

Appendix I. List of Existing State MPAs

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) requires an analysis of the state's current MPAs, based on the preferred siting alternative for a proposed statewide network of MPAs. The analysis shall include "recommendations as to whether any specific MPAs should be consolidated, expanded, abolished, reclassified, or managed differently so that, taken as a group, the MPAs best achieve the goals" of the MLPA and conform to MLPA guidelines.

Within each study region, a detailed evaluation of each MPA will take place. Because one of the requirements of the MLPA is to "encompass a representative variety of marine habitat types and communities, across a range of depths and environmental communities", in the form of marine life refuges (defined as no-take areas in the act and now known as state marine reserves), the subsequent evaluations must consider the need for changing existing MPAs or adding new ones in order to meet this and other requirements of the MLPA.

The existing MPAs evaluated within each study region include those in existence at the start of the study region process. The following list includes all MPAs in existence at the start of the first MLPA Initiative study region in 2005. For updated lists of existing areas, including those adopted pursuant to the MLPA process, please see the Department of Fish and Game web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa. MPAs in existences as of January 1, 2005 were:

Humboldt County

- Punta Gorda State Marine Reserve

Mendocino County

- MacKerricher State Marine Conservation Area
- Point Cabrillo State Marine Conservation Area
- Russian Gulch State Marine Conservation Area
- Van Damme State Marine Conservation Area
- Manchester and Arena Rock State Marine Conservation Area

Sonoma County

- Del Mar Landing State Marine Park
- Salt Point State Marine Conservation Area
- Gerstle Cove State Marine Conservation Area
- Fort Ross State Marine Conservation Area
- Sonoma Coast State Marine Conservation Area
- Bodega State Marine Reserve

Napa County

- Fagan Marsh State Marine Park

Marin County

- Tomales Bay State Marine Park
- Point Reyes Headlands State Marine Conservation Area
- Estero de Limantour State Marine Conservation Area
- Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area

- Corte Madera Marsh State Marine Park
- Marin Islands State Marine Park

San Francisco County

- Farallon Islands State Marine Conservation Area

Solano County

- Peytonia Slough State Marine Park

Alameda County

- Albany Mudflats State Marine Park
- Robert W. Crown State Marine Conservation Area

San Mateo County

- Redwood Shores State Marine Park
- Bair Island State Marine Park
- James V. Fitzgerald State Marine Park

Monterey County

- Elkhorn Slough State Marine Reserve
- Hopkins State Marine Reserve
- Pacific Grove State Marine Conservation Area
- Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area
- Point Lobos State Marine Reserve
- Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Marine Conservation Area
- Big Creek State Marine Reserve

San Luis Obispo County

- Atascadero Beach State Marine Conservation Area
- Morro Beach State Marine Conservation Area
- Pismo State Marine Conservation Area
- Pismo-Oceano Beach State Marine Conservation Area

Santa Barbara County

- Vandenberg State Marine Reserve
- Richardson Rock State Marine Reserve (San Miguel Island)
- Judith Rock State Marine Reserve (San Miguel Island)
- Harris Point State Marine Reserve (San Miguel Island)
- South Point State Marine Reserve (Santa Rosa Island)
- Carrington Point State Marine Reserve (Santa Rosa Island)
- Skunk Point State Marine Reserve (Santa Rosa Island)
- Painted Cave State Marine Conservation Area (Santa Cruz Island)
- Gull Island State Marine Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)
- Scorpion State Marine Reserve (Santa Cruz Island)
- Refugio State Marine Conservation Area
- Goleta Slough State Marine Park
- Santa Barbara Island State Marine Reserve

Ventura County

- Anacapa State Marine Reserve
- Anacapa State Marine Conservation Area
- Big Sycamore Canyon State Marine Reserve

Los Angeles County

- Abalone Cove State Marine Park
- Point Fermin State Marine Park
- Catalina Marine Science Center State Marine Reserve
- Farnsworth Bank State Marine Conservation Area
- Lover's Cove State Marine Conservation Area

Orange County

- Bolsa Chica State Marine Park
- Upper Newport Bay State Marine Park
- Robert E. Badham State Marine Park
- Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area
- Irvine Coast State Marine Park
- Laguna Beach State Marine Park
- Heisler Park State Marine Reserve
- South Laguna Beach State Marine Park
- Niguel State Marine Park
- Dana Point State Marine Park
- Doheny State Marine Park
- Doheny State Marine Conservation Area

San Diego County

- Buena Vista Lagoon State Marine Park
- Agua Hedionda Lagoon State Marine Reserve
- Batiquitos Lagoon State Marine Park
- Encinitas State Marine Conservation Area
- Cardiff and San Elijo State Marine Conservation Area
- San Elijo Lagoon State Marine Park
- San Dieguito Lagoon State Marine Park
- San Diego-Scripps State Marine Conservation Area
- La Jolla State Marine Conservation Area
- Mia J. Tegner State Marine Conservation Area