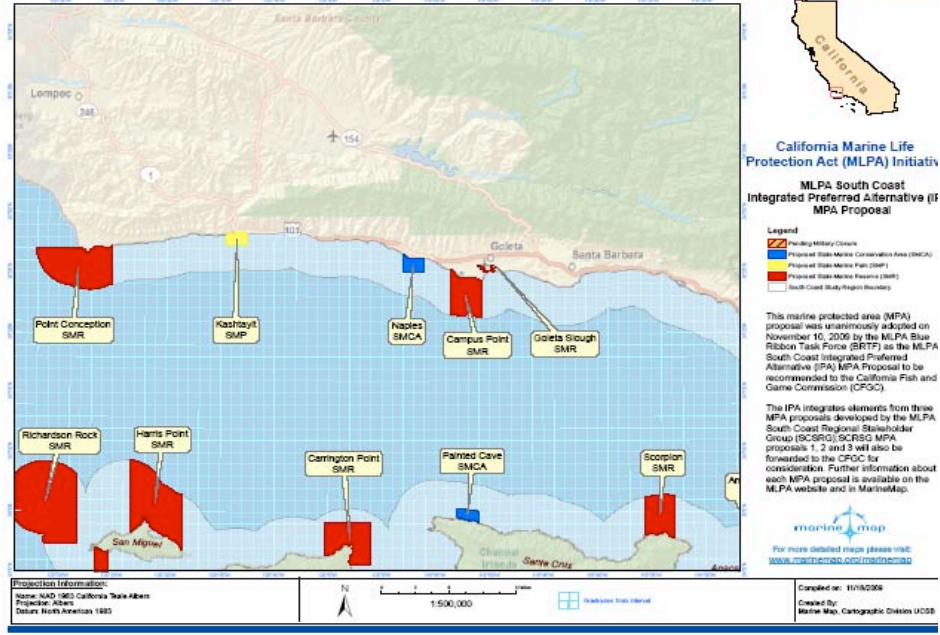


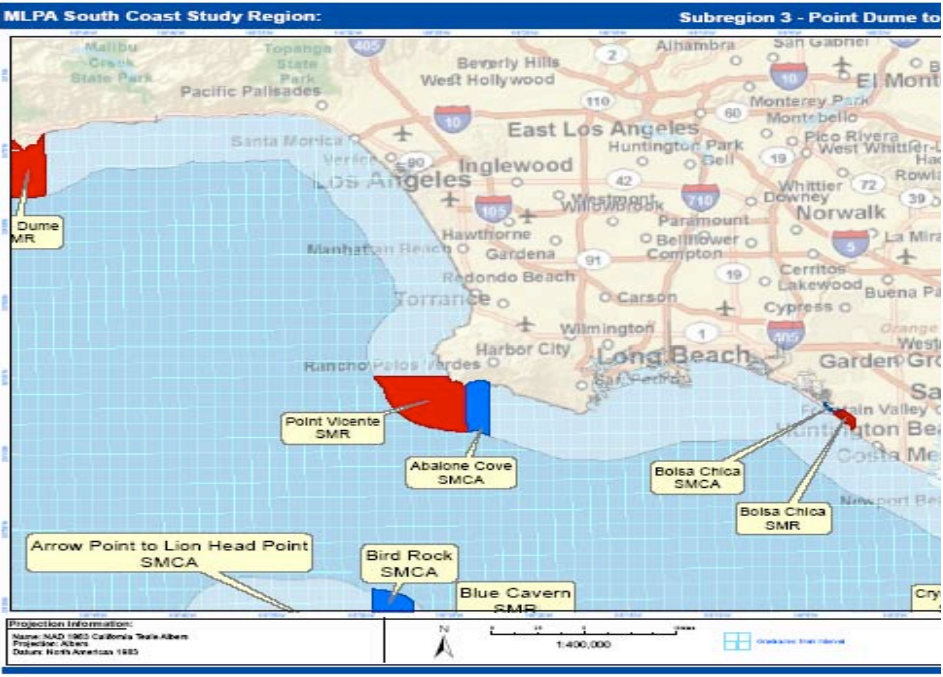
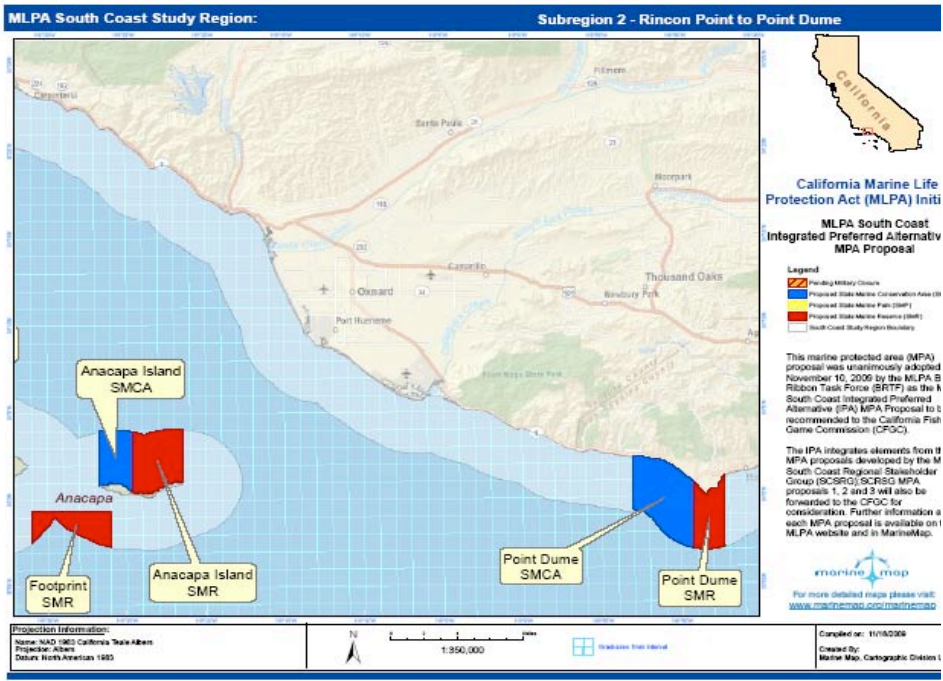
