

California Fish and Game Commission



Compilation of Public Comments on Petition 2023-29MPA_AM1

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Note: Commission meeting materials include a representative selection of comments, rather than a comprehensive suite of all related comments received. Given the large volume of public comments received, the Commission has directed staff to summarize comments and provide a representative selection in meeting materials to reflect the range of perspectives shared. Commissioners are able to review a diversity of perspectives while still having access to all individual comments submitted, which are part of the Commission's administrative record. Members of the public may contact staff for access to any written comments not included in this document.

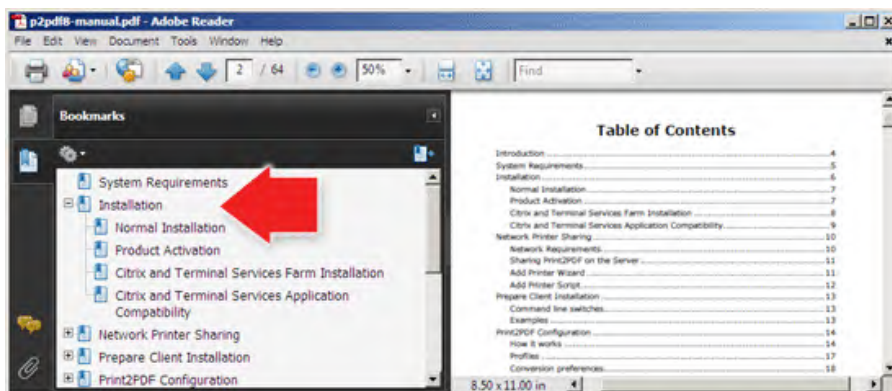
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
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From: Andrew Raaf <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 03:38 PM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Subject: Mishopsho MPA proposal

Hello, please find the attached comment letter regarding the recent MPA proposals. Best,

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January 17, 2024

RE: Proposed Mishopshno SMCA 2023-29MPA

TO: Fish and Game Commission and involved participants:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recent MPA petitions.

Santa Barbara County Flood Control District does not generally take a position on fishing regulations; however the proposed boundaries and restrictions of the Mishopshno SMCA may have unintended consequences on the County's public safety obligations.

Carpinteria Salt Marsh, which I understand to be included in the proposed SMCA regulations, is a UC Natural Reserve and a cooperatively managed community drainage feature. The Salt Marsh serves an integral role in the Carpinteria Valley Watershed Project; as a managed ecosystem the Marsh requires periodic dredging and maintenance. Any proposed restrictions associated with SMCA designation should accommodate ongoing maintenance dredging and operations to retain public safety and to restore tidal influence to the Marsh. In 2023, for example, the marsh channels filled with sediment which eliminated most of the open-water habitat available to fish and other aquatic species. After dredging was performed to restore open water channels, we noted leopard sharks and striped mullet returning to the marsh almost immediately.

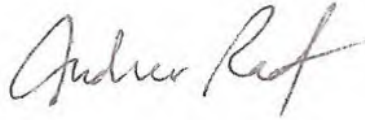
Carpinteria Salt Marsh is already a no-fishing zone due to its status as a UC Natural Reserve; the SMCA designation would not impart any additional environmentally protective status but could encumber operations and research projects already underway.

The area proposed for Mishopshno SMCA also includes nearshore waters at the Marsh mouth and eastward through Carpinteria City beaches. The nearshore waters at the Marsh mouth and Carpinteria beach access points are designated operational areas for flood control maintenance such as dredging and beach-sediment operations. While it is unclear what effect the SMCA designation may have on dredge discharge and beach operations, we are concerned that the designation may encumber important public safety efforts, beach nourishment, emergency operations, sea-level rise adaptation, dune restoration, and coastal flood response programs that have taken years to develop.

The County Public Works Department's recommendation would be to exclude Carpinteria Salt Marsh and the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile stretch of coastline from the Marsh mouth to Linden Ave beach from the SMCA proposal. The remaining

boundary of the proposed SMCA would still serve the intended purposes of the SMCA while not impeding important public works operations for the County and City of Carpinteria.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrew Raaf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Raaf" clearly distinguishable.

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Subject: petition 2023-29MPA

Please be aware that there is a petition for consideration in the Feb FGC meeting 2023-29MPA to create a new MPA in the Summerland and Carpinteria area. The economic impacts considered in the application do not make any consideration of kelp harvest. There are beds in that proposed area that have been historically used for harvest and are presently included in our FGC approved mechanical kelp harvesting plan. Please ensure that this information is included in the binder and should require that this petition cannot proceed without further consideration by affected stakeholders.

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Cc: Nick Bobroff <[REDACTED]>; John Ilasin <[REDACTED]>; Michael Ramirez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City of Carpinteria Comments RE: Agenda Item 10 Petition 2023-29MPA

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the City of Carpinteria's comments regarding Agenda Item 10 on the Fish and Game Commission's February agenda.

Thank you,

Erin Maker

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CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



January 31, 2024

CA Fish and Game Commission
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RE: Proposed Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), as submitted by the National Resources Defense Council. We appreciate the chance to provide feedback on this important initiative aimed at preserving our coastal marine environment. The proposed SMCA would extend from north of Loon Point to the easternmost boundary of Carpinteria City Beach, with the intention of prohibiting the take of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources.

The City of Carpinteria recognizes the importance of preserving local natural resources and recognizes the significance of the coastal marine area, including the Carpinteria Reef, in providing diverse habitat for numerous species. However, the City seeks assurances that establishment of the Mishopshno SMCA will not interfere with existing City operations or preclude local citizens from accessing and enjoying the coastal marine area.

The City offers the following specific comments on the proposed SCMA:

1. **Subsistence Fishing/Recreational Fishing:** The Mishopshno SMCA provides a narrow exemption to the take regulations only for the federally recognized tribe of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The City is concerned this exemption is too narrow and blocks access to those subsistence and recreational fishermen who currently depend on the coast and local marine resources within the proposed SMCA area. The City believes it is essential to highlight the importance of access for individuals who may not have access to other fishing areas due to limitations such as mobility or transportation constraints. Providing opportunities for subsistence and recreational fishing within the proposed SMCA is crucial for ensuring equitable access to marine resources.
2. **Submerged Lands:** The City is unique in that a majority of its land area (4.7 square miles of the total 7.3 square mile area of the city) is in tidelands that extend from the shoreline a distance of two miles offshore. The City has approximately 2.5 miles of shoreline within the city limits (see attached map). This presents a unique situation that


must be carefully considered in the establishment of the Mishopshno SMCA. While the California Department of Fish and Wildlife retains authority over marine resources, it is important to acknowledge the jurisdictional complexities and ensure clarity in the management of these submerged lands within the MPA framework.

Operations and Maintenance: Carpinteria City Beach is highly impacted by coastal threats, such as coastal erosion, interrupted sediment transport due to creek channelization and upstream debris basins. Such threats have led to the decline of some native beach species and the loss of important ecosystem functions. Dunes and other beach habitats are critical in managing sand transport along the shoreline to create resilient beach morphologies, which can naturally adapt to the impacts of climate change. These systems can offer a nature-based adaptation approach, or living shoreline, as a form of protection for our coastlines. By restoring natural processes to the City's beaches, the Carpinteria Living Shoreline Project¹ aims to improve shoreline resiliency, protect landward development and infrastructure, and restore ecological functions as well as serve as a model for similar projects statewide. As currently proposed, the Mishopshno SMCA would interfere with the City's proposed Living Shoreline project and other beach maintenance, berm construction, and flood control projects. These projects are essential to preserve beach resources and to protect the City's infrastructure and private property from sea level rise and coastal flooding. We urge thorough consideration of existing City operations and maintenance activities within the proposed SMCA.

The Carpinteria City Beach is a popular public beach near an urban population center that has been and is currently used for a variety of different recreational activities. The City of Carpinteria is committed to working collaboratively towards the establishment of the Mishopshno SMCA, with careful consideration given to the concerns and priorities outlined above. As currently proposed, however, the Mishopshno SMCA is unnecessarily restrictive and should either be moved or modified to match all stakeholder interests and the practical realities of the area. Given the complexities of the proposal, we recommend the Mishopshno SMCA proposal be deferred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for further evaluation and public comment before final approval.

We look forward to continued engagement in this process to ensure the successful conservation and sustainable management of our coastal marine resources. Thank you for considering our comments and for your dedication to the protection of our natural environment. Please contact me if you have any questions at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

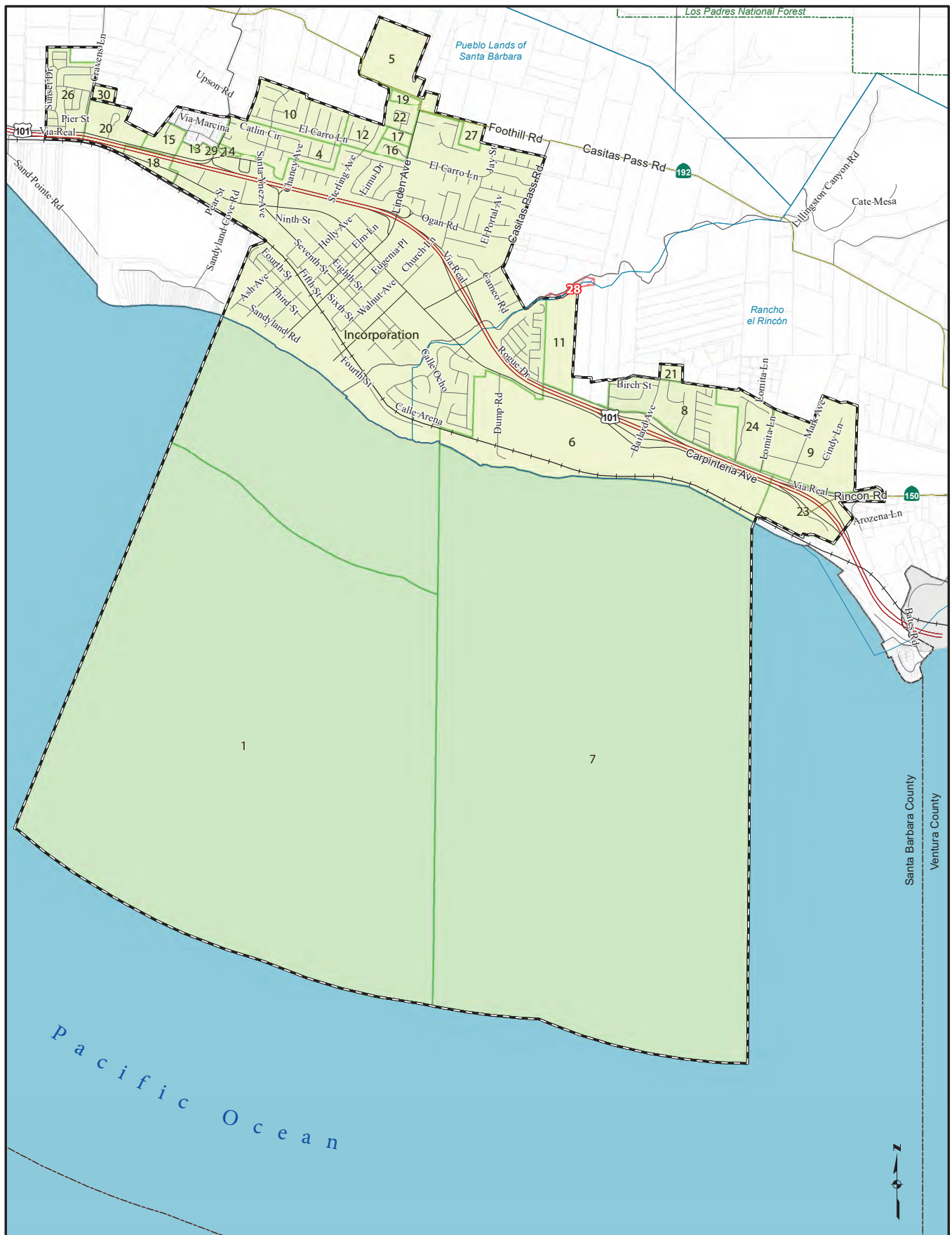
Sincerely,



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Environmental Program Manager

¹ Carpinteria Living Shoreline Project: <https://carpinteriaca.gov/public-works/engineering-division/living-shoreline/>

cc: Michael Ramirez, City Manager
John Ilasin, Public Works Director
Nick Bobroff, Community Development Director



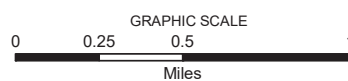
City of Carpinteria

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- Incorporation
- Detachment



From: Aubrie Fowler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 5:12 PM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>; Ashcraft, Susan@FGC <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Calla Allison <[REDACTED]>; Claire Arre <[REDACTED]>; Jamie Blatter <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FGC Meeting Binder Submission

Hi Susan and Commission staff,

Please see the attached exhibit (saved as a PDF and Excel sheet, whichever formatting is preferred) to please be added to the meeting binder for the February Fish and Game Commission meeting on 2/14-2/15/2024.

The link to the Google sheet can be found [here](#) as well; this was the format that the MPA Collaborative Vetted Regulation Recommendations was previously shared with Commission and Department staff.

Please let me know if there's more context you need from me.

Thank you,
Aubrie

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| County | MPA | Current Regs Summarized | Compliance concerns and/or management problem identified | Regulation Recommendation for Adaptive Management | Consensus? | Justification | Supporting Management Suggestion | Petitioner Lead | Contact Information | Recommendation Category | Designation Change? |
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| Del Norte | Pyramid Point SMCA | Rec take of surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net. Tolowa Dee-ni' exempt | Onshore and offshore hook and line fishing, collecting sand crabs as bait, kayak fishers, violations from boaters registered in both CA and OR | Remove allowance for surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net; Change to No-Take SMCA with Tribal exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' | Yes | Smelt is culturally important species to Tolowa and No Take designation will be clearer to public, reducing violations | Signs being vandalized, ripped out. Outreach to gain compliance needed (Guardian Watchmen) | Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation | rosa.laucci@tolowa.com | Take Allowance Change | Yes, from SMCA to No-Take SMCA with Tribal exemption |
| Del Norte | Pyramid Point SMCA | Rec take of surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net. Tolowa Dee-ni' exempt | Elk Valley Rancheria is interested in exploring the possibility of being included in exempt status | Add Elk Valley Rancheria to exempt Tribes if requested by Tribal Council | Yes | Elk Valley Rancheria has ancestral ties to the area | | | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Del Norte | Pyramid Point SMCA | Rec take of surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net. Tolowa Dee-ni' exempt | Boundary is in Oregon | Change northern boundary to align with recognized California/Oregon state line | Yes | Original boundary used a mapping system that does not align with on-the-ground state line. | | Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation | rosa.laucci@tolowa.com | Boundary Change | |
| Del Norte | Point St. George Offshore Reef SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and Dungeness crab by trap. Elk Valley and Tolowa Dee-ni' exempt | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Del Norte | Sea Lion Rock Special Closure | 300' | No data | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Del Norte | Castle Rock Special Closure | 300' | Poke poling at Preston Island and Battery Point and Hook Finger Point during extremely low tides. Kayaks near closure | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Del Norte | False Klamath Rock Special Closure | 300' from 3/1-8/31 | Low flyovers by US Coast Guard helicopter. Kayaks near closure, kaking kelp. Dogs off leash | No change | Yes | | Signs needed at Wilson Creek. Potential site for CoastSnap to crowdsource changes around rock | | | | |
| Humboldt | Reading Rock SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling; surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net; Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear; surf smelt by dip net; Dungeness crab by trap. Trinidad, Resighini and Yurok exempt | Hook and line fishing and take of sand crabs regularly occur, especially at southern boundary Gold Bluffs beach traditional smelt camp Track amount of surf smelt taken (25 lbs current limit). Hawaiian Type throw net inappropriate | Work with California Tribes and indigenous people to change "Hawaiian type throw net" to a term that is more reflective of Indigenous Californian net based take methods | Yes | Reference to Hawaiian nets when indigenous terms exist for this take type is inappropriate and disrespectful | Monitor Surf smelt as a part of state monitoring plan. | | | Language Change | |

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| Humboldt | Reading Rock SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling; surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net; Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear; surf smelt by dip net; Dungeness crab by trap. Trinidad, Resighini and Yurok exempt | | Recommend implementing limits on commercial take of surf smelt | Yes | Culturally important species | | | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Humboldt | Reading Rock SMR | No Take | Drifting commercial crab pots | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Humboldt | Samoa SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling; surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net; Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear; surf smelt by dip net; Dungeness crab by trap. Wiyot exempt | Difficult to determine boundaries | Work with California Tribes and indigenous people to change "Hawaiian type throw net" to a term that is more reflective of Indigenous Californian net based take methods | Yes | Reference to Hawaiian nets when indigenous terms exist for this take type is inappropriate and disrespectful | Monitor recreational and commercial (through landing/block reports) take of salmon by troll and surf smelt by dip net and assess effect on population; Signs with you are here map at Mad River | | | Language Change | |
| Humboldt | South Humboldt Bay SMRMA | No Take except waterfowl may be taken. Wiyot exempt | Invasive grasses, loss of eelgrass, general threats to habitat. Non Tribal members clamming. Difficult to identify boundaries within South Humboldt Bay | Determine reason it does not extend to southern water's edge and extend if no reason | Yes | Clearer for outreach purposes to say from southern end of bay to 2nd hunter pull out | Direct enforcement to look for unlawful clamming | | | Boundary Change | |
| Humboldt | Sugarloaf Island Special Closure | 300' | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Humboldt | South Cape Mendocino SMR | No Take | Minimal patrol | No change | Yes | | Develop a plan for evaluating remote area MPAs to determine impact, such as temporary M2 radar/drone surveillance; support southern Humboldt patrol by LED | | | | |
| Humboldt | Steamboat Rock Special Closure | 300' 3/1-8/31 | Confusion on when it is open to swim out to and when it is closed | No change | Yes | | Sign that highlights special closure and closure dates | | | | |
| Humboldt | Mattole Canyon SMR | No Take | Minimal patrol. Some commercial crab pots observed during USCG flyover | No change | Yes | | Develop a plan for evaluating remote area MPAs to determine impact, such as temporary M2 radar/drone surveillance; support southern Humboldt patrol by law enforcement division | | | | |
| Humboldt | Sea Lion Gulch SMR | No Take | Backpackers harvest mussels along entire Lost Coast Trail; people getting too close to new elephant seal colony. No cell connectivity to determine boundaries of MPA | Move southern boundary south to Cooskie Creek | BLM support but need fisher input | Creek is more identifiable feature for land based outreach to fishers hiking the Lost Coast Trail | | | | Boundary Change | |

