

Agenda

California Marine Habitat Mapping Task Force to Coordinate Multi-Agency Mapping of the California Continental Shelf

Goal: Develop a multi-agency coordinated strategic plan for mapping and producing a comprehensive GIS database for California continental shelf habitats.

January 20, 2000

8:00-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:45 Welcome and Overview (Plenary)

Workshop goals and objectives – Rikk Kvitek, CSUMB

Overview of approaches to marine habitat mapping – Rikk Kvitek, CSUMB

Need for a universal habitat classification scheme – Gary Greene, MLML

Role of NOAA Hydrographic Survey Division in habitat mapping –
Sam De Bow, NOAA

Presentation of pre-workshop survey results – Amanda Green, CSUMB

Review workshop process – Tim Goodspeed, NOAA Special Projects

Break into Groups

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00-12:00 Part 1. Determine Habitat Mapping Locations and Needs
(Northern, Central, and Southern Regional Groups)**

Review and discussion of marine habitat information needs and holdings in region

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Overview of joint USGS/NMFS initiative and goals for marine habitat mapping – Peter Barnes, USGS

Overview of joint NOAA/ESA development of marine habitat classification scheme - Mary Yoklavich, NMFS

1:00-2:30 Part 1. (Continued)

2:30-2:45 Coffee Break

**2:45-4:00 Part 2. Review Habitat Mapping Locations and Needs Identified
in Part 1 (participants choose regional group)**

Review results from Part 1

Identify any additional marine habitat information needs and holdings in region

4:00-5:00 Part 3. Identify Priority Habitat Mapping Locations

Participants review results from all regions (individually)

Determine priority locations for marine habitat mapping

5:00-6:00 Buffet Dinner

6:00-9:00 Evening Reception – Industry Night

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8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:30 Review Day One Results (Plenary)

Review group results

Discuss day two plans

9:30-10:45 Part 3. Data Sharing, Developing a Habitat Classification Scheme, and Proposed Action Plan Outline (Plenary)

Considerations for establishing and maintaining data sharing protocols – Mary Tsui, Land Systems Group

Demonstration of a working classification scheme for terrestrial habitats – Kevin Shaffer, CDF&G

A proposed marine habitat classification scheme – Gary Greene, MLML

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Part 4. Define and Adopt a Marine Habitat Classification Scheme and Develop an Agreement for Data Sharing between Task Force Members (Groups)

Define and adopt a marine habitat classification scheme (group 1)

Develop an agreement for data sharing between Task Force members (group 2)

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1:00-3:00 Continue Breakout Groups

3:00-3:30 Next Steps