

Council Meeting of
October 20, 2009

ADDENDUM ITEM

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Consider adoption of a Resolution excluding the Rocky Point Area from the South Coast Marine Protected Area

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council consider the adoption of a Resolution requesting that the Rocky Point area be excluded from the State Marine Life Protection Act, South Coast Region Study, as a Marine Protected Area.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The State adopted the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) in 1999. The law required the State to redesign existing state marine protection areas and limit or halt fishing in areas found currently to be habitats for marine life. The State divided its coastline into five regions to study and propose redesign of marine protected areas. The South Bay is part of the South Coast Study Region.

The South Coast Study is complete and three proposals have been drafted for consideration by the public in a hearing before the Blue Ribbon Task Force of the Department of Fish and Game this week. Each of the proposals limits and/or halts fishing in certain areas of the local waters.

The South Bay is most impacted by Proposals 1 and 3, which eliminates fishing in the Palos Verdes Peninsula at Rocky Point. Proposal 2 halts fishing between Point Vicente and Long Point, and limits fishing between Long Point and Abalone Cove off the coast of Rancho Palos Verdes. (See Attachments B - D for maps of the Proposal locations).

The potential impact upon the recreational and economic elements of our South Bay Community is not well defined. The City of Redondo Beach has adopted a resolution to support exclusion of the Rocky Point area from the proposed South Coast Marine Protected Area due to its impact on its fishing industry and residents.

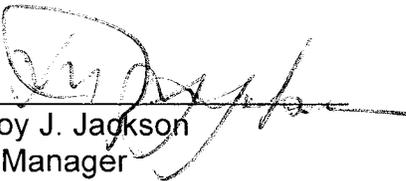
Council may want to consider the adoption of a similar resolution to preclude the loss of a significant fishing recreational area to Torrance citizens and a broader unknown impact on the cultural and economy of the South Bay. A proposed Resolution is attached for Council consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By Mary K. Giordano
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Assistant City Manager

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

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- Attachments: A) Proposed Resolution
B) Proposal 1
C) Proposal 2
D) Proposal 3
E) Redondo Beach Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
SUPPORTING THE EXCLUSION OF THE ROCKY POINT AREA FROM THE PROPOSED
SOUTH COAST MARINE PROTECTED AREA**

WHEREAS, it is the position of the City Council of the City of Torrance that the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) from Point Vicente on the Palos Verdes Peninsula north through Santa Monica establishing the South Coast Marine Protected Area would have a significant socio-economic impact on the region; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2008 Status of U.S. Fisheries report published by the national Marine Fisheries Service, there are no 'overfished' species in the Southwest Region; and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica Bay from Rocky Point to Malibu is already closed to commercial net and trap fishing; and

WHEREAS, the culture of Torrance, Redondo Beach, and the South Bay area are intricately linked to the ocean; and

WHEREAS, there will be significant cultural and economic impact to the South Bay community if the Rocky Point area is closed to fishing; and

WHEREAS, Torrance is concerned about the loss of a significant fishing recreation area to Torrance citizens and the South Bay community with the implementation of the MLPA South Coast Marine Protected Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS;

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Torrance supports the exclusion of the Rocky Point area from the South Coast Marine Life Protected Area.

Introduced, approved and adopted this _____ day of October 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

