

North Central Coast MPA Baseline Program RFP Tips and Clarifications

North Central Coast MPAs

MPAs for the North Central Coast region were adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on August 5, 2009. For information about the adopted MPAs, including boundaries and regulations, see <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/northcentralhome.asp>

Proposed Project Duration

The duration of your proposed project should be justified based on your project goals. To ensure timely completion of the Baseline Program, we are currently requiring that all final project deliverables be received by Sea Grant by December 31, 2012. Please ensure your proposed project will meet this deadline. If a short (e.g., 2-month) extension would provide substantial benefits to your project, please also include this information with explanation of why the additional time would be beneficial.

Collaborative Projects

Collaborative projects are not required. However, to have each selected project contribute as much as possible to achieving overall Baseline Program purposes, we encourage collaborations, but only if they will lead to more robust or comprehensive results. If you are proposing a collaborative project (i.e., one that proposes to integrate components that could be submitted as individual projects), please explain clearly the benefits of the collaboration and how the final collaborative project report will provide more information than the individual components would if reported separately (i.e., how the whole will be more than the sum of the parts). Please also explain how the collaboration will be managed. The 15-page limit for the narrative component of the proposal does apply to collaborative projects, however additional pages can be appended to provide supplementary information about project components if necessary. Collaborative projects will be reviewed as such, with evaluation of the benefits of the collaboration, as well as assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed project components.

Multiple Submissions

You may, if you wish, submit or be part of multiple proposals. However, you must be prepared and able to conduct all the work you are proposing, if your project(s) are funded.

Consistency with Central Coast MPA Baseline Projects

Consistency or compatibility with Central Coast MPA Baseline projects is not required. While consistency with Central Coast approaches may be advantageous for some purposes, a key objective of the North Central Coast MPA Baseline Program is to encourage innovation. Your proposal should clearly explain your proposed methods, and explain the strengths and weaknesses of your approach. Central Coast project summaries are available at:

<http://www-csgc.ucsd.edu/FUNDING/MANAGING/CCMPA/CCMPAIdx.html>

Partial Funding of Selected Projects

It is possible that projects, including collaborative projects, will be selected to receive partial funding, i.e., less than was originally requested in the proposal. If that occurs, we will discuss this with the project proponents to assess impacts on project outcomes and viability.

Project Permits

If your proposed project is likely to require state and/or federal permits, please note that these can take considerable time to obtain. We encourage you to apply for any necessary permits in advance, e.g., at or near the time of proposal submission. For more information about permits that may be required by the California Department of Fish and Game, please contact Jason Vasques at (650) 631-6759 or jvasques@dfg.ca.gov

Project Data & Results

We anticipate making all project data and results publicly available following project completion. Project data may be used to support additional analyses, and may be included or summarized in subsequent reports and other materials, in print and/or electronically.

North Central Coast Region GIS Data

Data layers used in the MPA design process for the North Central Coast study region are available to the public in two formats. Data can be accessed in a direct database connection using ESRI software or directly downloaded as zipped shapefiles. Data for all study regions are present in both locations. File names contain a region code (NCCSR for north central) as well as a categorical code such as BAS (base layers), HAB (habitat), CUL (cultural use), MPA (mpa boundary layers) etc. Questions regarding data access and content can be directed to Mike Prall at mprall@dfg.ca.gov

Database Connection Details (through ESRI ArcCatalog):

Open up a new spatial database connection and use the following parameters:

Server: maps16.msi.ucsb.edu
Service: 5151
Database: mlpa

Account
Username: guest
Password: guest

Downloadable Shape Files:

http://marinemap.org/mlpa_data/