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| Humboldt | Big Flat SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and Dungeness crab by trap. Multiple Tribes exempt | Backpackers harvest mussels along entire Lost Coast Trail; surf fishing occurs at Miller Flat. No cell connectivity to determine boundaries of MPA | No change | Yes | | More outreach needed for fishers hiking lost coast. Include more detailed information in BLM Lost Coast map | | | | |
| Mendocino | Double Cone Rock SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling; Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and Dungeness crab by trap | Unknown. Limited patrol. Report of excessive urchin and need for grazer suppression. | Reassess restoration policy in SMCAs impacted by climate change/kelp loss | Yes | Loss of kelp habitat needs to be addressed in this SMCA | Allow for restoration work/grazer suppression to address urchin barrens (reds and purples) | California Sea Urchin Commission - allow for commercial take of urchin | | Other | |
| Mendocino | Vizcaino Rock Special Closure | 300' 3/1-8/31 | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Mendocino | Ten Mile SMR | No Take | Primary concern is shore-based fishing (rod and reel at seaside creek beach). Recreational fishers take rockfish and lingcod, crab pots "walk themselves" into MPA at southern boundary. Dogs off leash | No change | Yes | | OK/boundary sign needed at northern boundary. Simplify outreach language around MPA clusters | | | | |
| Mendocino | Ten Mile Beach SMCA | Rec take of Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand. Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap. Many Tribes exempt | Unlawful take of fish (rockfish, lingcod); dogs off leash in snowy plover habitat. Potential sand dump site south side of Ten Mile Beach | No change | Yes | | Simplify outreach language around MPA clusters | | | | |
| Mendocino | Ten Mile Estuary SMCA | Waterfowl may be taken. Many Tribes exempt | Limited access for fishers | No change | Yes | | Simplify outreach language around MPA clusters | | | | |
| Mendocino | MacKerricher SMCA | All rec take allowed. Commercial take allowed except for bull kelp and giant kelp | Multiple violations occur daily since closest to Fort Bragg city center (general fish and game code violations). North boundary (Laguna Point) hotspot for intertidal take | Add protection for intertidal zone, per State Parks, in support for protection of the resource and ease of enforcement/outreach | Many in support but no full consensus | There are limited areas in the county to lawfully take intertidal animals such as mussels, turban snails, limpets, etc. | More enforcement support needed due to limited State Parks personnel. Focus on tidepool education. Intertidal specific take signs are needed | State Parks pending review | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Mendocino | Point Cabrillo SMR | No Take | Lighthouse sees lots of boats fishing offshore of Frolic Cove on northern end of Point Cabrillo SMR or inside | No change | Yes | | OK boundary signs would be beneficial on both boundaries for kayak fishing | | | | |
| Mendocino | Russian Gulch SMCA | All rec take allowed. Commercial take allowed except for bull kelp and giant kelp | General fish and game code violations | No change | Yes | | | | | | |

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| Mendocino | Big River Estuary SMCA | Rec take of surfperch by hook and line from shore only and Dungeness crab by hoop net or hand. Many Tribes exempt. Waterfowl may be taken | Increased use for swimming and recreation has led to safety concerns, including close calls between swimmers and hunters. Swimmers mixing with motorized boats may lead to accidents | Hunting should be prohibited due to high public use/public safety issues, per State Parks | Yes | Community reported incidents of near misses between hunters/boaters and swimmers | | State Parks pending review | | Allowed Activity Change | |
| Mendocino | Big River Estuary SMCA | Rec take of surfperch by hook and line from shore only and Dungeness crab by hoop net or hand. Many Tribes exempt. Waterfowl may be taken | Can MPA restrict motorized vessels if not ecological reserve? | Restrict all motorized vessels with allowance for public safety, per State Parks | Yes, with clarification that motorized vessels are only restricted going east (up river) | West access from launch should be allowed for boaters going out to ocean | Data on crab fishery is needed to determine whether allowance is sustainable. Need clear signage restricting snare traps. Pick up after dog signs needed | State Parks pending review | | Allowed Activity Change | |
| Mendocino | Van Damme SMCA | All rec take allowed. Commercial take allowed except for bull kelp and giant kelp | Overtake and take of undersize fish | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Mendocino | Navarro River Estuary SMCA | Rec take of salmonoids by hook and line. Many Tribes exempt. Waterfowl may be taken | People illegally breach sandbar (but outside MPA?) | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Mendocino | Point Arena SMR | No Take | Fishing in SMR reported by lighthouse manager | No change | Yes | | OK boundary signs needed | | | | |
| Mendocino | Point Arena SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Mendocino | Sea Lion Cove | Rec and commercial take of finfish | Urchin barrens | Reassess restoration policy in SMCAs impacted by climate change/kelp loss | Yes | | Allow for restoration work/grazer suppression to address urchin barrens (reds and purples) | California Sea Urchin Commission - allow for commercial take of urchin | | Other | |
| Mendocino | Saunders Reef SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and urchin | Citations issued for people diving and taking at Schooner Gulch; illegal shore fishing from Hearn Gulch | No change | Yes | | Additional enforcement personnel/efforts are needed | | | | |
| Sonoma | Del Mar Landing SMR | No Take | Fishing at north end | No change | Yes | | Trail pamphlets with MPA information | | | | |
| Sonoma | Stewarts Point SMR | No Take | Poaching at 3 mile line. Difficult for fishers to determine where 3 mile line is and difficult to enforce from land | Allow for trolling of salmon. Change to SMCA? | No. Discussed with no strong opposition but more info needed | Impact to commercial salmon fishing can be addressed with minimal impact to other resources | More signage needed at public access points | | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change SMR to SMCA. No consensus |
| Sonoma | Stewarts Point SMCA | Rec take from shore only of marine aquatic plants other than sea palm, marine invertebrates, finfish by hook and line, surf smelt by beach net, species authorized by hand-held dip net | Tribal based MPA | Prohibit all take and add Kashia Pomo to Tribal exemptions to make affirmative rights of Tribal Members re: collection, harvesting, and research | Yes | MPA is only accessed by Kashia Tribal members from shore (owned by Tribe) so would be same protection while acknowledging Tribal rights | | | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, change from SMCA to No-Take SMCA with Tribal exemption |

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| Sonoma | Salt Point SMCA | Recreational take of abalone and finfish allowed | Take of abalone during closure; poaching of intertidal species. Confusion regarding intertidal take | No change | Yes | | Needs more signage on collecting/take of shellfish and other non finfish | | | | |
| Sonoma | Gerstle Cove SMR | No Take | Excessive intertidal take. Rec fishers fishing the line | No change | Yes | | Need for good tidepooler rules signs to address harmful tidepooling | | | | |
| Sonoma | Russian River SMRMA | No take except waterfowl may be taken | Marine mammal disturbance occurring. County of Sonoma needs to conduct restoration work as part of management plan | Allow for restoration work in SMRMA | Yes | Restoration will not impact haul out sites, marine mammals or birds | | | | Other | |
| Sonoma | Russian River SMCA | Rec take of Dungeness crab by trap, and surf smelt by hand-held dip net or beach net. Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap | Illegal onshore and offshore fishing; seal disturbance "seal selfies" near Goat Rock. Trash/dogs off leash | No change | Yes | | More outreach for out of town fishers/permanent signage | | | | |
| Sonoma | Bodega Head SMR | No Take | Take of rockfish and trolling for salmon; fishing on northern boundary off rocks Difficult "fan" shape and hard to identify northern boundary makes enforcement difficult | No change | Yes | Would require new outreach | | | | | |
| Sonoma/Marin | Bodega Head SMCA | Rec take of pelagic finfish by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net. Commercial take of pelagic finfish by troll fishing gear and round haul net, Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by round haul net | Take of rockfish and trolling for salmon; fishing on northern boundary off rocks Difficult "fan" shape and hard to identify northern boundary makes enforcement difficult | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Sonoma/Marin | Estero Americano SMRMA | No take except waterfowl may be taken | Confusion as to boundary "high tide line" and who manages strip of beach between ocean and estuary that is often closed; Difficulty identifying eastern boundary. No way to see boundary from shore | No change | Yes | | More signs needed at access points here to address compliance concerns | | | | |
| Marin | Estero de San Antonio SMRMA | No take except waterfowl may be taken | Some take (animal remains) and illegal fishing | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Marin | Point Reyes SMR | No take | Sand dollar and fossil take, rod and reel fishing from vessels, party boats troll for salmon; violations are limited offshore | No change | Yes | | Signage and more enforcement needed, especially at Drakes Beach and Coast Guard Station. Consolidated mixed messaging signs, with dog information. | | | | |

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| Marin | Point Reyes SMCA | Rec take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap. Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and Dungeness crab by trap | Commercial crabbers set coonstripe shrimp traps on top of crab traps; Boundaries in MPA cluster hard to identify; NPS jurisdiction limited to | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Marin | Point Reyes Headlands Special Closure | No access from mean high tide line to a distance of 1000 feet seaward | Recreational vessels fishing in summer; Disturbance spiked in 2020; USFW continues to monitor this area | No change at this time | Yes | Might need to revisit making adjustments in the future if data shows changes/increases in disturbance | | | | | |
| Marin | Estero de Limantour SMR | No take | Difficult to determine boundary between SMR and Drakes Estero SMCA makes enforcement difficult. There are suspicions that poaching of clams occurs in the SMR from people on kayaks from Drakes Estero | Extend SMR designation all the way into Drakes Estero | Yes | NPS in support of expanding SMR because federally designated wilderness, major harbor seal haul out, and critical nursery habitat for leopard shark and bay rays | | EAC Marin with NPS letter of support | | Boundary Change | |
| Marin | Drakes Estero SMCA | The recreational take of clams is allowed | Difficult to determine boundary line between Drakes Estero SMCA and Estero de Limantour SMR leading to poaching. Cows accessing/pooping from NPS ranch leased land | Prohibit clamming in Drakes Estero SMCA. Merge with Estero de Limantour SMR. | Yes | SMCA designation was originally due to oyster farm that is no longer there. NPS in support of making into a SMR due to federally designated wilderness area | Give people direction/ outreach materials on where they CAN clam safely | EAC Marin with NPS letter of support | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, change from SMCA to SMR |
| Marin | Point Resistance Rock Special Closure | No access from mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of rock | Seabird flushing by vessels. USFW monitoring area. | No change | Yes | GFNMS thinks current regulations are good, very important to their mission and public outreach | | | | | |
| Marin | Double Point/Stormy Stack Special Closure | No access from mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of rock | Seabird flushing by vessels and surfers, who enter harbor seal rookery. Increased visitation due to people hiking to Alamere Falls | No change | Yes | GFNMS thinks current regulations are good, very important to their mission and public outreach and don't want to extend to shore to allow shore access | Put signs with regulations and text about importance of special closure at trailhead; more outreach to boaters about special closures needed | | | | |

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| Marin | Duxbury Reef SMCA | Recreational take of finfish from shore and abalone* is allowed | Difficult to enforce and outreach about why you can take finfish but not invertebrates. Beach Watch data at this site for 30 years show slight decrease in activities in last 10 years, but take of invertebrates has been observed, and the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent has provided information about the need to consider additional conservation measures at Duxbury Reef. Maria Brown (NMS) submitted a letter saying Duxbury Reef would benefit from increased protection of unique and important habitat of entire reef (largest shale reef in N. America). EAC MPA Watch data shows | Change to SMR because of difficulty of interpretation and enforcement. Extend southern boundary further out to sea (south) and northern boundary to Double Point to fully cover reef | No | No agreement on extending boundaries to cover the reef and changing to SMR. More research needed on benefits of changing existing ribbon from SMCA to SMR; Might be important fishing access point for public | More signs needed and more support for onsite education and enforcement from CDFW to agate beach and land-side terrestrial Duxbury | EAC Marin | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change SMCA to SMR. No consensus |
| Marin | Duxbury Reef SMCA | Recreational take of finfish from shore and abalone* is allowed | Heavy use and impacts, intertidal take – buckets and tools (e.g., crow bars, tire jacks) used to take black turban snails and purple urchin that are nestled into cracks. People need to break the reef to get to purple urchin | Potential compromise would be to add specific tidepool protections, similar to OC | TBD | NMS would like to continue conversation to explore potential compromises | Research other tidepool docent programs in MPAs with mixed use of allowed fishing/tidepool protections | | | Language Change | |
| San Francisco | North Farallon Islands SMR | No Take | Commercial crab case here | No change | Yes | More data needed for this MPA cluster | Increase CDFW LED patrols during peak months. Need for CCFRP program here | | | | |
| San Francisco | North Farallon Islands Special Closure | No vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 1000 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of North Farallon Island, or to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of the remaining three southern islets | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |

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| San Francisco | Southeast Farallon Islands SMR | No Take | Small recreational boats. A number of encroachments occur into SMR during better weather months | No change | Yes | | Increase patrols from LED and consider M2 radar at this location | | | | |
| San Francisco | Southeast Farallon Islands SMCA | Recreational take of salmon by trolling and commercial take of salmon by troll fishing gear | Salmon fishers use salmon gear to fish for halibut | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| San Francisco | Southeast Farallon Islands Special Closure | Closed 300 feet seaward year-round, except Fisherman's Bay to East Landing, southeastern tip of the island and southeastern side of Saddle (Seal) Rock, which is closed from December 1 through September 14. 5 mile per hour speed limit 1000 ft seaward of mean lower low tide of any shoreline Exhaust system requirements for commercial dive boats | Boats cut across the special closure | No change | Yes | Predates MLPA process, careful consideration went into crafting special closure regulations | | | | | |
| San Mateo | Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock to Devil's Slide Special Closure | A special closure is designated from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 feet seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of any of the three rocks comprising Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock; Transit in between the rock and the mainland between these points is prohibited at any time. | Reported violations include fishing boats inside boundaries and low flying aircraft/drones | Change name to "Devil's Slide Special Closure" | Yes | Egg rock is no longer a name used/recognized locally. Devil's Slide is more appropriate and simpler for outreach | | | | Language Change | |
| San Mateo | Montara SMR | No Take | A top cited MPA in Central Coast, highest in San Mateo; fishing offshore and tidepool take; Difficulty interpreting southern boundary | Move Montara SMR onshore southern boundary to current Pillar Point SMCA southern boundary (north end of Maverick's Beach), then extending out to current offshore southern SMR boundary point | Yes | Easier for enforcement and makes SMR boundaries consistent with Fitzgerald Marine Reserve boundaries | | | | Boundary Change | |

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| San Mateo | Pillar Point SMCA | The recreational take of pelagic finfish by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed. The commercial take of pelagic finfish by troll or round haul net Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by round haul net is allowed. | Unclear boundary leads to poaching in intertidal Difficult for local law enforcement to ensure compliance of tidepool take regulations due to high volume of consumptive visitors | Extend southern SMCA boundary further south to edge of harbor jetty, extending out to existing offshore southern point. Onshore northern boundary would be same as Montara SMR onshore southern boundary | Yes | Would cover entire reef in MPA for ease of allied agency outreach and enforcement. | | | | Boundary Change | |
| San Mateo | Pillar Point SMCA | The recreational take of pelagic finfish by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed. The commercial take of pelagic finfish by troll or round haul net Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by round haul net is allowed. | | Change regulations to allow for recreational hook and line take of finfish from shore and take of mussels, crabs, snails and seaweeds for equity and access purposes | Yes | Allowing for shore based hook and line and some intertidal take maintains access for consumptive users while applying some protection for a heavily impacted habitat | | | | Take Allowance Change | |
| San Mateo/Santa Cruz | Año Nuevo SMR | No Take | Unlawful take of snails; fishing; wildlife disturbance. Boats driving squid out of MPA. Confusion because sign at top of trail to Greyhound Rock says fishing beach but must go left at bottom to legally fish | Move southern boundary line to have whole of Greyhound Rock in SMR | Yes, at both Santa Cruz and San Mateo Collaborative meetings | Clearer boundary makes enforcement easier | Ensure sign with map at bottom of trail. Utilize social/digital/traditional media for public outreach | State Parks pending review | | Boundary Change | |
| San Mateo/Santa Cruz | Greyhound Rock SMCA | Rec take of giant kelp by hand harvest only, market squid, salmon. Other finfish by hook and line only from shore. Commercial take of giant kelp by hand harvest only, salmon and market squid | Take of mussels at southern boundary Confusion with Año Nuevo SMR boundary/whether fishing is allowed at Greyhound Rock Split between 2 counties | Move northern boundary line to have whole of Greyhound Rock outside of SMCA and in SMR; Move southern boundary south to beginning of Scott Creek bridge | Yes, at both Santa Cruz and San Mateo Collaborative meetings | Reef should be fully protected or fully open. Preference to cover reef but either way will have clearer boundary for outreach/enforcement. Move of southern boundary would cover reef to address intertidal impacts | Need for sign with map at Scotts Creek | State Parks pending review | | Boundary Change | |
| San Mateo/Santa Cruz | Greyhound Rock SMCA | Rec take of giant kelp by hand harvest only, market squid, salmon. Other finfish by hook and line only from shore. Commercial take of giant kelp by hand harvest only, salmon and market squid | Confusing regulations | Replace comma with semi-colon in regulations after "giant kelp by hand harvest only", or otherwise edit | Yes | Clearer language needed to clarify you are not required to catch salmon and squid by hand harvest only | | State Parks pending review | | Language Change | Section 100 change |
| Santa Cruz | Natural Bridges SMR | No Take | Hard to identify boundaries; safety concerns with fishers and swimmers at Natural Bridges State Park beach | Shift both boundaries south to more identifiable features (4 mile point and Natural Bridge) | Yes | State Parks would like SMR to cover the beach at Natural Bridges SP for public safety reasons | Need for interpretive signs with maps/good tidepooler rules, why MPAs, etc. | State Parks pending review | | Boundary Change | |
| Santa Cruz | Soquel Canyon SMCA | Rec and commercial take of pelagic finfish | Split between 2 counties | No change | Yes | | | | | | |