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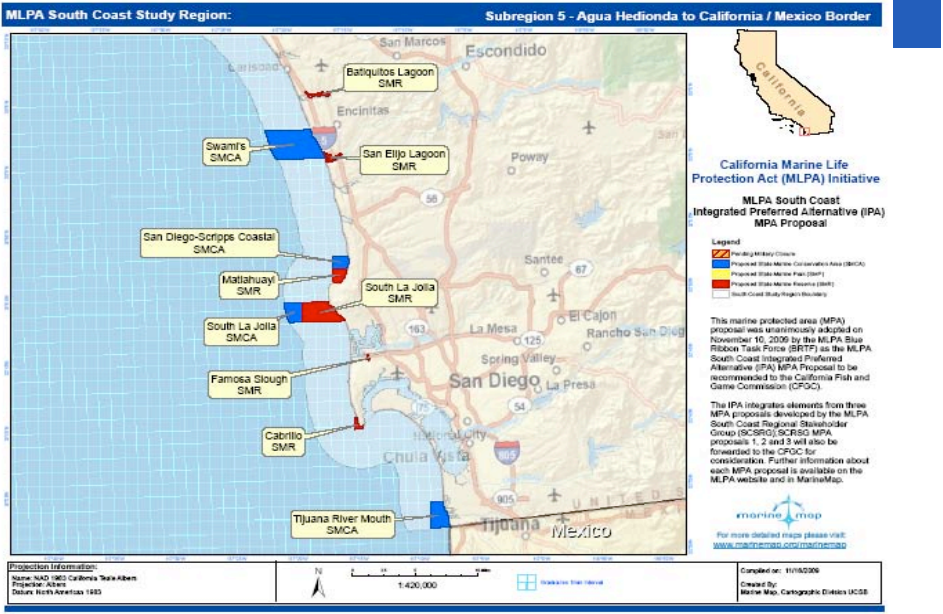
