

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

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September 26, 2008

Dr. Terry Maas
Director
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Dear Terry,

On behalf of Chair Don Benninghoven of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force and Director Don Koch of the California Department of Fish and Game, congratulations on your appointment as a member of the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group!

We sincerely appreciate your commitment to accomplishing the charge of the regional stakeholder group and your patience during the selection process. Attached please find a list of the newly appointed members; formal announcement of your appointment will be made in a news release and posted to the MLPA website. It is anticipated that one or more additional members of your group will be appointed in the coming weeks.

Your first meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in El Segundo, California. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday and adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. A FedEx package containing meeting materials will be sent to you early next week, which we encourage you to read carefully.

Attached is a message from MLPA Logistics Coordinator Delbra Gibbs with information about how to make lodging reservations, if needed, in El Segundo. Reimbursement for lodging, mileage and other travel expenses will be made through a travel reimbursement form you will receive in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Delbra at 916.424.8897 or dga_mlpa@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you again for your commitment to the MLPA Initiative process. We look forward to working closely with you over the coming months in this important endeavor!

Best regards,

/s/

Ken Wiseman
Executive Director
California MLPA Initiative

/s/

Becky Ota, Acting Manager
Marine Habitat Conservation Program
California Department of Fish and Game

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Members of the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
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Calla Allison, Marine Protection Officer, City of Laguna Beach (alternate for Ken Kearsley)

John F. Ballotti, Senior Director, Global Procurement, Mattel, Inc.

Benjamin Beede, General Manager and Limited Partner, The Cultured Abalone

Philip Beguhl, commercial fishing representative, Santa Barbara County Fish and Game Commission

Steve Benevides, Co-founder, Kelp Forest Coalition

Bob Bertelli, President, California Sea Urchin Commission

Julie Bursek, Education Coordinator, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (alternate for Brent Scheiwe)

Roberta R. Cordero, Co-Founder and Board President, Chumash Maritime Association

Jim Dahl, Council Member, City of San Clemente (alternate for Leslie Daigle)

Leslie Daigle, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Newport Beach and Regional Council Member, Southern California Association of Governments

W. Scott Dunn, independent kayak guide and instructor

Jonna Engel, Staff Ecologist, California Coastal Commission

Dr. John M. "Jack" Engle, Associate Research Biologist, Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara (alternate for Phyllis Grifman)

Roy "Buck" Everingham, Owner, Everingham Brothers Bait Company (alternate for Ciro Ferrigno)

Jenn Feinberg, Consultant, Natural Resources Defense Council (alternate for Greg Helms)

Ciro Ferrigno, Member of the Board, California Wetfish Producer's Association

Ray Fields, President, The Abalone Farm, Inc. (alternate for Benjamin Beede)

Robert C. Fletcher, President, Sportfishing Association of California (alternate for Mike Gauger)

Mary Jane Forster-Foley, President, MJF Consulting Inc. (alternate for David Weeshoff)

Russell E. Galipeau, Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park

Michael Gauger, Seaforth Sportfishing, Inc.

Tommy Gomes, Owner, Uni Goop Bait (alternate for Bruce Steele)

Joel Greenberg, Southern California Chapter Chairman, Recreational Fishing Alliance (alternate for John Balloti)

Phyllis Grifman, Associate Director, University of Southern California Sea Grant Program

Mervin "Louie" Guassac, Executive Director, Kumeyaay Diegueno Land Conservancy

Marcela Gutiérrez, Wildlife Conservation Program Manager, WiLDCOAST (alternate for Sarah Abramson)

Kate Hanley, Director of Operations and Marine Conservation, San Diego Coastkeeper

Greg Helms, Southern California Program Manager, The Ocean Conservancy

Ray Hiemstra, Associate Director, Orange County Coastkeeper (alternate for Kate Hanley)

Mike Huber, Regional Environmental Coordinator Program Manager, U.S. Department of Defense Region IX

Ken Kearsley, former Mayor, City of Malibu

Michael J. Kennedy, Deputy Director, Kayak Fishing Association of California
(alternate for Paul Lebowitz)

Eric Kett, Owner, Sea Zen Marine Consulting (alternate for Terry Maas)

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, City of Santa Barbara

Paul Lebowitz, Director, Kayak Fishing Association of California

Dr. Terry Maas, Director, Underwater Society of America and Founding Member,
Sea Watch

Jeff Maasen, Vice President, Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, Inc.
(alternate for Bob Bertelli)

Jenny Marshall, Consultant, U.S. Navy (alternate for Mike Huber)

Carl Mayhugh, President, Pacific Oceanworks, Inc. (alternate for Steve Benevides)

Mike McCorkle, President, Southern California Trawlers Association
(alternate for Gerry Richter)

Dr. Michael McCoy, Member, Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve
Management Authority (alternate for Dr. Vinod Sasidharan)

Merit McCrea, Captain, Condor Cruises and Research Technician, Marine Science Institute
(alternate for Norris Tapp)

Garth Murphy, Founder, Surf Research (alternate for W. Scott Dunn)

Bob Osborne, Member, United Anglers of Southern California
(alternate for Wendy Tochihara)

Jack Peveler, President, California Association of Port Captains and Harbormasters
(alternate for Mick Kronman)

Dr. Benjamin Pister, Marine Ecologist, Cabrillo National Monument
(alternate for Russell E. Galipeau)

Lia Protopapadakis, Marine Policy Specialist, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation
(alternate for Dr. Anne Spacie)

Gerry D. Richter, Vice President, Point Conception Groundfishermen's Association

Dr. Vinod Sasidharan, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator, Recreation and
Tourism Management Program, San Diego State University

Brent Scheiwe, Director, SEA Lab

Dr. Anne Spacie, Science Director and Member of the Board, Batiquitos Lagoon
Foundation and Professor Emerita, Purdue University

Bruce Steele, Captain, F/V Halcyon

Norris Tapp, Captain, F/V Freelance

Cassidy Teufel, Coastal Program Analyst, California Coastal Commission
(alternate for Jonna Engel)

Wendy Tochihara, National Sales Manager, Izorline International

David Weeshoff, Member of the Board, International Bird Rescue Research Center

Dear MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group members,

Congratulations on your appointment! Your first meeting is scheduled for October 6-7, 2008 at the Embassy Suites in El Segundo.

Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday, October 1 with an RSVP to Logistics Coordinator Delbra Gibbs (916.424.8897 or dga_mlpa@sbcglobal.net).

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 6, 9:30 a.m.

October 7, 8:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION AND LODGING

Embassy Suites
1440 E. Imperial Avenue
El Segundo, CA 90245
Phone: 310-640-3600
Fax: 310-640-8750

PARKING

The hotel offers complimentary parking with in and out privileges until 11:00 p.m. The hotel charges \$20 for overnight guest parking.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A hotel reservation has been made for you for the night of Monday, October 6. Please contact dga_mlpa@sbcglobal.net or 916-424-8897 by October 1, 2008 if you DO NOT need a hotel room; we will be charged for your sleeping room if you do not contact us to decline. The room rate is \$110 for single or double occupancy. Enjoy a complimentary full cooked-to-order breakfast and complimentary evening cocktail reception. Contact me immediately if you are in need of a sleeping room for Sunday night.

MEETING MATERIALS

An agenda and meeting materials will be sent by FedEx prior to the meeting, please contact Kathie Magnuson (916.653.9486 or kathie.magnuson@resources.ca.gov) if you have questions about meeting materials.

We look forward to seeing you on October 6 and 7!

With regards,

Delbra Gibbs

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