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| Monterey | Elkhorn Slough SMR | No Take | Fishing occurs regularly at Kirby Park pier/dock, was originally built for fishers with disabilities with SFRA grant. Inconsistent enforcement. | Move northern boundary south of Kirby Park pier/dock. Shift entire MPA to maintain size | Yes, at both Santa Cruz and Monterey Collaborative meetings | Opens fishing area as originally intended to limit poaching; supports increased enforcement presence in area | If Kirby is open, must be concerted cross-jurisdictional effort to enforce shore waste of fish/debris and other F&G Code violations. Need for good fishing practices outreach | Elkhorn Slough Foundation | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Elkhorn Slough SMCA | The recreational take of finfish by hook and line only and clams is allowed. Clams may only be taken on the north shore of the slough in the area adjacent to the Moss Landing State Wildlife Area [subsection 550(a)]. | Difficult to determine where SMR/SMCA boundary is (i.e., where kayak fishers can no longer fish). | Move SMR line to bird watching platform (eastern side) | Yes, at both Santa Cruz and Monterey Collaborative meetings | Bird watching platform provides a clear boundary for shore and kayak fishers and would maintain size of SMR with shift off Kirby | | Elkhorn Slough Foundation | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Elkhorn Slough SMCA | The recreational take of finfish by hook and line only and clams is allowed. Clams may only be taken on the north shore of the slough in the area adjacent to the Moss Landing State Wildlife Area [subsection 550(a)]. | Clamming disturbs sea otter rafts. Huge amounts of trash (fishing receptacles full) | Removing allowance for clamming to address impact to otters and human health considerations | Maybe? | Need more info on impact to recreational clambers and safety of consuming clams | Need for more trash receptacles/removal | Elkhorn Slough Foundation | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Monterey | Moro Cojo Slough State Marine Reserve | No take | Some access on eastern end. Agricultural influence. Elkhorn Slough NERR in support of no change | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Monterey/Santa Cruz | Soquel Canyon State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational and commercial take of pelagic finfish is allowed | Many violations, especially illegally set crab traps (commercial) and rockfish take (recreational). Whale disturbance. More impact due to depth restrictions lifted | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Monterey | Portuguese Ledge State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational and commercial take of pelagic finfish is allowed | Many violations, especially rockfish take (recreational). Whale disturbance | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Monterey | Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish by hook and line. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | Fishing debris from Coast Guard pier. Abalone and other intertidal poaching at breakwater | Explore regulations to limit fishing gear loss from Coast Guard pier (such as requiring use of breakaway leaders or no braided line) | Yes | Fishing gear loss impacts wildlife, habitat, and safety of divers due to entanglement | Partner with MBNMS on outreach of litter/derelict fishing gear | | | Language Change | |
| Monterey | Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish by hook and line. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | New regulations may restrict fishing for rockfish from boat close to shore after October 1 | Change to SMR and join with Lovers Point Julia Platt SMR | Maybe | No strong opposition but no fishing reps present | | Giant Giant Kelp Restoration Project (G2KR) | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change from SMCA to SMR |

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| Monterey | Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish by hook and line. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | | Allow restoration/urchin culling without requiring SCP | No | May lead to destruction of healthy urchins | | Giant Giant Kelp Restoration Project (G2KR) - applies to Ed Ricketts, PG Gardens, and Carmel Bay SMCAs, and will include suggestion for buoys on sites | | Other | |
| Monterey | Lovers Point- Julia Platt State Marine Reserve | No Take | Fishing off Lovers Point rocks, undersize and immature fish, spearfishers and fishing boats catch halibut, illegal tidepool take; confusion around northern boundary line | Move southern boundary line so Lovers Point is either all in or all out (with preference for all in reserve) | No | Disagreement about where to move line | Boundary marker or fishing/no fishing arrow sign needed if boundary doesn't change | | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Lovers Point- Julia Platt State Marine Reserve | No Take | | Move southern boundary to end of Lovers Point, splitting point equally in half | Yes | Fishing/No fishing arrow signs would make sense/be more accurate | Fishing/no fishing arrow sign needed at Lovers Point | | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | Spearfishing violations, especially from kayaks and dinghies; illegal take of scallops and crustaceans; undersize and immature fish taken Point Pinos is key oystercatcher nesting habitat | Move both boundary lines so Lovers Point and Point Pinos are all out of SMCA and in SMRs because both are key oystercatcher nesting sites | No | Rock outcropping and buoy at Point Pinos (southern boundary) are currently good boundary indicators for boaters | | | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | | Move northern boundary to end of Lovers Point | Yes | Fishing/No fishing arrow signs would make sense/be more accurate | Fishing/no fishing arrow sign needed at Lovers Point and Point Pinos | | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | New regulations may restrict fishing for rockfish from boat close to shore after October 1 | Change to SMR, join with Lovers Point SMR | Maybe | No strong opposition but no fishing reps present | | Giant Giant Kelp Restoration Project (G2KR) | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change from SMCA to SMR |
| Monterey | Asilomar State Marine Reserve | No Take | Onshore and offshore fishing common, hook and line from nooks and crannies; harmful tidepooling, tidepool take; wildlife disturbance common Northern boundary at Point Pinos is confusing, splits rocks in half | No change | Yes | | Fishing/No Fishing arrow signs needed at Point Pinos | | | | |
| Monterey | Carmel Pinnacles State Marine Reserve | No Take | Offshore violations common | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Monterey | Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of finfish. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand | Intertidal take common, including abalone and mussels. Golf balls go into MPA and are not collected. Some kelp take at Stillwater Cove | No change | Yes | | Work with Pebble Beach on reducing golf ball litter either through requiring biodegradable balls at key holes or ensuring balls are collected by divers | | | | |
| Monterey | Point Lobos State Marine Reserve | No Take | Take occurs. Boundaries are confusing | No change | Yes | | | | | | |

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| Monterey | Point Lobos State Marine Reserve | No Take | | Allow restoration/urchin culling | No | Difficult for enforcement/interpretation in no-take area | | Giant Kelp Restoration Project (G2KR) | | Other | |
| Monterey | Point Lobos State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of salmon and albacore and the commercial take of salmon, albacore, and spot prawn is allowed | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Monterey | Point Sur State Marine Reserve | No Take | Violations common between SMR and SMCA, southern corner is hard to enforce. Abalone case reported | Encompass the whole coastline of Point Sur in MPA | No | Keep boundaries as is | | | | Boundary Change | |
| Monterey | Point Sur State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore | | Add bluefin tuna to list of species allowed for take | No | Lessens protection | | | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Monterey | Big Creek State Marine Reserve | No Take | L-shape of SMR within SMCA is confusing | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Monterey | Big Creek State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of salmon and albacore. Commercial take of salmon, albacore | Potential unlawful fishing off Marine Lab | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo | Piedras Blancas State Marine Reserve | No take | Missing signs. Onshore fishing violations (poaching mussels at Point Sierra Nevada). Wildlife disturbance. Extreme angle makes kayak fishers look like they are fishing in SMR | No change | Yes | | Use boundary images on signs to help reference angle at pullout. | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo | Piedras Blancas State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore | Occasional poaching observed. Fishing for rockfish. No albacore, limited salmon observed by fishers/wardens | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo | Cambria State Marine Conservation Area | All recreational take is allowed | Harmful tidepooling occurring throughout MPA. Difficult to message good tidepooler rules without designated protections | Add tidepool protection language similar to Crystal Cove and Dana Point SMCA's | Yes | Would make it easier to message about responsible tidepooling and reduce inadvertent take | Tools for existing SP tidepool docent program needed here, such as Natural Bridges State Park tidepool cart | State Parks pending review; Environment California? | | Take Allowance Change | |
| San Luis Obispo | Cambria State Marine Conservation Area | All recreational take is allowed | Boundary between Cambria SMCA and White Rock SMCA is confusing, leading to accidental poaching by kayak fishers putting in at boundary at Wedgewood | Shift White Rock SMCA northern boundary to end of neighborhood at Lampton Park. Shift southern boundary south 1/2 mile accordingly to not lose any protection and cover some kelp habitat | Yes | May be some pushback from commercial live rockfish fishery for southern shift but recreational anglers in support | | Environment California? | | Boundary Change | |
| San Luis Obispo | Cambria State Marine Conservation Area | All recreational take is allowed | No commercial take allowed but there is an existing kelp lease? | Remove kelp lease 209 OR clarify that lease holder cannot harvest within Cambria SMCA | Yes | Commercial harvest of kelp is incompatible with MPA regulations that allow recreational take only | | Environment California? | | Other | |

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| San Luis Obispo | White Rock State Marine Conservation Area | Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp with valid lease | Boundary between Cambria SMCA and White Rock SMCA is confusing, leading to accidental poaching of kayak fishers putting in at boundary at Wedgewood | Shift White Rock SMCA northern boundary to end of neighborhood at Lampton Park. Shift southern boundary south 1/2 mile accordingly to not lose any protection | Yes | May be some pushback from commercial live rockfish fishery for southern shift but recreational anglers in support | | Environment California? | | Boundary Change | |
| San Luis Obispo | White Rock State Marine Conservation Area | Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp with valid lease | | Prohibit commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp with valid lease and change to an SMR | Yes | Original intent was a reserve but there was existing kelp lease. Current lease holder is fine with relinquishing/ disallowing take of kelp | | Environment California? | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change from SMCA to SMR |
| San Luis Obispo | Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area | Waterfowl hunting allowed. Recreational take of finfish north of line at Pasadena Point. Aquaculture allowed | Poaching occurs at southern side that does not allow take of finfish. Line is confusing and unclear on maps and outreach materials. Illegal invertebrate take (e.g., sea stars at jetty, ghost shrimp at Windy Cove). Signs needed at blue pier | Shift no fishing boundary 150 yds north to public access at Pasadena Park (between Santa Ysabel and Baywood Way) | Yes | Makes it easier for county to manage and educate more accurately about fishing/no fishing line | Signs needed, especially at Blue Pier. County can install sign at Pasadena Park | | | Boundary Change | |
| San Luis Obispo | Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area | Waterfowl hunting allowed. Recreational take of finfish north of line at Pasadena Point. Aquaculture allowed | Hunting "within" a bird sanctuary (City of Morro Bay) is confusing, safety concerns for paddlers with increased visitors who are unaware hunting is allowed. Concern about safety issues around hunting around neighborhoods. Trampling of plants occur on shoreline in Baywood Park. | No change to regulations at this time | Yes | Important hunting area. Confusion should be addressed through outreach | Overlay hunting map on SMRMA for outreach purposes Mixed message signs/more education needed about estuary impacts/erosion: "tread lightly" in Los Osos | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo | Morro Bay State Marine Reserve | No Take | Some hunting violations, hugging line; Boardwalks work to protect birds! Might be good to have one at Baywood Park at 1st Street | No change (reluctantly) | Yes | Some desire to extend SMR west and into bottom part of bay beneath Baywood Peninsula but do not want to impede on aquaculture | More education and outreach needed | | | | |
| San Luis Obispo | Point Buchon State Marine Reserve | No Take | Regular poaching offshore, trolling, and stopping to drop a line in water. Busiest MPA in SLO, most violations observed/cited | Move northern boundary to actual Point Buchon | Yes | Clearer boundary for fishers coming from Port San Luis | Boundary marker needed here. Make "flagpole" more visible (hang flag?) if boundary doesn't change | State Parks pending review | | Boundary Change | |
| San Luis Obispo | Point Buchon State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore allowed | Regular poaching, rockfish and lingcod, maybe some squid boats? | No change | Yes | | | | | | |

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| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Vandenberg SMR | No Take | Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) allows active-duty officers, their dependents/families, and guests to fish off Vandenberg. Leads to confusion since officially a no-take area. Regulations should match take allowed. Petition has been submitted by City of Lompoc to allow shore fishing at Surf Beach | Change designation to SMCA that allows hook and line for finfish from shore only | Yes | Would increase actual protection due to past 5 Base Commanders' decision to allow all legal take on base and would address equity concerns by allowing access for non-military at Surf Beach | | Greg Helms to propose intertidal ribbon | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change from SMR to SMCA |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Vandenberg SMR | No Take | | Reevaluate MOA with VSFB that is being interpreted as allowing for full military recreational take in a no-take SMR | No, not needed if designation is changed to SMCA | Vandenberg conservation officer will enforce updated take regs on military personnel | | | | Other | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Point Conception SMR | No Take | Recent groundfish case. Difficult for enforcement to access from land through Dangermond Preserve. M2 radar at Pt. Conception shows a lot of boating activity, may | No change | Yes | | Provide continued support for M2 radar with ground truthing and continued coordination/info sharing between agencies | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Kashlayit SMCA | Rec take of finfish, invertebrates (except rock scallops and mussels) and giant kelp by hand harvest. Santa Ynez band of Chumash exempt | Illegal and dangerous access down the bluffs on Gaviota. Fishing without a license. Access issues for pier fishers with Gaviota pier closed. Difficult to interpret | Reword regulations for clarity of outreach: "Recreational take of finfish, invertebrates, and giant kelp allowed" | Yes | Simpler regulations will make outreach easier, increasing compliance, with minimal impacts to the resources | Have FGC/State push for pier repair at Gaviota Pier (SB County/State Parks) for safety/access reasons | State Parks pending review/Greg Helms | | Language Change | Section 100 change |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Naples SMCA | Rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish. Commercial take of giant kelp by hand or mechanical harvest. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash exempt | Hook and line fishing and access issues occur here, and most days there are at least two vehicles for fishing or surfing parked near Naples. Impact to hook and line fishers | Add hook and line to allowed method of take | No | Numbers/impact/level of take different between hook and line and spearfishing. Would drastically reduce protection | | | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Campus Point No-Take SMCA | No Take | Onshore and offshore hook and line fishing continues to be observed | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | Greg Helms | | Other | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Goleta Slough No-Take SMCA | No Take | Trespassing (e.g., illegal swimming, dogs). People occasionally use nets to fish here and/or fish off bridges at the finger boundaries of the slough. Dumping of sediment still occurs in Goleta Bay | Consider water quality designation for Goleta Bay | Yes | Goleta Bay is between two MPAs and there is a need to address impacts of sediment dumping to subsistence fishers off Goleta Pier | | Greg Helms | | Other | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Goleta Slough No-Take SMCA | No Take | | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | Greg Helms | | Other | |

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| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Richardson Rock SFMR | No Take | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | San Miguel Island Special Closure | Allowance for sea urchin divers between Castle Rock and Judith Rock SMR western boundary (Point Bennet) between 3/15-4/30 and 10/1-12/15. | Commercial urchin poaching. Purpose to reduce disturbance to pinniped populations. Is closure still necessary? Point Bennet has one of the largest pinniped (six species) rookeries on the West Coast of North America | Reevaluate need for special closure (SC); Clean up language to address confusion between 300 yards describing SC and 100 yards keeping boats from whole Island 102 A.1.(a) | Yes | | M2 radar at NMFS marine mammal station | Greg Helms | | Language Change | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Harris Point SFMR | No Take | CDFW sees some fishers that are taking from shore, although it is not common | No change | Yes | | Use land-based range markers (e.g., O & K) to mark boundaries | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Judith Rock SFMR | No Take | | No change | Yes | | Use land-based range markers (e.g., O & K) to mark boundaries | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Carrington Point SMR | No Take | Confusing angle relative to pier | No change | Yes | NPS outreach on angle has been good | More permanent boundary markers/signage is needed | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Skunk Point SMR | No Take | Difficult to determine how far offshore boats are (in or out) | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | South Point SFMR | No Take | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Painted Cave SMCA | Rec take of spiny lobster and pelagic finfish | People are taking non-pelagic fish species, rockfish, California sheephead, and live fish | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Gull Island SFMR | No Take | | Have state discuss with NMS changing federal area to FMCA to allow for take of pelagics | No | More data/justification needed | | | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would turn federal MRs into federal MCAs. No consensus |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Scorpion SFMR | No Take | Fishing/take in little coves at eastern boundaries. Lobster traps | No change | Yes | | More on-island enforcement presence needed | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Anacapa Island Special Closure | No net or trap may be used in waters less than 20 feet deep. Brown Pelican closure from Portuguese Rock to Frenchy's Cove 1/1-10/31 | Brown pelican area makes it difficult for Island Packers and others to land legally at Frenchy's | Add exemption to allow access/landing Frenchy's Cove | Yes | Intent was to allow landing at Frenchy's Cove but aligning brown pelican closure with SMR/SMCA boundary closed off access to safe landing | | Greg Helms | | Allowed Activity Change | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Anacapa Island Special Closure | No net or trap may be used in waters less than 20 feet deep. Brown Pelican closure from Portuguese Rock to Frenchy's Cove 1/1-10/32 | Depth hard to enforce due to sheer drop off from island | Reassess need for Special Closure and consider removing if not justified | Yes | May only need brown pelican closure rather than full island special closure to protect seabirds | | Greg Helms | | Allowed Activity Change | Yes, would remove special closure |

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| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Anacapa Island SFMCA | Rec take of spiny lobster and pelagic finfish. Commercial take of spiny lobster. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash exempt | Confusion regarding what "pelagic" means may lead to unlawful take | No change | Yes | | Outreach needed around pelagics | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Anacapa Island SFMR | No Take | Violations for unlawful take | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Footprint SFMR | No Take | Lots of violations. Boats drift in because they cannot anchor | Have state discuss with NMS changing federal area to FMCA to allow for take of pelagics | No | More data/justification needed | | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would turn federal MRs into federal MCAs. No consensus | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Begg Rock SMR | No Take | The MPA violations here are commercial and come from experienced | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara and Ventura (Santa Barbara Channel) | Santa Barbara Island SFMR | No Take | Osborne Bank. CPFV/commercial lobster poaching. Overlapping jurisdictions | Have state discuss with NMS changing federal area to FMCA to allow for take of pelagics | No | More data/justification needed | M2 radar needed to monitor remote MPA | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would turn federal MRs into federal MCAs. No consensus | |
| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Point Dume SMCA | Rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish. Commercial take of swordfish by harpoon and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat. Santa Ynez band exempt | Frequent noncompliance with MPAs and limited enforcement | Delete allowance for commercial take of Swordfish by harpoon | Yes | Swordfish fishing does not occur that close to shore | Additional enforcement personnel/efforts are needed | State Parks pending review; Heal the Bay | Take Allowance Change | | |
| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Point Dume SMCA | Rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish. Commercial take of swordfish by harpoon and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat. Santa Ynez band exempt | | Allow hook and line fishing for allowed method of take of white seabass and pelagic finfish | No | Lessening of protection/unclear impacts | | | Take Allowance Change | | |
| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Point Dume SMR | No Take | Angle of eastern boundary is confusing/extends due west and is close to shore | No change | Yes | | Use of surveyed boundary images in outreach can help address confusion with eastern boundary at Paradise Cove | | | | |
| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Point Vicente No-Take SMCA | No Take | Frequent noncompliance with MPAs and limited enforcement | No change | Yes | | Additional enforcement personnel/efforts are needed | | | | |
| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Point Vicente No-Take SMCA | No Take | Confusion of significance of purple designation | Keep allowance for maintenance but change color from purple to red for ease of public interpretation | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | | Other | | |

