

# Amendments to the California Ocean Plan

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# Ocean Unit

six full-time staff, responsibilities

- California Ocean Plan
- Once-through Cooling Policy for Coastal Power Plants
- Sediment Quality Objectives for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries
- Areas of Special Biological Significance
- Vessel Discharges
- Harmful Algal Blooms
- Science of Beach Water Quality, including Rapid Indicators
- Mussel Watch
- Marine Debris

# Ocean Unit cont'd

- Advises Regional Boards on implementation of the Ocean Plan
  - e.g., dilution modeling
- Coordinates with other agencies:
  - SCCWRP
  - Ocean Observing Systems (SCCOOS, CeNCOOS)
  - Marine Protected Areas
  - Department of Fish and Game
  - Ocean Protection Council
  - others

# Ocean Plan 2005-2008 Triennial Review Workplan

- Adopted November 16, 2005
- Three issues resulted in Ocean Plan amendments in 2005.
- CEQA Scoping Meeting in June 2007 for ten issues
- The non-substantive amendments before the Board today address two of those issues (expression of metals and non-substantive administrative changes)

# Proposed Amendments

## for consideration today

- Clarify that metals are expressed as total recoverable metals
- Remove Section III (F)(1) on compliance schedules
- Correct toxicity definitions and references in Appendix
- Include maps of California's ocean waters, bays, and estuaries
- Update the list of exceptions in Appendix VII in order to include:
  - 3 recent exceptions for discharges to ASBS after the adoption of the 2005 Ocean Plan
  - 1979 conditional exception for untreated wet weather discharges from San Francisco's combined storm and wastewater collection system
  - 1988 exceptions for total chlorine residual for nine coastal power plant discharges



# Other Priorities for 2009

- New Triennial Review
- Model Monitoring Amendment
- Salinity / Ocean Desalination Amendment