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**To:** SCAP Admin  
**Subject:** SCAP Alert (Orange) Intended for Ocean Discharge POTW Members : [MLPA Initiative] CEQA Process Begins for Proposed South Coast MPAs

To SCAP Ocean Discharge Members:

Please forward the following notice from the CA Fish and Game Commission and the CA Dept. of Fish & Game to the appropriate person(s) within your organization. The CEQA process has begun concerning the proposed Marine Life Protection Areas and comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report are due by August 3, 2010. A copy of the DEIR can be found on the DFG website at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/regulatorydocs\\_sc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/regulatorydocs_sc.asp).

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### California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Announcement

**Who:** California Fish and Game Commission and California Department of Fish and Game

**What:** California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process Begins for Proposed South Coast Marine Protected Areas

**When:** Draft environmental impact report scoping comments due August 3, 2010 and public scoping meeting to be held July 23, 2010 (details below)

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From: Marine Management News [<mailto:marinenews@dfg.ca.gov>]  
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 Subject: CDFG News Release - California Environmental Quality Act Process Begins for Proposed South Coast Marine Protected Areas

California Department of Fish and Game News Release

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California Environmental Quality Act Process Begins for Proposed South Coast Marine Protected Areas

Public comment now being accepted on the preparation of Environmental Impact Report

The environmental review process has begun for the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) South Coast Study Region Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). On June 29, the California Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) together issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the project. This initiates the scoping phase, during which interested members of the public are invited to help identify the range of issues and type of information to be considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) that will be prepared in the coming months.

There are currently five MPA proposals under consideration for the South Coast Study Region, which extends from Point Conception to the California border with Mexico. The proposals were developed with input from a regional stakeholder group, a science advisory team and a Blue Ribbon Task Force consisting of marine experts. The currently preferred proposal, the Integrated Preferred Alternative (IPA), was selected by the Blue Ribbon Task Force. The IPA is a hybrid of the other proposals. The DEIR will also look at three alternative proposals and the no action alternative or the status quo (the current South Coast Study Region MPAs with no suggested changes).

All five MPA proposals can be found at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/southcoastipa.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/southcoastipa.asp).

The DEIR will be prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and will analyze the five proposals. The NOP for the DEIR can be found on DFG's website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/regulatorydocs\\_sc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/regulatorydocs_sc.asp).

Anyone wishing to provide written input on the scope of the analysis to be conducted and included in the DEIR for this project may send written comments by August 3, 2010 to:

MLPA SCSR DEIR

Department of Fish and Game

South Coast MLPA Office

4665 Lampson, Suite C

Los Alamitos, CA 92679

Comments may also be e-mailed to Thomas Napoli, Staff Environmental Scientist, at [tnapoli@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:tnapoli@dfg.ca.gov).

Members of the public may also provide comments verbally at a public scoping meeting to be held in Long Beach on July 23. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following location:

Administration Building of the Port of Long Beach

925 Harbor Way, Sixth Floor

Long Beach, CA 90802

A map to the Port of Long Beach offices can be found at [www.polb.com/facilities/maps/default.asp](http://www.polb.com/facilities/maps/default.asp).

All comments submitted will be used to help prepare the DEIR, which is scheduled for completion in early August.

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