



California Marine Life Protection Act South Coast Study Region Information



Public Comment Period Underway for Proposed Marine Protected Areas in Southern California

October 7, 2010

Proposed Marine Protected Area Regulations

Public comments are currently being accepted on the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) for regulations proposed by the Fish and Game Commission for marine protected areas (MPAs) in the South Coast Study Region (SCSR), pursuant to the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). To review the proposed regulatory package (Notice ID #Z2010-0907-08), please view the following link on the Commission's website:

<http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/new/2010/proposedregs10.asp#632sc>.

The Commission will hold a discussion hearing on October 20, 2010 in San Diego, and an adoption hearing on December 16, 2010, in Santa Barbara. **Written comments** will also be accepted through the December 16 adoption hearing. Written comments on the proposed regulations should be directed to the Commission and sent to via email or by mail to the following addresses:

California Fish and Game Commission

P.O. Box 944209

Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Email: fgc@fgc.ca.gov

(Please include the subject of the regulations in the e-mail subject line)

MLPA SCSR Draft Environmental Impact Report

Public comments are also currently being accepted on the South Coast Study Region Marine Protected Areas Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (State Clearinghouse #2010071012). A copy of the DEIR can be located on the Department's website at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/regulatorydocs_sc.asp or at Department offices and public libraries in southern California coastal cities. These locations are listed in the MLPA SCSR DEIR Notice of Availability: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/notice_deir_081310.pdf.

Written comments on the DEIR are must be received by the Department of Fish and Game at the earliest possible time and no later than 5 pm on October 19, 2010. A Final EIR will be prepared which will include a response to comments received during the review period. Please send written comments via mail or email concerning the DEIR to:

MLPA South Coast CEQA, California Department of Fish and Game

4665 Lampson, Suite C

Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

Email: MLPAComments@dfg.ca.gov

Your comments must include your name, address, and daytime telephone number. Email comments must include "MLPA CEQA Comments" in the subject line and be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

For more information about the Marine Life Protection Act and its implementation, go to www.dfg.ca.gov/MLPA.