

AGENDA for MARINE INTERESTS GROUP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
5:00 – 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005
VET'S HALL, 209 SURF STREET, MORRO BAY

1. Introduction of Working Committee Members & Brief Updates

[2 minute update per member about news and activities.]

2. Letters and Other Communications

3. Review of Topics Selected for Discussion

- a. Membership on MIG Working Committee [see biographical sketches]
 - Discussion and action concerning adding seats to Working Committee
Jeremiah O'Brien, President, Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Org.
Henry Pontarelli, President-elect, Morro Coast Audubon Society
 - Filling of position vacated by Steve Moore, Patriot Sportfishing (marine dependent, commercial party boat and whale watching)
John Rowley, skipper, Virg's
- b. Reports on MLPA Process
 - Statewide Interests Group (Berman, Heatherington)
 - Science Advisory Team (Wendt)
 - Discussion

4. Topics for Discussion at Next Meeting(s)

Thursday, April 28

- 1-5:00 p.m., viewing opportunity of "Coastal Clash", a documentary aired on KQED in November 1994, about the struggle for coastal access in California and a series of videos from the Bevan Series on Sustainable Fisheries, a seminar held at the University of Washington last April in Seattle.
- 5:00-7:30 p.m., presentations on Collaborative Research and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS)

5. Update on Collaborative Contributions

- a. Collaborative Research Update (Wendt)
- b. Status of proposal for Eco-system Based Management research

6. Funding Needs

- a. Funding Prospects and Updates (Wendt and others)

7. Next Meeting Date and Location

[bring your calendars]

8. Other Items for Discussion

Brief report on Audubon loon study

NOTE: Per the decision at the December 10th meeting, the session will not be videotaped (because of budget constraints), but there will be summary notes prepared from the session. The April 28th meeting will be videotaped.

Summary of Actions at January 27, 2005, MIG Working Committee Meeting
The beginning of our third year!

- 1. Members present:** Marla Morrissey, Matt Fleming, Carolyn Moffatt, Pam Heatherington, Dave Rymal, Dan Berman, Leslie Krinsk, Bob Hather, Nancy Dalman, Dave Sears, Patricia Wilcox, Jim Wood, Tom Capen, Dean Wendt, Greg Haas (ex-officio), and Don Maruska (facilitator).
- 2. Letters and Other Communications:** Don Maruska said he has received no response yet to the letter sent to the Minerals Management Service regarding offshore oil. Marla Morrissey will prepare a draft letter introducing the MIG and encouraged everyone to help put together a list of organizations and individuals to receive it.
- 3. MIG Funding:** Dean Wendt announced that the time period for the current collaborative research grant has been extended past April 2005.
- 4. Alternates and replacements on Working Committee:** Jim Wood introduced his alternate – Janice Peters, Mayor of Morro Bay. Three names were presented for the marine-dependent business seat vacated by Barry Cohen. After much discussion it was voted to maintain the current number of seats and Ray Fields, Abalone Farm, was elected to the seat. The Committee confirmed Tom Jones from PG&E to hold the coastal power plant seat that James Whilte of Duke Energy vacated. The agricultural seat is still open, and Pam Heatherington was given additional names to contact.
- 5. Next meeting and agenda items:**
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2005 – MLPA report and revisit subject of number of seats to be included in the MIG working committee.
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2005 – Collaborative Research Report and water quality. It was suggested that the April meeting be videotaped and a request has been sent to AGP to include showing of the Sustainable Fishing videos and KQED “Coastal Clash” program.