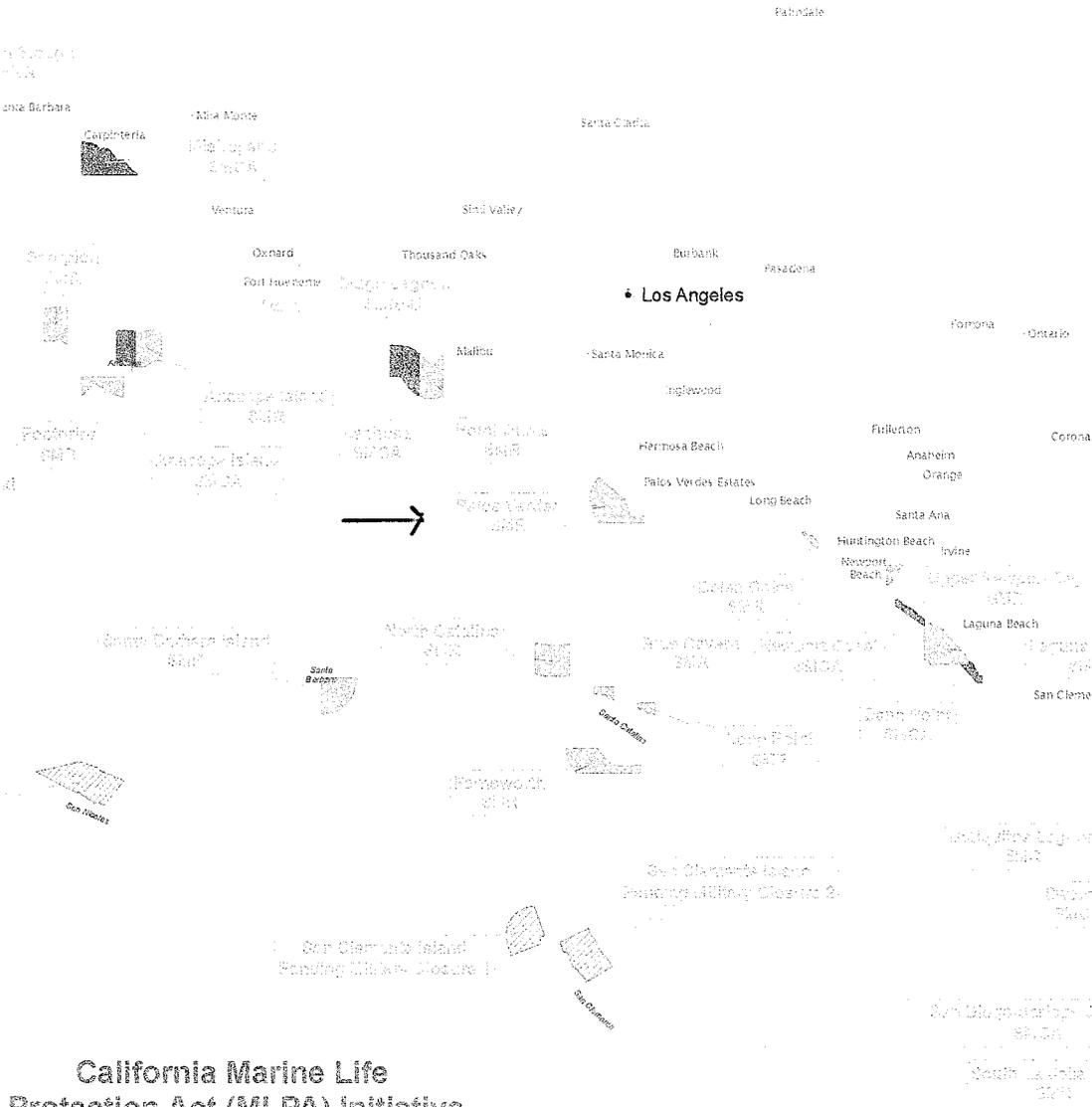
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

By _____
Patrick Sullivan, Deputy City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

Round 3 - South Coast Regional Stakeholder



California Marine Life
Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative

This map represents a Marine Protected Area (MPA) array generated by a work group within the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. Work Group 3 was charged by the Blue Ribbon Task Force to continue to address SAT

RESOLUTION NO. CC-0910-248**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE EXCLUSION OF THE ROCKY POINT AREA FROM THE PROPOSED SOUTH COAST MARINE PROTECTED AREA**

WHEREAS, it is the position of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach that the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) from Point Vicente on the Palos Verdes Peninsula north through Santa Monica establishing the South Coast Marine Protected Area (MPA) would have a devastating socio-economic impact on the region; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2008 Status of U.S. Fisheries report published by the national Marine Fisheries Service, there are no 'overfished' species in the Southwest Region; and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica Bay from Rocky Point to Malibu is already closed to commercial net and trap fishing; and

WHEREAS, 14 fish species are already regulated as to size, catch limits and seasonal taking in the Rocky Point area; and

WHEREAS, there is no scientific evidence suggesting a deteriorating ecological environment in the Rocky Point area, but significant anecdotal evidence that this area continues to rebound since the commercial fishing ban took effect; and

WHEREAS, the culture of Redondo Beach and the South Bay area are intricately linked to the ocean; and,

WHEREAS, there will be significant cultural impact to the South Bay community if the Rocky Point area is closed to fishing; and

WHEREAS, Redondo Beach is concerned about adverse unintended consequences of the implementation of the MLPA South Coast MPA;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Redondo Beach supports the exclusion of the Rocky Point area from the South Coast Marine Life Protected Area.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.