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Safeguarding Our Underwater Wilderness: A Deep Dive into California's Marine Protected Areas



May 23, 2019

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

California EPA Building
1001 I St., Room 550 & Coastal Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95816

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Coffee

MPA Background – Room 550

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Welcome

- Opening remarks: **Wade Crowfoot**, Secretary of Natural Resources
- Welcome: **Deborah Halberstadt**, Ocean Protection Council
- A review of California's MPA history and management: **Becky Ota**, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

9:15 - 10:00 AM

Research in California's MPAs

- **Pete Raimondi**, UC Santa Cruz: The science behind rocky intertidal monitoring across the state
- **Jenn Caselle**, UC Santa Barbara: What Channel Islands research can tell us about MPA trends

California's Innovative MPA Management – Room 550

10:00 - 10:50 AM

Partners Panel

- Collaboration with California's Tribes and Tribal Governments: **Megan Van Pelt**, MPA Statewide Leadership Team Tribal Representative
- Community Involvement: **Calla Allison**, MPA Collaborative Network
- Enforcement and Compliance: **Mike Stefanak**, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement Division
- International efforts: **Jennifer Savage**, Surfrider and International Union for Conservation of Nature Green List Expert Assessment Group Member

10:50 – 11:00 AM

Closing presentation

- 2022 MPA Management Review: **Becky Ota**, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Looking forward: Leveraging California's MPAs for Climate Resilience: **Deborah Halberstadt**, Ocean Protection Council

MPA Fair & Lunch – Coastal Hearing Room, Lunch served on 2nd floor lobby

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Partner organizations will host displays highlighting innovative MPA research and outreach products. Workshop participants will have an opportunity to view materials and speak directly with partners helping support successful MPA management in California.

Participating partners include:

- MPA Collaborative Network
- MPA Watch
- California Marine Sanctuaries Foundation
- Reef Check California
- California Academy of Sciences
- California State Parks
- Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans (PISCO)
- Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network (MARINE)
- California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP)
- National Marine Sanctuaries
- Marine Applied Research & Exploration (MARE)
- Deep Water Collaborative
- CSUMB 's California Undersea Imagery Archive (CUIA), Immersion! Program
- Coastal Quest

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM.

Ocean Protection Council Meeting – Coastal Hearing Room

1:00 - 4:00 PM

OPC's quarterly meeting will be held at the California Environmental Protection Agency, Coastal Hearing Room, 1001 I Street, Sacramento. The meeting agenda will be posted by May 13 on OPC's [website](#).