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| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Abalone Cove SMCA | Rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish; and market squid by hand-held dip net. Commercial take of swordfish by harpoon and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat | Harmful tidepooling impacts/take from tidepools. Frequent noncompliance with MPAs and limited enforcement | Delete allowance for commercial take of swordfish by harpoon | Yes | Swordfish fishing does not occur that close to shore | Additional enforcement personnel/efforts are needed | Heal the Bay | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Los Angeles (Mainland) | Abalone Cove SMCA | Rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish; and market squid by hand-held dip net. Commercial take of swordfish by harpoon and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat | | Allow hook and line fishing for allowed method of take of white seabass and pelagic finfish | No | Lessening of protection/unclear impacts | | | | Take Allowance Change | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Arrow Point to Lion Head Point SMCA | All rec and commercial take allowed. Take of invertebrates prohibited | Poaching lobster and abalone. Hoop nets. Difficult to identify 1,000 feet from shore at Indian/Endemic Rock | No change | Yes | | Need for a locally managed (research) buoy to mark 1,000 feet point | | | | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Blue Cavern Onshore No-Take SMCA | No Take. No anchor area in original refuge boundaries | Fishing/using hoop nets close to shore at Big Fisherman Cove. Poaching at Yellowtail Point and Bird Rock; Confusion around no anchor zone | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes, only if all current maintenance/access activities are still allowed | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | Need for some boundary marker at Yellowtail Point. MPA Watch transect would help identify use/ compliance issues here | | | Other | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Blue Cavern Offshore SMCA | Rec take of pelagic finfish by hook and line and spearfishing and white seabass by spearfishing and market squid by hand held dip net. Commercial take of pelagic finfish by hook and line and swordfish by harpoon | Take via illegal gear types | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Long Point SMR | No Take | Trolling through MPA occurs. Misconception that MPA is only close to shore. Rental boats go past Long Point and fish | Make a distance from shore rather than lat/long for ease of outreach. Cut off corner and flip and move west (offshore) to maintain size | Yes | Clearer outreach to trollers to stay certain distance from shore, IF maintains size | | | | Boundary Change | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Lover's Cove SMCA | Rec take by hook and line from the Cabrillo Mole is allowed. Feeding fish allowed | Fishing from shore at the ramp near the Mole. Angle is difficult at eastern boundary. Food torpedoes are shot from tourist subs to attract fish to windows | Remove allowance for feeding of fish | Yes | Against intent of MLPA, affecting behavior of fish/habitat; public safety issue as fish become more aggressive and bite | | | | Allowed Activity Change | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Casino Point No-Take SMCA | No Take. Feeding fish allowed | Boundaries don't match dive park buoys. Feeding fish may be incompatible use. 40-50' depth at MPA line. | Remove allowance for feeding of fish. | Yes | Against intent of MLPA, affecting behavior of fish/habitat; public safety issue as fish become more aggressive and bite | Might need to utilize a weaning off process for fish used to being fed | | | Allowed Activity Change | |

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| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Casino Point No-Take SMCA | No Take. Feeding fish allowed | | Change purple to red for outreach purposes for outreach | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | | | Other | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Farnsworth Onshore SMCA | Rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish; marline, tunas and dorado by trolling and market squid by hand held dip net. Commercial take of swordfish by harpoon, coastal pelagics by roundhaul net, brail gear and light boat | More difficult to assess whether poaching is occurring on the backside. Challenging/confusing for fishers | No change | Yes | | More outreach to fishers needed on why deep habitat/fish are protected here | | | | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Farnsworth Offshore SMCA | Rec take of pelagic finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing; white seabass by spearfishing; marlin, tunas and dorado by trolling and market squid by hand held dip net. Commercial take of swordfish by harpoon, coastal pelagics by roundhaul net, brail gear and light boat | CPFVs (party boats) are seen illegally fishing in Farnsworth Offshore SMCA, moving out if they see the CDFW patrol boat approaching. Regs restricting take of rockfish can be confusing for fishers/challenging to prove rockfish on board was taken outside | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles (Catalina Island) | Cat Harbor SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing, market squid by hook and line, and spiny lobster and sea urchin. Commercial take of sea cucumbers by diving only and spiny lobster and sea urchin. Aquaculture of finfish | Some take of undersized fish | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| Orange | Bolsa Bay SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line from shore in designated areas only | Confusion between Bolsa Bay and Bolsa Chica Basin MPAs | Potentially combine Bolsa Bay with Bolsa Chica Basin MPAs? | No | State Lands requirement to have fishing | | | | Boundary Change | Yes, would change from SMCA to SMR. No consensus |
| Orange | Bolsa Chica Basin No-Take SMCA | No Take. Allows for maintenance of artificial structures | Water management infrastructure is failing - needs management and repairs. Shoaling and potential closing of inlet - need cost effective alternative to dredging and \$ to implement. Could ultimately change boundaries of MPAs | MPA should cover all waters in ecological reserve. Move northeastern boundary to Graham | Yes | Makes enforcement easier so CDFW can cite for unlawful fishing using 632 instead of no trespassing | | OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Boundary Change | |
| Orange | Bolsa Chica Basin No-Take SMCA | No Take. Allows for maintenance of artificial structures | Confusion between Bolsa Bay and Bolsa Chica Basin MPA regulations and whether take is allowed. Bridge inconsistency | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Other | |

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| Orange | Upper Newport Bay SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line from shore in designated areas only | Ecological Reserve and MPA overlapping jurisdiction. Fishing from floats by PCH bridge and using gill nets at Jamboree | No change | Yes | | Harbor and estuary signs needed at Newport Dunes. Additional enforcement personnel/efforts are needed | | | | |
| Orange | Crystal Cove SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing and spiny lobster and sea urchin. Commercial take of sea urchin, spiny lobster by trap, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear and light boat | Harmful tidepooling and undersized lobster. Nighttime poaching. Angle is difficult at southern boundary | Better define tidepool definition to encompass rocky intertidal habitat | Yes | "Area encompassing the rocky pools" is confusing, makes it sounds like it is only the pools, not intertidal zone when dry | Night vision for State Parks officers to address nighttime poaching | State Parks pending review; OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Language Change | |
| Orange | Crystal Cove SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing and spiny lobster and sea urchin. Commercial take of sea urchin, spiny lobster by trap, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear and light boat | | Add "non-living, geological or cultural" marine resource to tidepool take prohibition for consistency with 632(a)1(C) | Yes | Clarifies tidepool protections to include rocks and shells | | State Parks pending review; OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Language Change | |
| Orange | Laguna Beach SMR | No Take | Poaching in gated/private communities; angle is difficult at northern boundary | No change | Yes | | More enforcement needed in private community. Bring back community scientist/anglers (i.e., CCFRP) to OC | | | | |
| Orange | Laguna Beach No-Take SMCA | No Take. Maintenance allowed | Angle is difficult at southern boundary | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | Produce map that has layer that shows allowed maintenance/artificial structures and scientific take | OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Other | |
| Orange | Dana Point SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing and spiny lobster and sea urchin. Commercial take of sea urchin, spiny lobster by trap, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear and light boat. Tidepools protected | Fishing without a license. Night poaching at 3 Arch. Take of limpets at north end. Shift in fishing pressure. Angle is difficult at southern boundary. Harmful tidepooling | Add "non-living, geological or cultural" marine resource to tidepool take prohibition for consistency with 632(a)1(C) | Yes | Clarifies tidepool protections to include rocks and shells | | OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Language Change | |
| Orange | Dana Point SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing and spiny lobster and sea urchin. Commercial take of sea urchin, spiny lobster by trap, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear and light boat. Tidepools protected | | Better define tidepool definition to encompass rocky intertidal habitat or utilize a different term. | Yes | Tidepools are specific to pools but intertidal habitats protected can be free of pools in some cases. "Area encompassing the rocky pools" is unclear whether all rocky intertidal habitat is included here. | | OC Coastkeeper | Wendy Berube | Language Change | |
| San Diego | Batiquitos Lagoon No-Take SMCA | No take. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited | Confusion between ecological reserve regulations west of 5 and MPA regulations east of 5 | Expand SMCA west of I-5 bridge to encompass all of ecological reserve | No | Expands MPA size, unclear on impacts to recreational fishing | | | | Boundary Change | |

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| San Diego | Batiquitos Lagoon No-Take SMCA | No take. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited | | Change to blue SMCA with designated fishing areas | Maybe | If does not reduce fishing opportunities under I-5 and 101 bridges, or lessen existing protections | | | | Take Allowance Change | Yes, would change from No-Take SMCA to SMCA |
| San Diego | Batiquitos Lagoon No-Take SMCA | No take. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited | | Change purple to red for outreach purposes if boundaries remain the same | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | | | Other | |
| San Diego | Swami's SMCA | Rec take by hook and line from shore and rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish | Harmful tidepooling, especially at Seaside reef. Enforcement for take of lobster is hard at southern boundary since it splits 2 jurisdictions and the reef (hard to know where they are actually taking from and who is responsible for enforcing what.) | Move southern boundary to jurisdictional boundary between State Parks and City of Solana Beach for full tidepool protection of reef | No | Increases size of MPA, reducing fishing access, and may impact take of halibut | | | | Boundary Change | |
| San Diego | Swami's SMCA | Rec take by hook and line from shore and rec take by spearfishing of white seabass and pelagic finfish | | Shift entire shape south (lifeguard tower to state/Solana Beach line to cover tidepool on south side) | Yes | Compromise. Keeps same size MPA but covers impacted tidepool area on southern boundary. Lifeguard tower clear boundary at north end | | State Parks pending review; Wildcoast | | Boundary Change | |
| San Diego | San Elijo Lagoon No Take SMCA | No take. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited | Lots of people fishing at entrance to San Elijo lagoon under bridge and in channel | Move boundary to west side of the bridge (prohibiting fishing under the bridge) as long as accommodations are allowed for dredging | Yes | Signs are currently posted on west side of bridge to prohibit people from entering the San Elijo Lagoon. Makes outreach clearer | | State Parks pending review; Wildcoast | | Boundary Change | |
| San Diego | San Elijo Lagoon No Take SMCA | No take. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited | | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | | | Other | |
| San Diego | San Dieguito Lagoon SMCA | Rec take of finfish by hook and line from shore. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited | Confusion between ecological reserve boundaries and regulations and MPA boundaries and regulations. Speculation that extent of water has changed since restoration. Original intent of 632 was to align with 630 in overlapping waters. Non-MPA areas are more restrictive which leads to confusion | Have MPA cover all water within ecological reserve. | Need more information | Check with Joint Power authority because would lessen protections if SMCA (that allows fishing) is expanded to all state waters | Sea level rise impacts should be considered | | | Boundary Change | |
| San Diego | San Diego-Scripps Coastal SMCA | Rec take of coastal pelagic species, except market squid, by hook and line only | Harmful tidepooling. People using gear types for fishing for species other than coastal pelagics but gear type cannot assume intent. Makes enforcement difficult. Also safety concerns with surf casters into high use swim/surf area | Add, "except from shore" to prohibit surf hook and line | Yes | Surf fishing from shore causes safety concerns (hooks getting caught on surfers/swimmers). Still allows kayakers to fish for bait fish on way out, which was original intent | | | | Take Allowance Change | |

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| San Diego | Matlahuayl SMR | No Take | Harmful tidepooling. Kayak fishing. Caves are being defaced/graffitied | Add place name (La Jolla) to traditional Kumeyaay name (Matlahuayl) | No | Keep Kumeyaay name only for Tribal acknowledgement. Would also add confusion between other La Jolla MPAs | More focused patrols on caves in La Jolla to address littering/defacement of MPA | | | Language Change | |
| San Diego | South La Jolla SMR | No Take | Most highly cited MPA. Poaching of lobster and offshore fishing. Harmful tidepooling. Challenges of parking and access (coastline related challenges due to sea level rise, climate disturbance) | No change | Yes | Focus on local management/outreach/enforcement | Need for more focus on tidepools (outreach/enforcement). More staff for allied agencies to help enforce. Encourage city to maintain safe accessways and deal with coastal erosion problems. More education on marine mammal disturbance | | | | |
| San Diego | South La Jolla SMCA | Rec take of pelagic finfish by hook and line only | | No change | Yes | | | | | | |
| San Diego | Famosa Slough No Take SMCA | No Take | Homeless encampments. Construction run-off. Dogs and cats disturbing birds | Change purple to red for outreach purposes | Yes | Easier to explain "no take" if consistent with red SMR | | | | Other | |
| San Diego | Cabrillo SMR | No Take | Harmful tidepooling. Offshore boats but NPS unable to contact other than through megaphone | Work with Kumeyaay to rename MPA to traditional Kumeyaay name | Yes | Kumeyaay name exists for this location. Need to confirm spelling | Additional enforcement personnel/efforts are needed | | | Language Change | |
| San Diego | Tijuana River Estuary SMCA | Rec take of coastal pelagic species, except market squid, by hand held dip net. Commercial take of coastal pelagics, except market squid by round haul net | Difficult take regulations to interpret in the field and take by hand held dip net not really occurring, per Imperial Beach lifeguards | No change | | | | | | | |

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Note: was not sure about this categorization

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Dear Commission Staff,

Please accept the attached comment letter on behalf of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, the Coastal Conservation Association of California, and the Congressional Sportsman's Foundation pertaining to Discussion Item 10 at the upcoming Fish & Game Commission meeting.

Thank you,



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RE: Discussion Item 10 - Regulation change petitions (marine)

Dear President Sklar, Vice President Zavaleta & Commissioners,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the numerous petitions under consideration at the February meeting of the California Fish & Game Commission, and we offer the perspective of the many hundred thousand supporters of our organizations to the Commission. We express grave concerns regarding several of the proposals to eliminate fishing access along large stretches of the California coast and argue that many of the petitions lack adequate scientific support and documentation to substantiate their positions.

The Decadal Management Review (DMR) of the Marine Protected Area Network (MPA) has offered important insights for MPA managers to help shape the adaptive management of MPA regulations, including promising research that MPAs may increase biomass and provide resiliency against the impacts of a changing climate for some species. The intent of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) and the stewardship of our coastal resources are of paramount importance to California's heritage. However, these laudable goals and conservation benchmarks should not preclude access to harvest coastal foods where state and federal fisheries managers have demonstrated robust and resilient fish stocks without any current threat of overfishing, nor for those species where targeted fishing and active management would benefit the overall ecosystem balance.

There are numerous, seemingly well-intentioned petitions currently before the Fish & Game Commission that seek to preserve California's coastal waters citing anthropogenic impacts to biodiversity and ecosystems such as pollution, rising sea temperatures, disease, development and overfishing. While we support the intent to safeguard our fish stocks, biodiversity, and ecosystem integrity, we strongly disagree with the all-or-nothing approach adopted by many of the petitioners who proffer the wholesale elimination of fishing access without adequate scientific rationale or the acknowledgement of regulatory mechanisms already in place such as those established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act working through the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Fish & Game Commission, and the additional state/federal laws and agencies dedicated to this task. Simply put, many of the petitions referenced below seek to advance preservation at all costs, pushing for wholesale closures that circumvent the regulatory processes already in place, ultimately bludgeoning access for the diverse angling communities that have revered these coastal traditions for generations.

Anglers and consumptive users will often be the first and loudest voices to advocate for restrictions or even closures to ensure the sustainability of a fishery, as evidenced by the numerous fishing groups and organizations advocating for the closure of the 2023 salmon season following the data and dismal projections provided by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and CDFW. However, a Californian

constitutional right to fish seems to stand in conflict with the presumption that restriction of access is permissible where there is a lack of scientific evidence or data to justify the closure. Section 1, Article 25 of the California Constitution states, “the people shall have the right to fish upon and from the public lands of the State and in the waters thereof,” and the courts in *re Quinn* (1973) defined “public lands of the state” referenced in this article to include “access to fish in the inland streams and coastal waters of the state.”

Shore fishing, diving/spearfishing, kayak/boat fishing and coastal gathering are low impact activities that reflect the broad spectrum of California’s diverse community and constitute a valuable resource for individuals across the economic divide to access nature and provide food for their families. We encourage the Commission and MPA managers to consider the numerous communities that enjoy the state’s many sustainable food resources when considering protections and recommendations that might unnecessarily exclude these groups. We feel that these considerations are in line with the California Natural Resources Agency’s Outdoors for All initiative and its commitment in the Pathways to 30x30 document to “implement projects that do no further harm or pose unintended consequences to historically marginalized communities.”¹ Specifically, we wish to highlight this issue with regards to the expansion of California’s MPA network which restricts shore-based diving, foraging, and fishing access for all Californians – especially historically marginalized communities, communities of color and Native American tribes. From California’s Constitutional Right to Fish:

Anglers from historically marginalized communities may be less able to travel to fishing locations and are more likely to require shore access, as opposed to access from a boat. Anglers in communities like this need accessible shore-fishing, particularly given the importance of subsistence fishing in poorer communities. Moreover, fishing opportunities offer physical and psychological benefits to disadvantaged communities, not just access to fish as food.²

It is within this context that we urge the Commission to take the following actions with regards to the petitions they have received.

Petition 2023-14MPA: *Allow commercial take of red sea urchins in nine state marine conservation areas (SMCAs)*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-15MPA: *Reclassify three northern Channel Islands state marine reserves (SMRs) to SMCAs and allow take of highly migratory species, pelagic finfish, and/or coastal pelagic finfish*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation, but are encouraged by the proposal and the potential opportunity to gather more data on limited take MPAs and long-term MPA monitoring at the Channels Islands.

¹ https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-Website/Files/Initiatives/30-by-30/Final_Pathwaysto30x30_042022_508.pdf

² Coats, Francis, and Karrigan Bork. “CALIFORNIA’S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FISH.” *Environmental Law*, vol. 51, no. 4, 2021, pp. 1085–147. *JSTOR*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48647570>. Accessed 22 Mar. 2023.

Petition 2023-16MPA: *Reclassify Stewarts Point and Bodega Head SMRs to SMCAs and allow commercial take of salmon.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-18MPA: *Modify allowed uses for four marine protected areas (MPAs) in Santa Barbara Channel and eliminate two special closures.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-19MPA: *Designate new "Chitqawi" SMCA near Morro Bay for California-Chumash co-management*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-20MPA: *Reclassify and rename Point Buchon SMR to "Chumash SMCA" for co-management with tribal take exemption.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-21MPA: *Modify Pyramid Point SMCA to remove recreational take of surf smelt and allow tribal take exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-22MPA: *Define "rocky intertidal zone," add research, monitoring, restoration and education allowance, and clarify protections in several Orange County MPAs.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-23MPA: *Reclassify three SMCAs to SMRs, designate one new SMR in Monterey, and make various changes related to kelp restoration.*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

While the petitioner's intent to restore kelp forests and ecosystem integrity at tankers reef and in the surrounding waters is laudable, this broadly proscriptive petition would unnecessarily restrict access for anglers where there is no clear scientific rationale. In fact, the petitioner submitted a very similar petition seeking to close access for groundfish along a large stretch of the coast in this region in 2023 which the Department of Fish & Wildlife rejected citing a lack of scientific evidence to support the claim. We support the ongoing efforts to restore kelp forests through urchin culling and other means, however we oppose reclassifying these SMCAs to SMRs and the establishment of a new SMR in Monterey.

Petition 2023-24MPA: *Expand Laguna Beach no-take SMCA southward to border of City of Laguna Beach and modify Dana Point SMCA boundaries*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

We oppose this petition on the basis that it lacks scientific documentation or justification to eliminate fishing access in the proposed area. The petitioner argues primarily for administrative ease that the no-take closure be extended to the edge of city limits. During the implementation of the MLPA, MPAs were sited utilizing careful selection criteria based on habitat type, proximity from other MPAs, impact to communities and more. The petitioner argues that all beaches within the City of Laguna Beach should be no-take MPAs in order to streamline enforcement and that homeowners “feel that it is not equitable to have only the north and central beaches protected.” It should be noted that the petitioner also states clearly in the Economic or Fiscal Impact section of the petition that “estimated resident property values gain an increase of 20% from proximity to a fully protected MPA” which may explain more robust support from the city and homeowners.

