

Invitation to Attend Public Workshop on Development of a South Coast MPA Monitoring Plan

The Marine Protected Areas Monitoring Enterprise (MPA Monitoring Enterprise), in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), invites you to attend a public workshop to inform the development of an MPA Monitoring Plan for the South Coast Region (Point Conception to the California/Mexico border).

These workshops will:

- Describe the role and function of the MPA Monitoring Enterprise;
- Provide an overview of the anticipated process and timeline to develop the South Coast MPA Monitoring Plan;
- Present information about the MPA monitoring framework and approach developed to meet MLPA requirements; and
- Offer an opportunity for participants to provide input on MPA monitoring perspectives and priorities.

This workshop will take place in three locations in the South Coast region (all times are approximately 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM). All workshops will have the same format and agenda, which will be posted on the MPA Monitoring Enterprise website and distributed to participants who RSVP (see below) prior to the events:

Monday, July 19: Santa Barbara

Fess Parker's Doubletree
633 East Cabrillo Boulevard
Santa Barbara, CA 93103
(805) 564-4333

Tuesday, July 20: Santa Monica

Marriott-Le Merigot Beach Hotel
1740 Ocean Avenue
Santa Monica, CA 90401-3214
(800) 785-8708

Monday, July 26: Carlsbad

Hilton Garden Inn
6450 Carlsbad Boulevard
Carlsbad, CA 92011
(760) 476-0800

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Thursday, July 15th to a member of our facilitation team, Christine Lim (clim@kearnswest.com or 415-391-7900), with the date/location you will attend. **Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP by July 15th.**

Please feel free to forward this information to other members of the public who would be interested in attending. Please contact Christine Lim (email address and phone number above) with any questions.

MPA Monitoring Enterprise

California's Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) requires monitoring to: ensure the MPAs meet MLPA goals; facilitate adaptive management of MPAs; and improve understanding of marine systems. The MPA Monitoring Enterprise was developed under the auspices of the California Ocean Science Trust to work in partnership with the Department of Fish and Game and others to lead development of monitoring that meets these requirements. The Monitoring Enterprise does not have a role in MPA planning or adoption