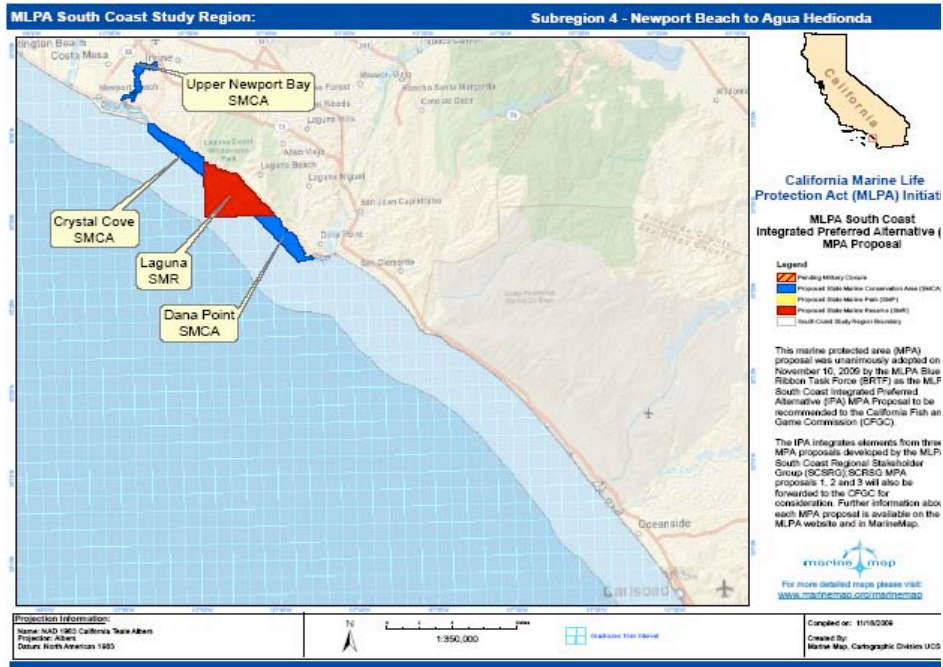
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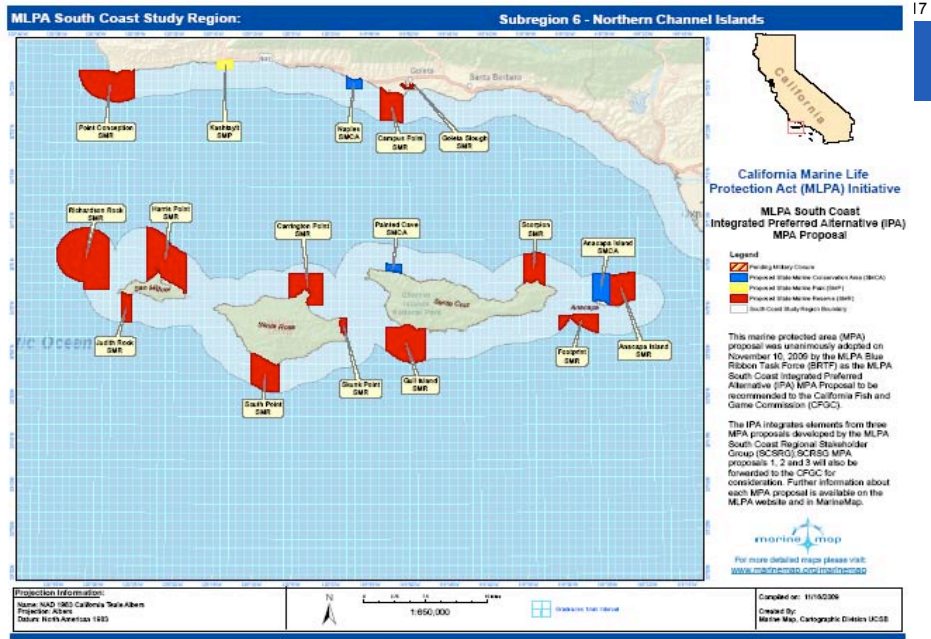