The petitioner also cites kelp forest health as justification for eliminating fishing access, however the 100 + page report included with the petition doesn’t reference fishing pressure or boat activity with regards to kelp forest health and instead focuses on water temperature, nutrients, wave height, upwelling, rainfall and other stressors. As such, we recommend the Commission deny this petition since there is no scientific documentation to support its claims, and it would only negatively impact anglers who would be forced to travel further to reach fishing grounds.

Petition 2023-27MPA: *Reclassify a portion or all of Anacapa SMCA to an SMR to protect eelgrass*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation. We recognize the value of eelgrass beds for overall ecosystem health and habitat; however, it should be noted that many recreational anglers who target pelagic fish do not anchor and instead prefer to drift fish or troll instead which would have zero impact on the bottom habitat and eelgrass.

Petition 2023-28MPA: *Designate a new SMR at Point Sal, or designate as an SMCA with a tribal take exemption based on tribal consultation*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

While the petitioner takes time to identify the important habitat types, larval transport zones, and cultural significance of the Point Sal area, and they reference potential threats to the region from coastal development and industry, they fail to elaborate in any substantive way why fishing access should be removed from this wild and iconic central coast fishing destination. The petitioner states: “current [commercial] fishing in the proposed area is limited, likely due to its considerable distance from nearest port areas of Morro Bay and Santa Barbara.” They also admit that they have no data or analysis with regards to recreational fishing and state, “our request to CDFW for recreational fishing data from this area was being processed at time of submission; we will evaluate the potential impact to recreational fishers and submit it to the state following receipt of the requested data.”

A limited google search of “Point Sal fishing” also uncovers a large number of recreational fishing blogs and videos detailing the remote and adventurous hike to fish this area from a diverse population of anglers. In 2023 one blogger wrote, “had a great time hiking miles and miles and miles to fish Point Sal with Martin Mansera from Mansera Outdoors...It's such a remote location and so difficult to access, it

makes for a really rad adventure.” Recreational fishing trips to the area by boat are also common, and fishing is noted in nearly every travel guide or city/county website that talks about visiting Point Sal.

Regarding access and disadvantaged communities, the petitioner writes, “the California Environmental Protection Agency identifies the adjacent city of Guadalupe as “disadvantaged” under CA Senate Bill 535, and their synthesis of environmental and socioeconomic indicators further reveals that Guadalupe – alongside Santa Maria and Lompoc – are underprivileged communities that experience significant cumulative impacts from pollution. Given these communities’ close proximity to Point Sal, implementing an SMR at the proposed site could enhance access for disadvantaged populations to valuable coastal resources and fishing opportunities.”

To justify this confounding claim that removing fishing access could somehow *enhance fishing opportunities* for disadvantaged communities, the petitioner cites a study of commercial lobster fishing and the concept of “spillover.” They write, “California’s MPAs have been shown to increase the biomass of fishery-targeted species and promote “spillover” into nearby coastal areas, benefitting nearby fishing grounds.”

Spillover and the positive impacts to fisheries located in waters adjacent to MPAs are often referenced in association with the MPA network, and the limited, initial science has demonstrated some positive correlations with spillover of invertebrates like lobsters to adjacent fishing grounds in select study areas and commercial fishing for tuna in Hawaii. However, there remains an opportunity to further study this hypothesis and to promote scientific research that successfully documents spillover of targeted finfish across the MPA network in California. Some data from MPA monitoring along the Central California Coast indicated limited evidence of spillover from targeted finfish that were tagged and recaptured at a later point during the study period as evidenced from the Starr et al study: Variation in Responses of Fishes across Multiple Reserves within a Network of Marine Protected Areas in Temperate Waters:

As of July 2014, a total of 251 individual tag recaptures have been reported (Table 8). Tagged fishes were recaptured by commercial and recreational hook-and-line fishermen, commercial trap fishermen, SCUBA divers, and during our fishing surveys. Of all the tagged fishes recapture and reported, 71% were recaptured in the same site and grid cell as they were released, and 22% of recaptured fishes were caught within the same site but outside the original grid cell where they were released. Only 18 fish, or 7% of the recaptured fishes, were recaptured beyond the boundaries of the MPA or REF site in which they were released. The mean net distance moved by eight of nine species recaptured was less than half the length of the MPAs we studied.³

While we do not seek to draw conclusions regarding the overall merits of spillover to adjacent fisheries from the results of one study, we do encourage additional research to evaluate the impacts that MPAs have on local fisheries and fisheries as a whole, especially within the context of varied siting and disparate habitat types evidenced across the MPA network. As the Forcada study indicated, “We conclude that spillover effects are not a universal consequence of siting MPAs in temperate waters and they are related to the distribution of habitats inside and around MPAs.” (Forcada et al., 2009).

Due to the limited scientific understanding of spillover as it relates to the Marine Protected Area Network as a whole, especially with regards to finfish which would be the primary target of recreational shore and

³ 4 Starr RM, Wendt DE, Barnes CL, Marks CI, Malone D, et al. (2015) Variation in Responses of Fishes across Multiple Reserves within a Network of Marine Protected Areas in Temperate Waters. PLOS ONE 10(3): e0118502. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0118502>

boat-based anglers at Point Sal, we disagree with the petitioner's logical assumptions and the argument as a whole. In fact, when considered in the context presented from the *Constitutional Right to Fish* article, the discussion is turned on its head entirely. "Anglers from historically marginalized communities may be less able to travel to fishing locations and are more likely to require shore access, as opposed to access from a boat. Anglers in communities like this need accessible shore-fishing, particularly given the importance of subsistence fishing in poorer communities."⁴

With the two large no-take SMRs located just South of this newly proposed MPA (Vandenberg SMR & Point Conception SMR) and Point Buchon to the North, it would seem the opportunities to fish and forage the coast for residents of Guadalupe, Lompoc and Santa Maria are already few and far between. In fact, in 2022 the City of Lompoc petitioned the Fish & Game Commission to allow for shore-fishing access along a ½ mile stretch of beach within the Vandenberg SMR, citing a lack of access to historic fishing grounds for the local communities.

We share the petitioner's concerns regarding habitat disruption from off-shore energy production and the associated infrastructure, however, we note the likely establishment of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS) designation which would effectively curtail any development or offshore energy production in this region. Planning for the CHNMS has included fishing access as a key component of the proposed designation.

As a result, we recommend the Commission deny this petition.

Petition 2023-29MPA: *Designate a new SMCA with a tribal take exemption for and co-management with Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians in Santa Barbara*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

We oppose the petitioner's request to designate a new, no-take SMCA in Carpinteria for several reasons. First, the petitioner argues that spacing and connectivity is a key concern in this location with the distance between the Campus Point and Point Dume SMCAs at 64 nautical miles (nm) instead of the recommended 54 nm to ensure ecological connectivity. When this request is examined within the broader context of MPA siting, it is clear that the target spacing between MPAs could be easily achieved by moving the Campus Point SMCA South or the Point Dume SMCA North, since both are located well within the recommended 54nm from adjacent MPAs on either side.

Additionally, the petitioner cites the location as important nursery habitat for juvenile great white sharks as justification for establishing a no-take SMR. They write, "Research conducted in the Southern California Bight has found that fisheries bycatch is likely the main source of mortality for JWS." However, the article they cite to support this claim, John F. Benson et. al., discloses that for great white sharks they captured and tagged, "mortality risk was substantially greater off the coast of Baja, Mexico compared with California." Importantly, the research paper also states, "that incidental gillnet capture continues to be the primary source of mortality for juveniles. The lower mortality risk we documented in California waters suggests that full closure of gillnet fishing close to shore is a more effective management strategy than simply banning targeted fishing to reduce mortality risk due to bycatch."⁵

⁴ Coats, Francis, and Karrigan Bork. "CALIFORNIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FISH." *Environmental Law*, vol. 51, no. 4, 2021, pp. 1085–147. *JSTOR*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48647570>. Accessed 22 Mar. 2023.

⁵ Benson JF, Jorgensen SJ, O'Sullivan JB, et al. Juvenile survival, competing risks, and spatial variation in mortality risk of a marine apex predator. *J Appl Ecol*. 2018; 55: 2888–2897. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2664.13158>

As the petitioner is undoubtedly aware, gillnet fishing is banned in state waters and therefore the proposed MPA would have no impact on the gillnet fishery or likely the mortality risk to great white sharks.

The petitioner notes the location's popularity with recreational lobster divers and the likely opposition from stakeholders who would oppose the additional loss of access. The mortality risk to great white sharks from the recreational lobster fishery is zero, similar to the risk from spearfishing, yet the petitioner seeks to eliminate access entirely without providing any scientific rationale for the closure. As a result, we request that the Commission deny this petition.

Petition 2023-31MPA: *Reclassify Drakes Estero SMCA to an SMR and combine with Estero de Limantour SMR as a single SMR:*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation but encourage the Commission to maintain access for clamming unless there is a clear threat to the fishery or surrounding ecosystem.

It is worth noting that the National Park Service mentions in their comment letter that the area is now Congressionally Designated Wilderness and that "recreational take of shellfish appears to be very rare, [and] requires long kayak trips in wilderness area." Just because something is difficult doesn't mean it should be illegal.

Petition 2023-32MPA: *Reclassify Duxbury Reef SMCA as an SMR and expand northern and southern boundaries*

We recommend that the Commission deny or refer this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation but emphasize maintaining fishing access for local communities at Duxbury Reef. The vast majority of complaints regarding Duxbury reef are related to enforcement and compliance, rather than a scientific justification for eliminating access. Shore fishing is an important past-time for the diverse communities that comprise the North Bay Area, and removing access to a popular fishing destination should not be justified simply based on the actions of a few bad apples.

Petition 2023-33MPA: *Expand the boundaries of five SMRs and one SMCA, and designate a new SMR off Pleasure Point, in Santa Cruz*

We recommend that this petition be denied or referred to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation due to its broad scope and complexity. The petitioner seeks to enhance protections for kelp forests, but does so with an overly broad brush. Rather than advocating for reducing fishing pressure for predators of kelp grazers, like lobster and sheepshead, the petition advocates for the closure of all fishing, including the harvest of grazer species like urchins that have been documented to decimate kelp forests.

The petitioner argues that eliminating fishing pressure within the proposed MPA areas would somehow bolster kelp populations, but the claim is not well documented by scientific research in this petition. A noteworthy case study, by comparison, is the ongoing Tanker's Reef kelp restoration project, where volunteers have been culling purple urchins within study plots and tracking kelp recovery within the study area and a control site nearby. The initial data for the last three years shows a clear correlation between the removal of purple urchins and kelp recovery in the study plot with no kelp recovery in the adjacent control where urchins were not removed. Fishing is permitted in the Tanker's reef area, however, in adjacent MPA's that have not permitted active restoration and where fishing is not allowed, urchin barons persist and kelp recovery remains minimal.

Kelp forest health and resiliency is a complex and multi-variable equation that can be impacted by numerous factors including water temperature, disease, pollution, algal blooms, wave energy, commercial harvest and more. We support efforts to restore kelp forests across the coast and recognize the role they play in the overall ecosystem health of fisheries, especially the abalone fishery that remains closed until 2026. We urge caution, however where broad fishing closures are enacted in the attempt to solve a problem that requires a more nuanced and carefully crafted multidisciplinary approach.

It should also be noted that the petitioner indicates support for recreational hook and line fishing and spearfishing as an acceptable alternative in several of the MPAs referenced in the petition.

Petition 2023-34MPA: *Reclassify Point Buchon SMCA to an SMR and modify take at Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCAs to only allow recreational spearfishing.*

We recommend that the Commission deny this petition and we emphasize the substantial impacts to current fishing access. The petitioner argues that since the salmon season was closed in 2023 it will likely be closed in perpetuity, which would justify eliminating salmon and albacore fishing access at the Point Buchon SMCA. Salmon populations often decrease during drought years and can rebound with increased precipitation or water allocation as was the case in 2008 and 2009 when the fishery was closed and then reopened. We are cautiously optimistic that the salmon numbers will once again bounce back following the increased precipitation received over the past two years.

In the draft Pathways to 30x30 document, the CNRA writes: “It should be noted that limited-take State MPAs provide an excellent model for other jurisdictions looking to balance biodiversity conservation with sustainable well-managed commercial and recreational fishing.” We feel that reclassifying the Point Buchon SMCA as an SMR and eliminating fishing in this area would be inappropriate; however, we support any attempts to improve enforcement and compliance with existing regulations.

Furthermore, the proposal to modify take at Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCAs would disproportionately impact a broad variety and collection of user groups who may not be physically able or inclined to spearfish. For this reason and the lack of concrete scientific data to justify the additional restrictions, we recommend the Commission deny this petition.

Sincerely,

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From: Rick Duenas <[REDACTED]>
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To: FGC
Subject: Public comment on several 2023-MPA petitions

Dear Members of the Commission,

My name is Rick Duenas. I reside in Pacifica, CA but recreate up and down the coast. I write to you as an avid angler and spearfisherman expressing concern and opposition regarding several of the 2023 MPA petitions that impact areas for which I am both a consumptive stakeholder and steward. Many of these petitions will exclude and alienate consumptive stakeholders from participating in the MPA network, whether through designation changes or boundary expansions. I urge you to please reject petitions 2023-23MPA, 2023-24MPA, 2023-26MPA, 2023-27MPA, 2023-29MPA, 2023-32MPA, 2023-33MPA, and 2023-34MPA for the reasons enumerated below.

- 2023-23MPA: This petition will effectively ban fishing and spearfishing from the entire north side of the Monterey Peninsula by converting existing SMCAs to no-take SMRs. These SMCAs provide important nearshore opportunities for various consumptive stakeholders. The petitioner, as they attempted in a prior petition rejected by FGC (petition 2023-02), incorrectly claims eliminating finfish take will benefit kelp. In fact, the literature cited by the petition itself even states "[population and mean biomass responses] in the Central Coast MPAs were highly variable" and "kelp canopy monitoring from Landsat remote sensing did not detect a strong effect of MPA protection on average kelp canopy area." (Carr, et al.) This petition is not grounded in scientific reasoning or sound fisheries management and should be rejected.
- 2023-24MPA: This petition will effectively ban fishing, spearfishing, and all other take in the entirety of Laguna Beach. The petitioner cites ease of enforcement and anecdotal overharvesting and substrate degradation as rationale. This is unfair to consumptive stakeholders, essentially saying "it is too hard for city enforcement to learn the different regulations between different areas, so we want to impose a blanket ban on all consumptive stakeholders rather than addressing the root problem of educating the public." Frankly, this petition proposes lazy, non-adaptive management and should be rejected.
- 2023-26MPA: This petition aims to protect intertidal habitat and simplify enforcement but will effectively ban lobster diving from the productive reef at the southern end of Cardiff State Beach. This petition should be rejected and the petitioner advised to propose a smaller, intertidal-take-specific MPA in its place if that truly is the concern.
- 2023-27MPA: This petition aims to protect eel grass against anchor and lobster trap damage by converting Anacapa SMCA to a no-take SMR but will effectively ban consumptive take on the entire northern side of Anacapa Island. Why not simply address these threats via regulation change instead of designation change? This petition should be rejected and the petitioner advised

to propose a regulation change that prohibits lobster trapping and anchoring shallower than 20 meters; this will allow anglers and divers to drift through or swim in, the intention of the original regulations.

- 2023-29MPA: This petition will effectively ban all take off Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County. This is a popular and important nearshore access opportunity for lobster diving, which is limited to shallow reefs like those found here. This petition should be rejected or revised to make an exemption for low impact take like lobster diving and shore angling.
- 2023-32MPA: This petition will severely limit shore angling opportunities off the Marin coastline. This is an equity issue in that shore-based anglers cannot simply motor to other areas in boats. This petition should be rejected in favor of public education and outreach.
- 2023-33MPA: This petition will severely limit consumptive stakeholder opportunities in several important kelp forests in Southern and Central California, kelp forests that provide equitable access to nearshore activities like angling, lobster diving, and spearfishing. It is inappropriate for a single petition to propose changes to seven unrelated areas; this petition should be split into seven distinct petitions to weigh stakeholder input for each specific area. These expansions are unnecessary in that they target kelp forests that have done particularly well the last decade without MPA intervention. The petition cites warm water events and pollution as threats to kelp forests, yet expanding MPA areas do nothing to mitigate these threats. It is also important to manage these areas in the status quo to serve as a scientific control to compare the efficacy of other MPAs against. This petition should be rejected. Particularly egregious proposals therein:
 - Expanding Cabrillo SMR as proposed will result in divers and anglers losing access to 100% of nearshore reefs and kelp in San Diego.
 - Expanding South Point SMR as proposed will result in divers and anglers losing access to 50% of the south coastline of Santa Rosa Island.
 - Expanding Natural Bridges SMR (and intertidal-focused MPA) to 3nm offshore will eliminate large swaths of groundfish and salmon opportunity from anglers, completely unrelated to the inshore kelp.
 - Designating the Pleasure Point SMR as proposed will result in divers and anglers losing access to important inshore reefs and kelp in eastern Santa Cruz County.
- 2023-34MPA: This petition aims to ease enforcement and compliance by converting Point Buchon SMCA to a no-take SMR. Again, this is throwing the baby out with the bath water. Moreover, the petitioner justifies prohibiting take of salmon because there is a temporary statewide salmon closure, leaving no room for this to change in the future with better recruitment conditions. This petition should be rejected in favor of public education, outreach, and increase enforcement emphasis on the existing MPA.

In summary, the aforementioned petitions alienate and restrict opportunity for a large cohort of consumptive stakeholders across the state in an uncompromising and blanket manner. These petitions should be rejected and the petitioners advised to re-group and bring to the table more specific solutions that address root causes to the compliance, enforcement and protection gaps identified as rationale.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Rick Duenas

From: Michael Eberhardt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 11:33 AM
To: FGC
Subject: Subject: Opposition to Proposed MPAs - Petitions 2023-23MPA, 2023-24MPA, 2023-26MPA, 2023-29MPA, 2023-32MPA, and 2023-33MPA

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Subject: Opposition to Proposed MPAs - Petitions 2023-23MPA, 2023-24MPA, 2023-26MPA, 2023-29MPA, 2023-32MPA, and 2023-33MPA

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the series of Marine Protected Area (MPA) petitions currently under consideration, specifically 2023-23MPA, 2023-24MPA, 2023-26MPA, 2023-29MPA, 2023-32MPA, and 2023-33MPA. These proposed changes, I believe, are not only detrimental to the rights and

interests of consumptive stakeholders but are also lacking in scientific rationale, equitable enforcement strategies, and fail to directly address the purported environmental concerns.

****2023-23MPA**** seeks to convert existing State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCAs) on the north side of the Monterey Peninsula into no-take State Marine Reserves (SMRs), effectively banning all fishing and spearfishing activities. This proposal disregards the importance of these areas for consumptive users and is based on the unfounded claim that prohibiting finfish take will benefit kelp forests. This approach is not supported by scientific evidence and overlooks the need for sound fisheries management practices.

