

North Coast External Marine Protected Area (MPA) Array Proposal

Coordination Meeting Agenda
Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, 11:30 am–3:00 pm
Humboldt State University Aquatic Center

Meeting History and Notes

Meeting Purpose: (1) Develop a strategy and timeline for interested entities to work towards an external marine protected area (MPA) array proposal which represents broad interests throughout the North Coast Study Region;
(2) Discuss preliminary ideas and goals for MPA array design.

Meeting Facilitators (THANKS!):

- Betsy Watson
- Vivian Helliwell

Attendees:

- Tim Klassen: Humboldt Areas Saltwater Anglers
- Kevin McGrath: Shelter Cove Fishermen's Alliance
- Zack Larson: Del Norte MPA Workgroup
- Adam Wagschal: Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District
- Todd Van Herpe: Humboldt Bay Oyster Company
- Mitch White: Kuiper Mariculture
- Sarah Sand-Sims: Bear River THPO
- Ronnie Pellegrini: Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District
- Pat Higgins: Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District
- Pete Nichols: Humboldt Baykeeper
- Michael Lincoln: Bear River Tribe THPO
- Dylan Orr: Bear River Tribe THPO
- Beth Werner: Humboldt Baykeeper
- Stephen Kullmann: Wiyot Tribe
- Jennifer Savage: Ocean Conservancy
- Megan Rocha: Yurok Tribe
- Dennis Mayo: Open Beaches and Trails
- Charlie Notthoff: Humboldt Skindivers
- Greg Dale: Coast Seafoods
- Sebastian Elrite: Aqua-Rodeo Farms
- Jacque Hostler: Trinidad Rancheria
- Rose Bond: Contractor to PG&E
- Brandi Easter: Recreational Diver (Consumptive)
- David Wright: Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance (via conference phone)
- Judith Vidaver: Ocean Protection Coalition (via conference phone)
- Jim Martin: California Fisheries Coalition (via conference phone)
- Richard Culp: Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District (via conference phone)
- Mike Carpenter: Albion Harbor Regional Alliance (via conference phone)
- William Lemos: Natural Resource Defense Council (via conference phone)
- Tomas DiFiore: Albion Harbor Regional Alliance

Meeting Begins 11:30 AM

Ground Rules

1. Speak for yourself – not others
2. Listen well
3. Respect
4. Speak one at a time

Open Discussion Begins

Someone will be affected by any closure.

What is important to you?

- Develop guidelines
- Mendocino and Del Norte supervisors – endorsed stakeholder list
- Meet guidelines and coalition
- Work in respect to tribal and fishing needs
- Safety zones – design levels to accommodate uses
- Harbor District facilitate with region – consideration of fishing regulations since law
- Technical hub for single proposal

What are other groups doing and describing perspectives?

- Baykeepers forming a conservation group
- Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance meets December 7, 2009, attend bi-weekly meetings, Dr. Jennifer Pfiefer – link with the north
- Ocean Protection Coalition: energy, seaweed, support conservation and sustainable use, ocean zoning coming, concerns Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) makeup, create strong local group
- Humboldt Bay Oyster Company – have yet to meet. Concerns are politics and science of the process; North central conflict and shellfish
- Shelter Cove met: Utility district, Fisherman's Alliance. Board approved support of an array only with Jackass Ridge – Punta Gorda buoy (safety zone) access to go fishing
- Bear River Tribe – Yurok taking lead on the tribal perspective **February 1 deadline** Guidelines must be met and must be even over entire area; individual areas combine proposals
- Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Fisherman's Association: close as little as possible within guidelines
- Coast Seafood

- Humboldt Saltwater Anglers: restrictions already RCA 2/3 rockfish; as few closures as possible; clearly defines benefits of any access loss
- Crab season has begun - include commercial crabbing industry
- Beach Fishermen and Open Beaches and Trails: there has been public outreach to Petrolia and small places to gather issues; starting marine map; nomination process had conversation with Samantha OCS; consolidate nominations for regional stakeholders.
- Wiyot Tribe: single array; do not compromise sovereignty; Yurok ancestral territory; tribal coalition; get state recognition to exclude reservation from state process; support subsistence fishing; (Klamath to Little River)
- Albion R. Harbor Alliance: include Point Arena tribes; concern to include Mendocino Native American tribes that have less capacity
- Potter Valley, Del Norte, Oregon border to Patrick's Point, city, harbor, county, tribal – common sport conservation; seaweed; marine maps