MLPA South Coast Study Region: Subregion 1 - Government Point to Rincon Point

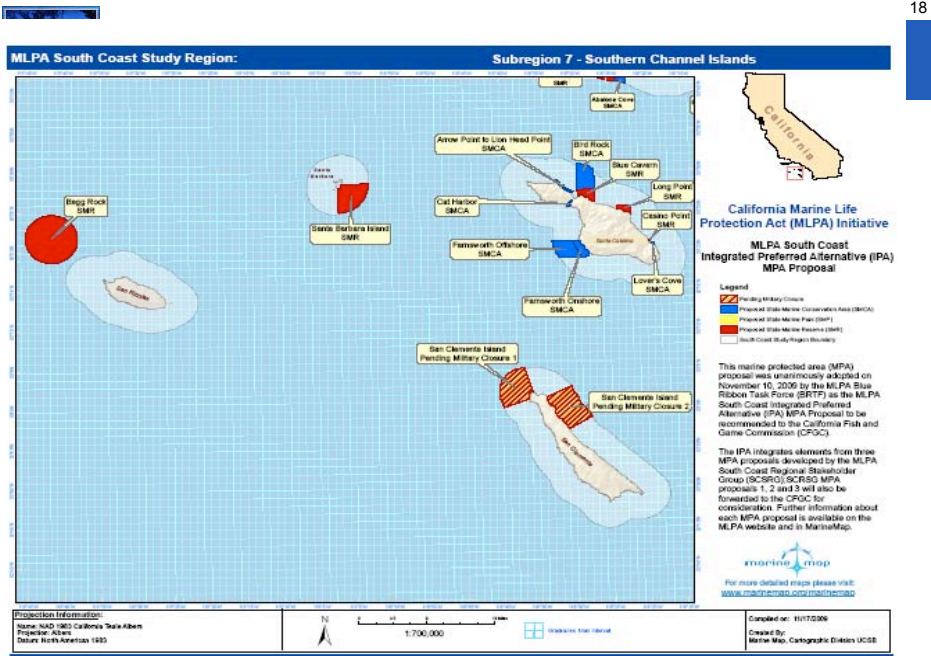








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South Coast Adoption Timeline

- March 3, 2010: Commission meeting to give DFG guidance on developing regulatory options
 - DFG will draft regulatory documents based on guidance
- Apr or May 2010: Proposed regulations to be published (initiates public comment)
- Final Commission adoption expected in late 2010
- Parallel CEQA process will occur



North Coast: Planning Underway

- BRTF formed (7 members); first meeting was November 2009
- Science Advisory Team formed (21 members); first meeting was October 2009
- NC regional stakeholder group (NCRSG) formed
 - 32 members, including tribal representatives
 - First meeting was Feb 8-9, 2010
- Statewide Interest Group (SIG): nominations closed Feb 4, 2010



North Coast: Process & Timeline

3 rounds of developing MPA proposals:

- **Round 1** (External MPA arrays developed by community groups for NCRSG to consider): 8 were submitted Feb 2010
- **Round 2** (draft MPA proposals developed by NCRSG): Mar – May 2010
- **Round 3** (final MPA proposals developed by NCRSG): Jun – Sep 2010



For More Information...

- Website has been updated (browse www.dfg.ca.gov/MLPA)