****2023-24MPA**** proposes a complete ban on fishing, spearfishing, and all other take activities in Laguna Beach. The justification for this sweeping prohibition—citing enforcement difficulties and anecdotal evidence of overharvesting—overlooks the fundamental issue of public education on existing regulations. This blanket approach unfairly penalizes law-abiding stakeholders and is an example of regulatory overreach based on convenience rather than necessity.

****2023-26MPA**** aims to protect intertidal habitats at Cardiff State Beach but in doing so would unjustly prohibit lobster diving in one of the area's most productive reefs. This proposal is an overextension of enforcement simplification that sacrifices valuable recreational opportunities without considering more targeted and reasonable restrictions.

****2023-29MPA**** seeks to eliminate all take activities off Carpinteria, impacting essential access for low-impact recreation such as lobster diving. This area is crucial for sustainable nearshore activities, and the proposed ban disregards the socio-economic benefits derived from these practices.

****2023-32MPA**** would significantly restrict shore angling and some kayak fishing opportunities off the Marin coastline by expanding the Duxbury Reef SMCA. This change is proposed under the guise of enforcement ease but in reality, would severely limit public access to marine resources without a clear environmental justification.

****2023-33MPA**** proposes broad restrictions across several key kelp forest areas in Southern and Central California. The sweeping nature of this petition fails to consider localized stakeholder input and does not effectively address the cited threats of warm water events and pollution. Instead, it would indiscriminately restrict access to valuable fishing grounds and recreational areas.

In summary, these petitions lack a balanced consideration of ecological preservation, stakeholder interests, and the socio-economic impact on local communities. They also fail to provide compelling scientific evidence to justify such extensive prohibitions. I urge the Commission to reject these proposals and to seek more targeted, science-based, and equitable solutions to marine conservation challenges.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter. I trust that the Commission will make decisions that are in the best interest of both our marine ecosystems and the communities that rely on them.

Sincerely,

Michael Eberhardt

From: Joe Huettl <[REDACTED]>
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To: FGC
Subject: MPA

Dear President Sklar and Honorable Members of the Commission,

I am writing to oppose the following petitions under consideration at this month's Fish and Game Commission meeting.

2023-23MPA - Eliminating Tanker's Reef would remove an important area from a popular kayak fishing destination for rockfish, California halibut, sardines, and other fin fish. Kayak fishing has little or no impact on kelp beds. Changing three SMCAs to SMRs would also eliminate areas that are currently available and popular to catch squid recreationally. The petitioner makes statements regarding recreational fishing effects on both kelp health and diver safety that are not backed by science. The culling of urchins is listed as the primary strategy of kelp restoration and they do not make a good case for recreational fishing having much of an affect on that.

2023-33MPA - Expanding Natural Bridges SMR three nautical miles out goes far beyond the goals of the petition and severely negatively affects recreational fishing. Recreational fishing has little to no affect on kelp forests. Creating a new SMR at Pleasure Point would have a huge impact on recreational fishing with very little benefit to kelp restoration. This is a popular fishing area for non-motorized vessels and small boats. At some point these restrictions would eliminate Santa Cruz as a fishing destination, with local economic impacts to follow. In one of their letters they state that the proposed MPA is not subject to any significant commercial take. So the designation would affect sport fishing and diving for the most part.

2023-32MPA - Changing Duxbury Reef SMCA to an SMR will eliminate local shore fishing opportunities. Expanding the proposed SMR could have a negative affect on kayak and boat fishing.

2023-20MPA - Expanding Point Buchon North would eliminate one of the few ocean kayak fishing opportunities on the Central Coast.

Please take into account the loss of recreational fishing opportunities and their effect on local economies and morale.

This current barrage of petitions to expand the MPA network is meant to overwhelm the opposition and disregards the thousands of Californians who fish recreationally.

Sincerely,

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RE: Discussion Item 10 - Regulation change petitions (marine)

Dear President Sklar, Vice President Zavaleta & Commissioners,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the numerous petitions under consideration at the February meeting of the California Fish & Game Commission, and we offer the perspective of the many hundred thousand supporters of our organizations to the Commission. We express grave concerns regarding several of the proposals to eliminate fishing access along large stretches of the California coast and argue that many of the petitions lack adequate scientific support and documentation to substantiate their positions.

The Decadal Management Review (DMR) of the Marine Protected Area Network (MPA) has offered important insights for MPA managers to help shape the adaptive management of MPA regulations, including promising research that MPAs may increase biomass and provide resiliency against the impacts of a changing climate for some species. The intent of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) and the stewardship of our coastal resources are of paramount importance to California's heritage. However, these laudable goals and conservation benchmarks should not preclude access to harvest coastal foods where state and federal fisheries managers have demonstrated robust and resilient fish stocks without any current threat of overfishing, nor for those species where targeted fishing and active management would benefit the overall ecosystem balance.

There are numerous, seemingly well-intentioned petitions currently before the Fish & Game Commission that seek to preserve California's coastal waters citing anthropogenic impacts to biodiversity and ecosystems such as pollution, rising sea temperatures, disease, development and overfishing. While we support the intent to safeguard our fish stocks, biodiversity, and ecosystem integrity, we strongly disagree with the all-or-nothing approach adopted by many of the petitioners who proffer the wholesale elimination of fishing access without adequate scientific rationale or the acknowledgement of regulatory mechanisms already in place such as those established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act working through the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Fish & Game Commission, and the additional state/federal laws and agencies dedicated to this task. Simply put, many of the petitions referenced below seek to advance preservation at all costs, pushing for wholesale closures that circumvent the regulatory processes already in place, ultimately bludgeoning access for the diverse angling communities that have revered these coastal traditions for generations.

Anglers and consumptive users will often be the first and loudest voices to advocate for restrictions or even closures to ensure the sustainability of a fishery, as evidenced by the numerous fishing groups and organizations advocating for the closure of the 2023 salmon season following the data and dismal projections provided by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and CDFW. However, a Californian

constitutional right to fish seems to stand in conflict with the presumption that restriction of access is permissible where there is a lack of scientific evidence or data to justify the closure. Section 1, Article 25 of the California Constitution states, “the people shall have the right to fish upon and from the public lands of the State and in the waters thereof,” and the courts in *re Quinn* (1973) defined “public lands of the state” referenced in this article to include “access to fish in the inland streams and coastal waters of the state.”

Shore fishing, diving/spearfishing, kayak/boat fishing and coastal gathering are low impact activities that reflect the broad spectrum of California’s diverse community and constitute a valuable resource for individuals across the economic divide to access nature and provide food for their families. We encourage the Commission and MPA managers to consider the numerous communities that enjoy the state’s many sustainable food resources when considering protections and recommendations that might unnecessarily exclude these groups. We feel that these considerations are in line with the California Natural Resources Agency’s Outdoors for All initiative and its commitment in the Pathways to 30x30 document to “implement projects that do no further harm or pose unintended consequences to historically marginalized communities.”¹ Specifically, we wish to highlight this issue with regards to the expansion of California’s MPA network which restricts shore-based diving, foraging, and fishing access for all Californians – especially historically marginalized communities, communities of color and Native American tribes. From California’s Constitutional Right to Fish:

Anglers from historically marginalized communities may be less able to travel to fishing locations and are more likely to require shore access, as opposed to access from a boat. Anglers in communities like this need accessible shore-fishing, particularly given the importance of subsistence fishing in poorer communities. Moreover, fishing opportunities offer physical and psychological benefits to disadvantaged communities, not just access to fish as food.²

It is within this context that we urge the Commission to take the following actions with regards to the petitions they have received.

Petition 2023-14MPA: *Allow commercial take of red sea urchins in nine state marine conservation areas (SMCAs)*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-15MPA: *Reclassify three northern Channel Islands state marine reserves (SMRs) to SMCAs and allow take of highly migratory species, pelagic finfish, and/or coastal pelagic finfish*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation, but are encouraged by the proposal and the potential opportunity to gather more data on limited take MPAs and long-term MPA monitoring at the Channels Islands.

¹ https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-Website/Files/Initiatives/30-by-30/Final_Pathwaysto30x30_042022_508.pdf

² Coats, Francis, and Karrigan Bork. “CALIFORNIA’S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FISH.” *Environmental Law*, vol. 51, no. 4, 2021, pp. 1085–147. *JSTOR*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48647570>. Accessed 22 Mar. 2023.

Petition 2023-16MPA: *Reclassify Stewarts Point and Bodega Head SMRs to SMCAs and allow commercial take of salmon.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-18MPA: *Modify allowed uses for four marine protected areas (MPAs) in Santa Barbara Channel and eliminate two special closures.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-19MPA: *Designate new "Chitqawi" SMCA near Morro Bay for California-Chumash co-management*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-20MPA: *Reclassify and rename Point Buchon SMR to "Chumash SMCA" for co-management with tribal take exemption.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-21MPA: *Modify Pyramid Point SMCA to remove recreational take of surf smelt and allow tribal take exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-22MPA: *Define "rocky intertidal zone," add research, monitoring, restoration and education allowance, and clarify protections in several Orange County MPAs.*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation.

Petition 2023-23MPA: *Reclassify three SMCAs to SMRs, designate one new SMR in Monterey, and make various changes related to kelp restoration.*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

While the petitioner's intent to restore kelp forests and ecosystem integrity at tankers reef and in the surrounding waters is laudable, this broadly proscriptive petition would unnecessarily restrict access for anglers where there is no clear scientific rationale. In fact, the petitioner submitted a very similar petition seeking to close access for groundfish along a large stretch of the coast in this region in 2023 which the Department of Fish & Wildlife rejected citing a lack of scientific evidence to support the claim. We support the ongoing efforts to restore kelp forests through urchin culling and other means, however we oppose reclassifying these SMCAs to SMRs and the establishment of a new SMR in Monterey.

Petition 2023-24MPA: *Expand Laguna Beach no-take SMCA southward to border of City of Laguna Beach and modify Dana Point SMCA boundaries*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

We oppose this petition on the basis that it lacks scientific documentation or justification to eliminate fishing access in the proposed area. The petitioner argues primarily for administrative ease that the no-take closure be extended to the edge of city limits. During the implementation of the MLPA, MPAs were sited utilizing careful selection criteria based on habitat type, proximity from other MPAs, impact to communities and more. The petitioner argues that all beaches within the City of Laguna Beach should be no-take MPAs in order to streamline enforcement and that homeowners “feel that it is not equitable to have only the north and central beaches protected.” It should be noted that the petitioner also states clearly in the Economic or Fiscal Impact section of the petition that “estimated resident property values gain an increase of 20% from proximity to a fully protected MPA” which may explain more robust support from the city and homeowners.

The petitioner also cites kelp forest health as justification for eliminating fishing access, however the 100 + page report included with the petition doesn’t reference fishing pressure or boat activity with regards to kelp forest health and instead focuses on water temperature, nutrients, wave height, upwelling, rainfall and other stressors. As such, we recommend the Commission deny this petition since there is no scientific documentation to support its claims, and it would only negatively impact anglers who would be forced to travel further to reach fishing grounds.

Petition 2023-27MPA: *Reclassify a portion or all of Anacapa SMCA to an SMR to protect eelgrass*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation. We recognize the value of eelgrass beds for overall ecosystem health and habitat; however, it should be noted that many recreational anglers who target pelagic fish do not anchor and instead prefer to drift fish or troll instead which would have zero impact on the bottom habitat and eelgrass.

Petition 2023-28MPA: *Designate a new SMR at Point Sal, or designate as an SMCA with a tribal take exemption based on tribal consultation*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

While the petitioner takes time to identify the important habitat types, larval transport zones, and cultural significance of the Point Sal area, and they reference potential threats to the region from coastal development and industry, they fail to elaborate in any substantive way why fishing access should be removed from this wild and iconic central coast fishing destination. The petitioner states: “current [commercial] fishing in the proposed area is limited, likely due to its considerable distance from nearest port areas of Morro Bay and Santa Barbara.” They also admit that they have no data or analysis with regards to recreational fishing and state, “our request to CDFW for recreational fishing data from this area was being processed at time of submission; we will evaluate the potential impact to recreational fishers and submit it to the state following receipt of the requested data.”

A limited google search of “Point Sal fishing” also uncovers a large number of recreational fishing blogs and videos detailing the remote and adventurous hike to fish this area from a diverse population of anglers. In 2023 one blogger wrote, “had a great time hiking miles and miles and miles to fish Point Sal with Martin Mansera from Mansera Outdoors...It's such a remote location and so difficult to access, it

makes for a really rad adventure.” Recreational fishing trips to the area by boat are also common, and fishing is noted in nearly every travel guide or city/county website that talks about visiting Point Sal.

Regarding access and disadvantaged communities, the petitioner writes, “the California Environmental Protection Agency identifies the adjacent city of Guadalupe as “disadvantaged” under CA Senate Bill 535, and their synthesis of environmental and socioeconomic indicators further reveals that Guadalupe – alongside Santa Maria and Lompoc – are underprivileged communities that experience significant cumulative impacts from pollution. Given these communities’ close proximity to Point Sal, implementing an SMR at the proposed site could enhance access for disadvantaged populations to valuable coastal resources and fishing opportunities.”

To justify this confounding claim that removing fishing access could somehow *enhance fishing opportunities* for disadvantaged communities, the petitioner cites a study of commercial lobster fishing and the concept of “spillover.” They write, “California’s MPAs have been shown to increase the biomass of fishery-targeted species and promote “spillover” into nearby coastal areas, benefitting nearby fishing grounds.”

Spillover and the positive impacts to fisheries located in waters adjacent to MPAs are often referenced in association with the MPA network, and the limited, initial science has demonstrated some positive correlations with spillover of invertebrates like lobsters to adjacent fishing grounds in select study areas and commercial fishing for tuna in Hawaii. However, there remains an opportunity to further study this hypothesis and to promote scientific research that successfully documents spillover of targeted finfish across the MPA network in California. Some data from MPA monitoring along the Central California Coast indicated limited evidence of spillover from targeted finfish that were tagged and recaptured at a later point during the study period as evidenced from the Starr et al study: Variation in Responses of Fishes across Multiple Reserves within a Network of Marine Protected Areas in Temperate Waters:

As of July 2014, a total of 251 individual tag recaptures have been reported (Table 8). Tagged fishes were recaptured by commercial and recreational hook-and-line fishermen, commercial trap fishermen, SCUBA divers, and during our fishing surveys. Of all the tagged fishes recapture and reported, 71% were recaptured in the same site and grid cell as they were released, and 22% of recaptured fishes were caught within the same site but outside the original grid cell where they were released. Only 18 fish, or 7% of the recaptured fishes, were recaptured beyond the boundaries of the MPA or REF site in which they were released. The mean net distance moved by eight of nine species recaptured was less than half the length of the MPAs we studied.³

While we do not seek to draw conclusions regarding the overall merits of spillover to adjacent fisheries from the results of one study, we do encourage additional research to evaluate the impacts that MPAs have on local fisheries and fisheries as a whole, especially within the context of varied siting and disparate habitat types evidenced across the MPA network. As the Forcada study indicated, “We conclude that spillover effects are not a universal consequence of siting MPAs in temperate waters and they are related to the distribution of habitats inside and around MPAs.” (Forcada et al., 2009).

Due to the limited scientific understanding of spillover as it relates to the Marine Protected Area Network as a whole, especially with regards to finfish which would be the primary target of recreational shore and

³ 4 Starr RM, Wendt DE, Barnes CL, Marks CI, Malone D, et al. (2015) Variation in Responses of Fishes across Multiple Reserves within a Network of Marine Protected Areas in Temperate Waters. PLOS ONE 10(3): e0118502. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0118502>

boat-based anglers at Point Sal, we disagree with the petitioner's logical assumptions and the argument as a whole. In fact, when considered in the context presented from the *Constitutional Right to Fish* article, the discussion is turned on its head entirely. "Anglers from historically marginalized communities may be less able to travel to fishing locations and are more likely to require shore access, as opposed to access from a boat. Anglers in communities like this need accessible shore-fishing, particularly given the importance of subsistence fishing in poorer communities."⁴

With the two large no-take SMRs located just South of this newly proposed MPA (Vandenberg SMR & Point Conception SMR) and Point Buchon to the North, it would seem the opportunities to fish and forage the coast for residents of Guadalupe, Lompoc and Santa Maria are already few and far between. In fact, in 2022 the City of Lompoc petitioned the Fish & Game Commission to allow for shore-fishing access along a ½ mile stretch of beach within the Vandenberg SMR, citing a lack of access to historic fishing grounds for the local communities.

We share the petitioner's concerns regarding habitat disruption from off-shore energy production and the associated infrastructure, however, we note the likely establishment of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (CHNMS) designation which would effectively curtail any development or offshore energy production in this region. Planning for the CHNMS has included fishing access as a key component of the proposed designation.

As a result, we recommend the Commission deny this petition.

Petition 2023-29MPA: *Designate a new SMCA with a tribal take exemption for and co-management with Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians in Santa Barbara*

We recommend the Commission deny this petition.

We oppose the petitioner's request to designate a new, no-take SMCA in Carpinteria for several reasons. First, the petitioner argues that spacing and connectivity is a key concern in this location with the distance between the Campus Point and Point Dume SMCAs at 64 nautical miles (nm) instead of the recommended 54 nm to ensure ecological connectivity. When this request is examined within the broader context of MPA siting, it is clear that the target spacing between MPAs could be easily achieved by moving the Campus Point SMCA South or the Point Dume SMCA North, since both are located well within the recommended 54nm from adjacent MPAs on either side.

Additionally, the petitioner cites the location as important nursery habitat for juvenile great white sharks as justification for establishing a no-take SMR. They write, "Research conducted in the Southern California Bight has found that fisheries bycatch is likely the main source of mortality for JWS." However, the article they cite to support this claim, John F. Benson et. al., discloses that for great white sharks they captured and tagged, "mortality risk was substantially greater off the coast of Baja, Mexico compared with California." Importantly, the research paper also states, "that incidental gillnet capture continues to be the primary source of mortality for juveniles. The lower mortality risk we documented in California waters suggests that full closure of gillnet fishing close to shore is a more effective management strategy than simply banning targeted fishing to reduce mortality risk due to bycatch."⁵

⁴ Coats, Francis, and Karrigan Bork. "CALIFORNIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FISH." *Environmental Law*, vol. 51, no. 4, 2021, pp. 1085–147. *JSTOR*, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48647570>. Accessed 22 Mar. 2023.

⁵ Benson JF, Jorgensen SJ, O'Sullivan JB, et al. Juvenile survival, competing risks, and spatial variation in mortality risk of a marine apex predator. *J Appl Ecol*. 2018; 55: 2888–2897. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2664.13158>

As the petitioner is undoubtedly aware, gillnet fishing is banned in state waters and therefore the proposed MPA would have no impact on the gillnet fishery or likely the mortality risk to great white sharks.

The petitioner notes the location's popularity with recreational lobster divers and the likely opposition from stakeholders who would oppose the additional loss of access. The mortality risk to great white sharks from the recreational lobster fishery is zero, similar to the risk from spearfishing, yet the petitioner seeks to eliminate access entirely without providing any scientific rationale for the closure. As a result, we request that the Commission deny this petition.