Barriers to Success

- Any closures threatening to someone/group
 - Combining proposals; Mendocino County applying for grant
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- Trinidad Rancheria supports other efforts; getting science team and BRTF to consider tribal rights; December 14, 2009 meet with Roberta Codero (BRTF Member)
 - BRTF needs Native American participation; Yurok supported Roberta Codera for BRTF and she was appointed.
 - Commercial fishing community hired Vern Goehring to start a Fishermen Information Network
 - PG&E is here to listen; permit process for wave energy
 - Bear River – economic and best science
 - Marine ecologists can offer an independent science review
 - Albion Harbor Regulation Alliance, NRDC to be included and collaborate; Albion; subsistence and commercial seaweed harvesters; website – www.albionharbor.org; kelp harvest (no leases, permit only) Gualala to Fort Bragg – 3 companies (niche market); Point Arena closed 40% of their harvest

Developing a collaborative strategy

- The entire process needs to be **CONSENSUS DRIVEN**. If there are any areas where agreement cannot be reached, then the areas of disagreement should be carefully **documented**.
- Consensus can be defined as 80% with minority report (to be decided)

Information Sharing

- Ideas regarding MPA design and potential maps can be continually shared using MarineMap and e-mail, or a list-serve if appropriate.
- Set up site to be able to “view” or “add” proposals
- Currently don’t have science guidelines – should have guidelines December 16-17
- E-mail list is OK
- Adam and Zack available for technical assistance for groups
- Identify Mendocino mapping coordinator; Mendocino County seeking funding for Dr. Pfeifer; MOCA will be lead Mendocino County group
- Possible weekly conference phone calls at 4 pm?
- More workshops
- 4 more meetings? All groups together; central place: Benbow, possibly travel to Fort Bragg and Crescent City ?
- 4-6 sub-regional meetings in each group

Next Collaborative Meeting and other group meetings

- **December 15, 2009 10 AM to 5 PM in Benbow**
- Please bring a list of groups that you have outreached with/to/from
- Adam W. to draft an agenda
- Zack is looking for funding
- Need one representative from each group (already identified for MOCA, OPC, Albion)
- Jennifer S. can help coordinate transportation to Benbow

- Please come to the Dec 15th meeting with a presentation on your area (look at Trinidad Rancheria as an example)
- Projection and discussion of map
- MOCA meeting December 7, 2009
- List of names and affiliations will be sent out
- Keep meetings local
- No MLP AI staff at our meetings
- Science Advisory Team Meetings Dec. 16th, 1 PM and Dec. 17th at 8 AM

What to do with existing MPA's?

- Example: Cabrillo Reserve, keep and enlarge?
- Include Mendocino High School Mapping Project

Groups that have not yet been reached

- Beach clammers (contact Jim Waldvogel)
- Audobon Society
- Businesses (Fort Bragg Electric, Chambers of Commerce)
- National Parks? (Crescent City meeting with DNR); Redwood National/State parks nominating a stakeholder
- State Parks? (mostly standing aside); Underwater Plan – Cabrillo but no other specific closures
- Betsy will compile and e-mail a list of who HAS been included – to see who has been left out

Collaborative Support and Maintaining Communication

- Humboldt County, Trinidad and Shelter Cove commercial fishing industries are all on board
- Wide support of Albion fundraiser
- Our proposal has to go thru RSG – include everyone to maintain cohesiveness
- Keep others in communication loop

- MPA's can allow harvesting

Issues with current MPA process and needs of the group

- Question efficacy of science guidelines are the best way for conservation; Large vs. Small areas
- Be cautious about going outside guidelines or get proposal tossed; Address guidelines professionally; Use guidelines to our benefit “as much as possible”
- Economic impact was not fully considered
- Changes for tribal consideration must be included
- Start with a strong proposal within guidelines, then adjust
- We have no habitat data, Ecotrust data; we do not have science guidelines yet.
- Will wave energy be additional closures?
- Find common goals, draw tentative lines
- Single array, alternate preferable and outside guidelines (2nd proposal)
- 2 Steps: 1) work out what we agree on; 2) what fits with unknown guidelines
- Tribal and subsistence on land and sport and commercial at sea – pilot map. Add safety zones at ports, look at what's outside. THEN talk about adjustments
- Trinidad has built trust – present at Dec. 15th meeting; use map as base. Map includes “Klamath Zone” and defacto closures - will share with supervisors on Dec. 8th.
- Reiterating “single proposal” to BRTF and SAT. ***Repetition of consistent, credible information helps.***
- Trouble with Department of Fish and Game website –Same experience for others. Contact Evan Fox on DFG website

Meeting Concludes 3 PM