Petition 2023-31MPA: *Reclassify Drakes Estero SMCA to an SMR and combine with Estero de Limantour SMR as a single SMR:*

We recommend referring this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation but encourage the Commission to maintain access for clamming unless there is a clear threat to the fishery or surrounding ecosystem.

It is worth noting that the National Park Service mentions in their comment letter that the area is now Congressionally Designated Wilderness and that "recreational take of shellfish appears to be very rare, [and] requires long kayak trips in wilderness area." Just because something is difficult doesn't mean it should be illegal.

Petition 2023-32MPA: *Reclassify Duxbury Reef SMCA as an SMR and expand northern and southern boundaries*

We recommend that the Commission deny or refer this petition to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation but emphasize maintaining fishing access for local communities at Duxbury Reef. The vast majority of complaints regarding Duxbury reef are related to enforcement and compliance, rather than a scientific justification for eliminating access. Shore fishing is an important past-time for the diverse communities that comprise the North Bay Area, and removing access to a popular fishing destination should not be justified simply based on the actions of a few bad apples.

Petition 2023-33MPA: *Expand the boundaries of five SMRs and one SMCA, and designate a new SMR off Pleasure Point, in Santa Cruz*

We recommend that this petition be denied or referred to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for review and recommendation due to its broad scope and complexity. The petitioner seeks to enhance protections for kelp forests, but does so with an overly broad brush. Rather than advocating for reducing fishing pressure for predators of kelp grazers, like lobster and sheephead, the petition advocates for the closure of all fishing, including the harvest of grazer species like urchins that have been documented to decimate kelp forests.

The petitioner argues that eliminating fishing pressure within the proposed MPA areas would somehow bolster kelp populations, but the claim is not well documented by scientific research in this petition. A noteworthy case study, by comparison, is the ongoing Tanker's Reef kelp restoration project, where volunteers have been culling purple urchins within study plots and tracking kelp recovery within the study area and a control site nearby. The initial data for the last three years shows a clear correlation between the removal of purple urchins and kelp recovery in the study plot with no kelp recovery in the adjacent control where urchins were not removed. Fishing is permitted in the Tanker's reef area, however, in adjacent MPA's that have not permitted active restoration and where fishing is not allowed, urchin barons persist and kelp recovery remains minimal.

Kelp forest health and resiliency is a complex and multi-variable equation that can be impacted by numerous factors including water temperature, disease, pollution, algal blooms, wave energy, commercial harvest and more. We support efforts to restore kelp forests across the coast and recognize the role they play in the overall ecosystem health of fisheries, especially the abalone fishery that remains closed until 2026. We urge caution, however where broad fishing closures are enacted in the attempt to solve a problem that requires a more nuanced and carefully crafted multidisciplinary approach.

It should also be noted that the petitioner indicates support for recreational hook and line fishing and spearfishing as an acceptable alternative in several of the MPAs referenced in the petition.

Petition 2023-34MPA: *Reclassify Point Buchon SMCA to an SMR and modify take at Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCAs to only allow recreational spearfishing.*

We recommend that the Commission deny this petition and we emphasize the substantial impacts to current fishing access. The petitioner argues that since the salmon season was closed in 2023 it will likely be closed in perpetuity, which would justify eliminating salmon and albacore fishing access at the Point Buchon SMCA. Salmon populations often decrease during drought years and can rebound with increased precipitation or water allocation as was the case in 2008 and 2009 when the fishery was closed and then reopened. We are cautiously optimistic that the salmon numbers will once again bounce back following the increased precipitation received over the past two years.

In the draft Pathways to 30x30 document, the CNRA writes: “It should be noted that limited-take State MPAs provide an excellent model for other jurisdictions looking to balance biodiversity conservation with sustainable well-managed commercial and recreational fishing.” We feel that reclassifying the Point Buchon SMCA as an SMR and eliminating fishing in this area would be inappropriate; however, we support any attempts to improve enforcement and compliance with existing regulations.

Furthermore, the proposal to modify take at Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCAs would disproportionately impact a broad variety and collection of user groups who may not be physically able or inclined to spearfish. For this reason and the lack of concrete scientific data to justify the additional restrictions, we recommend the Commission deny this petition.

Sincerely,

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RE: Discussion Item 10 - Regulation change petitions (marine)

Dear President Sklar, Vice President Zavaleta & Commissioners,

As an organization dedicated to ensuring our North American heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting with over 350,000 supporters, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers expresses serious concerns regarding several of the petitions currently before the California Fish & Game Commission that would eliminate fishing access along large stretches of the California coast.

The intent of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) and the stewardship of our coastal resources are of paramount importance to California's heritage. However, these laudable goals and conservation benchmarks should not preclude access to harvest coastal foods where state and federal fisheries managers have demonstrated robust and resilient fish stocks without any current threat of overfishing, nor for those species where targeted fishing and active management would benefit the overall ecosystem balance.

There are numerous, seemingly well-intentioned petitions currently before the Fish & Game Commission that seek to preserve California's coastal waters citing anthropogenic impacts to biodiversity and ecosystems, such as pollution, rising sea temperatures, disease, development and fishing. While we support the intent to safeguard our fish stocks, biodiversity, and ecosystem integrity, we strongly disagree with the all-or-nothing approach adopted by many of the petitioners who proffer the wholesale elimination of fishing access without adequate scientific rationale.

Simply put, many of the petitions seek to advance preservation at all costs, pushing for wholesale closures that circumvent the regulatory processes already in place, ultimately bludgeoning access for the diverse angling communities that have revered these coastal traditions for generations.

Shore fishing, diving/spearfishing, kayak/boat fishing and coastal gathering are low impact activities that reflect the broad spectrum of California's diverse community and constitute a valuable resource for individuals across the economic divide to access nature and provide food for their families at the same time. We encourage the Commission and MPA managers to consider the numerous communities that enjoy the state's many sustainable food resources when considering protections and recommendations that might unnecessarily exclude these groups.

It is within this context that we urge the Commission to deny those petitions (outlined in our detailed letter to the Commission on 2/1/24) that would unnecessarily erode our longstanding coastal fishing and foraging traditions.

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From: Alejandro Meruelo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 12:48 PM
To: FGC
Subject: Oppose MPA expansion

Hello,

Hope all is well! My name is Alejandro Meruelo and I live in San Diego; I represent myself. I was writing in opposite to the proposed MPA expansion of Laguna Beach, Carpinteria, and the Monterey Peninsula. These are areas that rich in resources for selective spear fishers and kayakers who have little impact compared to commercial interests, and offer species unavailable in other areas of California.

It would be of great detriment to these groups of fishermen/women given that the areas are largely already surrounded by numerous MPAs that have served an important role in these areas.

Thank you for considering my opinion,
Alejandro

From: Patrick Spalding [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:49 PM
To: FGC
Subject: Opposition to Proposed petitions

Dear Commission,

I was born in San Francisco and have lived my entire life along the central California coast. I have been actively engaged in freedive spearfishing since 2011. Based on the current scientific research, I do not support expansion of any MPAs in California. I specifically request that the Commission deny the petitions listed below. I appreciate your consideration, and I'm grateful for your support of our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Patrick Spalding

Petition 2023-23MPA

Petition 2023-33MPA

Petition 2023-34MPA

Petition 2023-29MPA:

Petition 2023-24MPA

From: California Fishermens Resiliency Association <californiafishermensresiliency@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 06:44 PM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED] Steve Scheiblaue

<[REDACTED]>; Dave Colker

<[REDACTED]>; Jake Mitchell <[REDACTED]>;

Subject: MPA Petitions Support/Object

CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

1118 6th St.
Eureka, CA 95501

California Fish and Game Commission
PO Box 944209
1416 Ninth Street Suite 1320
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

July 3, 2024

Re: MPA Petitions/Support/Object

Commissioners:

The California Fisherman's Resiliency Association (CFRA) expresses its support for the following Marine Protected Area (MPA) petitions:

2023 - 14 MPA
2023 - 15 MPA
2023 - 16 MPA
2023 - 18 MPA
2023 - 30 MPA

Our support is based on research conducted by the University of Washington (sustainable fisheries- us.org) which exactly states that MPA's have no positive affect on threats to marine life posed by ocean acidification, global warming, coastal development, terrestrial and urban run-off and human pollution of the world environment. "Recent reviews of the extensive MPA network in California have concluded there is no evidence for a regional increase in biodiversity, or targeted fish abundance, nor is there evidence for MPA's providing climate resiliency"

We provide no support for the following MPA petitions:

2023 - 19 MPA
2023 - 20 MPA
2023 - 21 MPA
2023 - 22 MPA
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2023 - 25 MPA
2023 - 26 MPA
2023 - 28 MPA
2023 - 29 MPA
2023 - 31 MPA
2023 - 32 MPA
2023 - 33 MPA
2023 - 34 MPA

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Ken Bates, Executive Director
California Fishermen's Resiliency Association Member Associations

Crescent City Commercial Fishermen's Association
Trinidad Bay Fishermen's Association
Shelter Cove Fishermen's Preservation, Inc.
Salmon Troller's Marketing Association of Noyo
Bodega Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association
San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association
Half Moon Bay Commercial Fishermen's Association
The Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries
Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara
Santa Cruz Commercial Fishermen's Association
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Cc: Dave Colker
Peter Halmay
Steve Scheiblauber
Jake Mitchell

From: Azsha Hudson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 05:10 PM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Cc: Linda Krop <[REDACTED]>
Subject: August FGC Meeting: Written Comments for Item 6c

Hello,

Please see the attached file for our written comments for the upcoming FGC meeting.

Thank you



AZSHA HUDSON (she/her/hers)
MARINE CONSERVATION ANALYST &
PROGRAM MANAGER
906 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
O: [REDACTED] C: [REDACTED]
www.EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org



We recognize that EDC sits on occupied, unceded, stolen lands of the Chumash Peoples, on Shmuwich Territory, who have called this area home for time immemorial. We commit today to make space to elevate indigenous voices and support our local Chumash and indigenous communities in our work to protect our environment.

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July 31, 2024

Samantha Murray, President
California Fish and Game Commission
715 P Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Petition for Anacapa State Marine Conservation Area – Agenda Item 6(c)

Dear President Murray and Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of the Environmental Defense Center (“EDC”), please consider our comments regarding the Marine Protected Area (“MPA”) petition process instigated by California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (“CDFW”) release of the MPA Network Decadal Management Review (“DMR”) report. EDC is a public interest law firm that defends nature and advances environmental justice on California’s Central Coast through advocacy and legal action. We primarily work in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. We celebrate the success of California’s MPA Network (“the Network”) and submit this letter to inform the Fish and Game Commission (“Commission”) and CDFW of our intent to update our petition (2023-27MPA) for Anacapa Island State Marine Conservation Area (“SMCA”) based on conversations we continue to have with the public.

I. COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUMMARY

We strongly support the Commission requesting and utilizing the feedback received from the public regarding next steps for the DMR process. We especially appreciate the centering of adaptive management as a guiding principle as we look to the next decadal review of the Network. In late 2023, the Commission requested that the public submit petitions for any changes to the Network; however, as this is an ever-evolving process, the Commission asked petitioners to prioritize community outreach following the deadline for petition submissions. We at EDC have done our part to inform our local community of the DMR process, as well as our Anacapa and Mishopshno (2023-29MPA) petitions, and we continue to engage our community.

A. Legislators

Assemblymember Gregg Hart, 37th District – we met with Assemblymember Hart’s staff, who indicated the Assemblymember was generally supportive of the MPA Network. When the Anacapa petition was explained, as well as the intent of EDC to flesh out alternative solutions, staff were supportive of continued community outreach to get their input. Staff agreed that a remedy should be identified to address the impacts of hard bottomed fishing gear on eelgrass.

Assemblymember Steve Bennett, 38th District – we met with Assemblymember Bennett’s staff, who indicated the Assemblymember was generally supportive of the MPA Network. Assemblymember Bennett and his staff worked with EDC, Environment California, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Azul to write and deliver “ACR 210: Marine Protection Area” to the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, as a means of supporting and strengthening the Network. Assemblymember Bennett’s staff were supportive of the Anacapa Petition. Staff agreed that a remedy should be identified to address the impacts of hard bottomed fishing gear on eelgrass.

Santa Barbara County Supervisor Das Williams, 1st District – we met with Supervisor Williams, who expressed general support for the Network, as well as potential support for the creation of an MPA near Carpinteria. A follow up meeting is pending as EDC, along with partners, fleshes out the specifics of the Mishopshno MPA.

Santa Barbara County Supervisor-Elect Roy Lee, 1st District –we met with Mr. Lee, who expressed general support for the Network, as well as EDC’s sponsorship of two petitions. He also asked about a possible petition to protect the harbor seal rookery east of Carpinteria State Beach.

U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal, 24th Congressional District – we met with Congressman Carbajal’s staff, who indicated that the Congressman generally supports highly and fully protected MPAs. His staff expressed concern about equal access for all the community, especially children, to natural areas. Once assured that EDC’s petition for Anacapa would not restrict public access, there were no further concerns raised.

B. Fishing Community

Spearfishers – we met with Santa Barbara local spearfishers multiple times to discuss both our Anacapa petition as well as the Mishopshno petition. The members of a local spearfisher group expressed concern with access to highly protected MPAs, however, they added that they have noticed an uptick in lobster traps in Anacapa Island SMCA that make it difficult and potentially dangerous for them to navigate through the water. The spearfishers were open to discussing alternative solutions to protecting the marine environment that took into consideration community access.

Anglers – we met with a few anglers based in San Diego and Los Angeles counties who expressed concern with the original Anacapa Island petition as submitted to CDFW on

November 30, 2023. They explained the harm re-classifying the SMCA to a fully protected State Marine Reserve (“SMR”) would have on community members whose interaction with the ocean is low impact. When EDC expressed our willingness to consider alternative solutions to the two proposals listed in the submitted narrative, the anglers, while not happy with possibly losing some access, understood that a compromise was needed to protect the ecosystem from obvious harm.

Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara – we met with Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara president Chris Voss and the Executive Director Kim Selkoe. Both expressed concerns with the MPA petition process in general, looking for economic impact analyses on local communities and fishing communities. They also expressed concern with petitions like Mishopshno connecting to tribal interests, as they are concerned that co-management would complicate enforcement. They stated that there is already oversight from federal and state entities and the inclusion of tribal enforcement could potentially add more limitations to commercial fishers. They stated interest in how the CEQA process will be integrated in the petition process, if it will at all.

Lobster fishers – we spoke with a couple of Santa Barbara County lobster fishers. They expressed general support for the Network, as they have directly benefited from the spillover effect. When the basis for our Anacapa petition was explained, most individuals supported protecting eelgrass. However, we are still looking to speak with a Channel Islands lobster fisher to get a more applied perspective.

C. Non-federally and federally recognized tribes

San Ynez Band of Chumash Indians – the Band is supportive of modifying the Anacapa SMCA to allow for the eelgrass meadow to be undisturbed and protected from lobster traps. They were slightly concerned with re-classifying the SMCA to an SMR; however, we explained that we are also considering some other options. We have listed some alternative ideas below, that we ask CDFW staff to review.

Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation – the Band is supportive of modifying Anacapa SMCA to allow for the eelgrass meadow to be undisturbed and protected from lobster traps. We have spoken with the Secretary of the Coastal band and an Elder who have helped connect us with the President for further discussion. We hope to hold a further conversation in the beginning of August.

Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians – EDC sent information on the MPA petition and DMR process, the original Anacapa petition narrative, and the narrative for the creation of Mishopshno SMCA. We are waiting for their review and an opportunity to discuss the petitions.

Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation – EDC sent information on the MPA petition and DMR process, the original Anacapa petition narrative, and the narrative for the creation of Mishopshno SMCA. We are waiting for their review and an opportunity to discuss the petitions.

D. Local Community

College students – We spoke with CalPIRG students as well as those who did not identify any affiliation to an environmental/marine conservation club. The University of California, Santa Barbara students, especially those that have been to the islands, are generally supportive of the MPA Network and communicated a strong desire to continue to protect the ocean via MPAs. They were supportive of protecting eelgrass at Anacapa Island SMCA.

Women in the Water – EDC participated in a gathering held by Women in the Water, for local women-identified and allied people who are connected by the water. We heard general support for the MPA Network from a group of about 30 Santa Barbara County locals. Many had questions about the petition process.

Santa Barbara Channel MPA Collaborative – EDC attended a meeting in late spring/early summer of this year. We heard concerns from several fishermen who believed that a concession was made during the initial conversations to establish the Network. They referenced a deal that resulted in the designation of the Campus point MPA rather than an MPA near Carpinteria. They voiced concerns that closing access near the Carpinteria State Beach would push fishing efforts into Ventura County or surrounding the Santa Barbara port. General support for the Network was expressed, however during the meeting, individual petitions were not discussed.

E. Agencies

We also spoke with multiple state and federal agencies, most notably the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”), the National Park Service (“NPS”), and CDFW. Most agency staff were open to EDC’s new alternatives and expressed the need for more direction from the Commission as to how to change the original petition request.

II. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

As stated above, the FGC directed petitioners in late 2023 to prioritize community outreach. We were tasked with engaging the community to inform them of individual petitions to best inform our petition requests. EDC, like many petitioners, set about our task and occasionally combined efforts with other organizations to conduct community outreach. EDC conducted many conversations that led us to investigate alternative solutions that would still protect *Zostera marina* at Anacapa Island, as there is compelling evidence that seasonally occurring lobster trapping and anchoring in the SMCA is destroying the eelgrass beds that are otherwise thriving in the adjacent Anacapa SMR. Another goal petitioners, as well as CDFW and FGC, must engage in is adaptive management. As explained in the DMR, “adaptive management is an iterative process that facilitates learning from program actions to help determine those that are most effective.”¹ Utilizing one of EDC’s suggested solutions - or ones identified by CDFW in the future - will align with recently available scientific findings about the significant damage

¹ California Department of Fish and Wildlife. (2022). California’s Marine Protected Area Network Decadal Management Review.

caused by lobster traps and boat anchoring, thus supporting adaptive management goals. We ask that CDFW staff evaluate the below alternatives (and others not listed here) that we have crafted from our community outreach and engagement.

A. Change current regulations to disallow lobster fishing year round

The species of eelgrass found at Anacapa Island, *Zostera pacifica*, has very short rootlets and typically grows within the top few centimeters of sediment.² This makes it extremely sensitive to disturbance, which is why it is found only in the most sheltered areas. Deploying and pulling hard bottomed items, like lobster traps and boat anchors, disturbs the sediment and dislodges the eelgrass and causes it to drift away.³ Deploying and pulling traps is akin to anchoring, which is known to be a major threat to eelgrass beds world-wide. Due to the site-specific research conducted by Jessie Altstatt,⁴ it is apparent that lobster traps are the biggest threat to Anacapa Island SMCA eelgrass meadows. We ask that CDFW evaluate the benefits and challenges that would come with changing the regulations for Anacapa Island SMCA to prohibit lobster fishing year-round.

B. Change current regulations to disallow hard bottomed fishing gear near eelgrass meadows

Similar justifications to alternative A can be applied to alternative B as well. We ask CDFW staff to evaluate the benefits and challenges of changing the regulations to restrict the gear type allowed for commercial lobster fishers. We recommend that a non-hard bottomed trap be evaluated for use at locations with sensitive eelgrass habitats.

C. Change the existing border, prohibiting the deployment of lobster traps from 0-20 feet to 0-30 meters

Eelgrass beds support complex food webs despite inhabiting a narrow range. They filter nutrients, and improve water quality, stabilize sediments, and serve as important refuge and nurseries for marine vertebrates and invertebrates.⁵ Eelgrass beds are typically found from shallow waters down to depths of up to 30 meters (98 feet).⁶ Based on the existing border around Anacapa Island as explained in the Final Environmental Document for Marine Protected Areas

² Engle, J. M., & Miller, K. A. (2005). Distribution and morphology of eelgrass (*Zostera marina* L.) at the California Channel Islands. In *Proceedings of the Sixth California Islands Symposium*. Institute for Wildlife Studies, Arcata, CA (pp. 405-414).

³ Richardson Bay: Eelgrass Restoration and Adaptive Management Plan (2023)
https://rbra.ca.gov/files/38481beeb/8.2.1_2024-01-10_RAMP.pdf

⁴ Jessica Altstatt (2021). Island Eelgrass (*Zostera pacifica*): Focused Assessment of Condition and Extent of Meadows and Biological Monitoring of Associated Fish and Invertebrate Communities

⁵ Engle, J. M., & Miller, K. A. (2005, November). Distribution and morphology of eelgrass (*Zostera marina* L.) at the California Channel Islands. In *Proceedings of the Sixth California Islands Symposium*. Institute for Wildlife Studies, Arcata, CA (pp. 405-414).

⁶ marinespecies.wildlife.ca.gov/eelgrass/

in NOAA’s Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary: Volume I,⁷ we ask CDFW to evaluate the benefits and challenges to changing the distance from 20 ft to 30 meters within Anacapa Island SMCA, or for the whole Island.

III. POACHING: IS IT AN ISSUE?

Given its ecological importance, eelgrass habitat restoration and conservation has been identified as a high priority by numerous federal and state policies and planning documents. Most community members surrounding Santa Barbara Channel are concerned about the environment, including marine ecosystems. Everyone we spoke with voiced some concern for the eelgrass meadows and the fishing pressure occurring within the SMCA. Many times, poaching as an issue was brought up in our conversations. This is not something EDC was able to determine with certainty and if it is as big an issue as some think, despite the endeavors we take to change the regulations, poaching will destroy those efforts. We ask that CDFW staff (if not already) compare the number of traps deployed to the number of permits to fish in the area to determine if poaching is a major concern at Anacapa Island.

IV. CONCLUSION

We celebrate the outcome of the DMR and the actions the FGC as well as CDFW have taken to center adaptive management in ongoing processes. The ecological benefits of eelgrass habitat and of fully protected areas allow for a higher abundance of commercially important species and can better support climate adaptation and resilience.^{8,9} As the MPA Petition process evolves, we ask that CDFW staff and FGC evaluate the new alternatives listed in this letter when reviewing our Anacapa Island Petition (2023-27MPA).

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Azsha Hudson

Marine Conservation Analyst & Program Manager

⁷ Ugoretz, John. (2002). Final 2002 environmental document : marine protected areas in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (sections 27.82, 630 and 632 Title 14, California code of regulations).

⁸ Front Ecol Environ 2018; 16(7): 381–387, doi:10.1002/fee.1934

⁹ Roberts, C. M., O’Leary, B. C., McCauley, D. J., Cury, P. M., Duarte, C. M., Lubchenco, J., ... & Castilla, J. C. (2017). Marine reserves can mitigate and promote adaptation to climate change. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 114(24), 6167-6175.

Please Strengthen And Expand California's Marine Protected Area Network

David Jens Thomas Pedersen <[REDACTED]>

Sat 08/03/2024 10:00 PM

To:FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Dear California Fish and Game Commission,

I respectfully submit these comments to urge you to strengthen California's network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Specifically, I ask that you please add two new MPAs to the existing network: Point Sal State Marine Reserve, and Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area. These two areas are ecologically rich and would provide significant science-based benefits to the overall health of our marine areas. The Mishopshno MPA would be strategically located in order to create greater connectivity for the whole network. In addition, both proposed MPAs have historic cultural significance for the Chumash people. On top of creating these new MPAs, I also ask that you please strengthen protections for and in the existing network by restricting or prohibiting activities that are shown to harm or risk harming the health of the network to ensure its longevity and availability as a resource to all.

Research on California's MPA network shows fish are larger and more abundant inside many of the protected areas, four-fifths (of the ones analyzed in the studies) had healthier populations than compared to unprotected areas, and the overall network had more coral, sponges, and other animals that are significantly associated with thriving habitats. While It is clear that we're seeing initial progress and that the existing protections are effective and work to benefit the overall health of our ocean, we must protect the existing network and go further to unlock the full potential benefits of the network.

Accordingly, I respectfully you to maintain California's status as an ocean conservation champion, especially in the face of ocean industrialization, marine crowding, and climate change. The ocean is a dynamic, constantly changing system with a bevy of uncertainties, which necessitates the adaptive management of MPAs to durably protect our shared marine resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

David Pedersen

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From: Erin Eastwood <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 4:21:06 PM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Subject: Written Comment for March 13 MRC Meeting

Hello,

Please see the written comment from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Environmental Defense Center, and the Natural Resources Defense Council, attached. Thank you for your consideration.

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Erin Eastwood

Founder and Principal

Blue Spark Strategies, LLC

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February 28, 2025

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Submitted electronically to fgc@fgc.ca.gov

**RE: Comments on Fish and Game Commission Marine Resources Committee March 2025 Meeting
Agenda Item 5 A II: MPA Regulation Change Petitions**

Dear Vice President Murray and Commissioner Sklar:

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) submitted two petitions to designate new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Santa Barbara County:

- Petition 2023-28-MPA proposes a new MPA in the waters surrounding Point Sal.
- Petition 2023-29MPA, submitted with the co-sponsors, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SYBCI) and Environmental Defense Center (EDC), proposes a California-Chumash co-managed MPA off the coast of Carpinteria to be named Mishopshno.

For each petition, we conducted initial outreach during late Summer and Fall 2023 before submission to the Commission. More sustained outreach efforts began upon the petitions' formal acceptance by the Commission in December 2023. We provided an update on our outreach in July 2024, and this letter will describe our subsequent outreach efforts.

Since January 2024, our two organizations and Tribal nation have conducted over 100 meetings and phone calls with stakeholders and community members. Many of the meetings since July 2024 are follow up meetings where we have solicited feedback on the proposed boundaries and regulations and worked to build support for the petitions and address concerns with the proposals. Since the July update, we have conducted additional outreach to local Tribal members and organizations, local fishing representatives, elected officials, and local businesses and community members. We have attended community meetings, fishing association meetings, and hosted public webinars to reach and hear from as many stakeholders as possible. We plan to submit amendments for both of our petitions to the Fish & Game Commission by the March deadline. These amendments will reflect the discussions we have had with Tribes and fishers.

Throughout this process, we have prioritized 1) connecting with the local community, 2) responding to questions, ideas, and concerns, and 3) sharing information as broadly as possible so all interested parties can come to the table to inform upcoming decision-making moments. For the Mishopshno petition in particular, SYBCI, EDC, and NRDC have undertaken our outreach efforts as a team.

We have shared the following types of information throughout our outreach efforts:

- Background on the MPA Network, Marine Life Protection Act goals, Decadal Management Review and its findings, and the latest science

- Fish and Game Commission meeting updates
- MPA petition evaluation timeline and process updates
- Opportunities for public participation
- Research and outreach findings
- MPA petition details

Throughout our outreach, our organizations and Tribal nation have connected with hundreds of interested individuals via email, phone calls, and virtual and in-person meetings, including:

- Federally and non-federally recognized Tribes
- Tribal non-profit organizations
- City Council members, District Supervisors, Mayors, city staff
- Congressional, Assembly, and Senate offices and district staff
- Local and State agencies (i.e., Santa Barbara Flood Control District, Santa Barbara County Parks, State Parks, etc.)
- Local businesses
- Local scientists
- Commercial fishing representatives
- Local recreational fishers (e.g., spearfishers, catch-and-release fishers)
- Local homeowners
- Local, state, and national non-profit organizations
- Youth
- Community centers

These conversations have improved our understanding of the Carpinteria and Point Sal regions, highlighted community support for protecting the coastal waters in those areas and concerns about how it is done, shaped our supplemental site-specific research, and informed our verbal and written public comments to the Commission. We hope the insight and supplemental information gathered through our outreach efforts maximize each petition's potential to strengthen our MPA Network.

In the coming months, we hope to build on the connections we've made thus far and to engage with key stakeholders and members of Tribal nations we haven't yet reached. We look forward to sharing our outreach and supplemental research findings with the CDFW and FGC teams to inform the evaluation of petitions 2023-28MPA and 2023-29MPA.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the adaptive management of California's MPA Network.

Sincerely,

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 Government Affairs and Legal Officer

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Azsha Hudson

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Environmental Defense Center

From: California Surf Fishing <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 07:18 AM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Subject: Sign-On Letter for the Mishopshno SMCA

Greetings! This is Kaspar Kazazian from www.californiasurffishing.net. After engaging with communities through the following outreach methods, we express support for the Mishopshno SMCA.

1. We worked with all of the Mishopshno petition co-sponsors as well as Fish On Conservation to build a consensus.
2. We had conversations with 6 experienced shore fishermen who frequently fish the Carpinteria area and are familiar with the different fishing areas. These were trusted individuals, many that we already knew as local fishermen and have fished with numerous times. Coupled with our knowledge of fishing the area over the years, we obtained a complete picture of what fishermen fish for in each of the beaches in the SMCA. We aim to respect all types of low impact fishing in this SMCA: Subsistence fishermen (croakers and perch at Carpinteria Beach and Santa Claus Beach), halibut fishermen (in the mixed sand and reef of Padaro / Loon Point, mostly catch and release), inlet fishermen (by Sand Point, for stripers, etc), Kayak fishermen (at the nearby offshore Carp Reef).
3. Through our social media page, we obtained ~1,000 signatures for fishermen's support of shore fishing in SMCA's, such as the Mishopshno SMCA:
<https://www.change.org/p/allow-shore-fishing-in-smca-s>
4. We support the petition to create the Mishopshno SMCA for the following reasons:
 - Meet original scientific MPA connectivity guidelines by filling the gap that currently exists. We believe that filling this MPA connectivity gap will increase fish populations, benefitting both fishermen and the fish.
 - Of all types of ocean fishing, recreational shore fishing and kayak fishing offer the lowest cost, the easiest access, and the least environmental impact to fish / kelp forests. From an equity perspective, shore fishing can be enjoyed by a diverse range of communities who are within driving distance to the coastline. We believe that allowing recreational shore fishing and kayak fishing in SMCA's is in alignment with the state's Marine Life Protection Act (Goal #3 for recreation) and MPA Decadal Management Review (Recommendation #7 & #9 for equity & accessibility).
 - The creation of this highly protected SMCA (in alignment with low impact fishing gear

criteria per the MPA Guide User Manual) will strengthen the state's MPA network, per state goals, including 30x30.

Sincerely,

Kaspar Kazazian

California Surf Fishing

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 01:43 PM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Subject: 2023-29MPA Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area

ATTN: Fish & Game Commission

My name is William Ray, from Carpinteria, CA. I'm writing to you today with comments about 2023-29MPA: Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Marine Protected Area (MPA) designation for Carpinteria Reef. As a graduate student at UCSB specializing in benthic ecosystem research, I dive at Carpinteria Reef approximately 100 times per year and have firsthand knowledge of its ecological health and the role it plays in the local community. The arguments presented in favor of this MPA lack scientific justification and fail to consider the significant negative impacts it would have on the residents who rely on this area for subsistence fishing, research, and recreation.

Lack of Scientific Justification for MPA Designation

Proponents of the MPA claim that it will provide protection for juvenile white sharks. However, white sharks are already illegal to fish in California, making additional protections redundant. There is no evidence to suggest that an MPA would enhance their conservation beyond existing regulations.

Additionally, arguments citing "spillover effects" for commercially and recreationally important species such as lobster and rockfish are scientifically flawed in this context. Spillover effects occur when protected populations expand into adjacent fishable areas, but Carpinteria Reef is one of the only accessible reef structures in this section of coastline. With no significant adjacent reef habitats, the premise that an MPA here would enhance fisheries through larval dispersal or adult migration is unsupported. Furthermore, local hydrodynamics at Carpinteria Reef differ from other regional sites; currents here are primarily tide-driven rather than advection-based, making claims of larval transport benefits highly questionable.

Disproportionate Impact on Underrepresented Communities

Carpinteria is a diverse community, home to one of the largest and most densely populated

Hispanic populations in the Tri-County area. Many low-income families depend on this reef as a vital source of fresh, sustainable protein, particularly given the high cost of living. Restricting access to this resource would disproportionately impact these underrepresented communities while providing no demonstrated ecological benefit.

Additionally, while the proposal emphasizes increasing access for Native American communities, it does not explain how restricting public access achieves this goal. True inclusivity should focus on increasing opportunities for all local communities, not implementing exclusionary policies.

Sincerely,

William Ray

From: Kyle Murphy <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 07:44 PM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Subject: 2023-29MPA: Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area

ATTN: Fish & Game Commission

My name is Kyle Murphy, from Carpinteria, CA. I'm writing to you today with comments about 2023-29MPA: Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area.

It is upsetting to hear about the proposed area between Carpinteria and Summerland becoming a Marine Conservation Area. This beautiful coastline with accessible reef structures close to shore offers the closest experience one can take part of in relation to the Channel Islands. If you don't own a boat like myself, Carpinteria reef specifically, is the closest experience of spearfishing/diving one can take part of with its offered kelp forest, rocky reef substrate, and diverse marine ecosystem. Carpinteria reef is an important resource to myself and my community. It allows for one to be in touch with nature in which one can forage their own food under the proper restrictions and guidelines implemented by Fish and Game. I take pride in myself and others who go out of their way to forage for food locally versus buying fish/invertebrates from the store, not knowing where they came from, not knowing if they were fished sustainably, and not knowing if they were marinated in chemicals/preservatives to extend their shelf life. Myself and others treat our next meals with the upmost respect.

Unfortunately, there are no other nearby reefs on this whole coastline that are accessible with the "spill over" benefits of this MPA. In terms of the juvenile white sharks needing protection, these marine vertebrates are already illegal to fish, so they don't need more protecting. I'm definitely for support of Tribal co-management of this area, however, increasing the access for one community doesn't have to be by excluding all the other users.

I hope you take my comments of this matter into consideration for not making this area into an Marine Conservation Area.

ROY LEE
First District Supervisor



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April 15, 2025

Erika Zavaleta, President
California Fish and Game Commission
715 P Street, 16th Floor
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Re: Support for Petitions 2023-28MPA and 2023-29MPA

Dear President Zavaleta and Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the proposed Point Sal State Marine Reserve (Petition 2023-28MPA) near the city of Guadalupe, and the Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area (Petition 2023-29MPA) off the coast of Carpinteria. A healthy ocean is the heartbeat of Santa Barbara County – residents, and visitors alike rely on our pristine waters, inviting beaches, and safe and accessible recreation. Conserving these two special areas will help protect and restore ocean health, enhance coastal recreation experiences, and help ensure Santa Barbara County’s coastal economy thrives for decades to come. I urge you to approve these proposals.

Conserving Point Sal and Mishopshno MPAs will have powerful ripple effects:

- Conserve important habitats that support rich biodiversity such as kelp forests, rocky reefs, tidepools, sandy beaches, migratory whale corridors, important larval retention zones, and a seabird and sea lion rookeries.
- Bolster ocean resilience to keep our coastal waters healthy
- Encourage accessible recreation by local and visiting hikers, surfers, shore fishers, swimmers, kayakers, birdwatchers, beach walkers, and families of all ages.
- Create safe and sustainable conditions for commercial fishers
- Honor and strengthen the Chumash peoples’ stewardship of the area and elevate their historical and present-day connection to the region.

The support for these two MPAs is well researched and representative of many interests. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), alongside the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and the Environmental Defense Center, conducted extensive outreach and research regarding the MPAs throughout Santa Barbara County. Since December 2023, the coalition has held over 100 meetings with Tribes, fishers, scientists, local leaders, and community members to gather input, share information, and refine proposals. Their outreach included webinars, public meetings, and direct engagement, emphasizing transparency and collaboration. These efforts

have informed petition amendments and supplemental research, ensuring both ecological goals and community priorities are reflected.

In response to feedback, the coalition modified proposed boundaries and regulations to address fishing concerns, Tribal perspectives, and local economic impacts—ensuring the petitions reflect both science and community values.

By making the ocean healthier and more resilient to climate change, strong marine protections help preserve everyone’s ability to enjoy these areas through a variety of recreational activities, far into the future. And that’s a huge boon to the economy – collectively, ocean-based recreational activities contribute to our state’s \$28 billion ocean tourism and recreation economy.¹ In 2023, coastal tourism brought just over \$2 billion in travel-related spending to Santa Barbara County, and supported more than 20,000 jobs.²

The Commission’s continued work to protect our state’s biodiversity is critical, at a time when ocean conservation is more important than ever. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for these proposals that aim to fill a current gap in network design to improve ecological connectivity throughout the region, provide additional resilience in the face of climate change, and protect critical marine habitats.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Lee', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roy Lee
Supervisor, First District
Santa Barbara County

¹ NOAA 2016, The National Significance of California’s Ocean Economy <https://coast.noaa.gov/data/digitalcoast/pdf/california-ocean-economy.pdf>

² Visit California, 2024. The Economic Impact of Travel in California. <https://industry.visitcalifornia.com/research/economic-impact>

From: Langenhuizen, Gunnar <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 09:08 AM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Cc: Aylesworth, Sandy <[REDACTED]>; Azsha Hudson
<[REDACTED]>

Subject: Office of Asm. Hart - Mishopshno & Point Sal MPAs

Hello,

Please see the attached letter from Assemblymember Hart regarding the petitions to establish the Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area and the Point Sal State Marine Conservation Area. Thank you for your consideration of these petitions and please let me know if you have any questions of our office.

Best,

Gunnar

Gunnar Langenhuizen (He/Him/His)

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ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

May 15, 2025

To: Erika Zavaleta, President
California Fish and Game Commission
715 P Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Marine Protected Areas in Santa Barbara County

Dear President Zavaleta and Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to request your full and fair consideration of the petitions to establish the Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area (Petition 2023-29MPA) and the Point Sal State Marine Conservation Area (Petition 2023-28MPA) in my district. Approving these petitions along the Central Coast would reinforce the California Fish and Game Commission's commitment to maintaining, enhancing, and strengthening the integrity of the Marine Protected Area (MPA) network and the vital protections it provides, as directed by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 210.

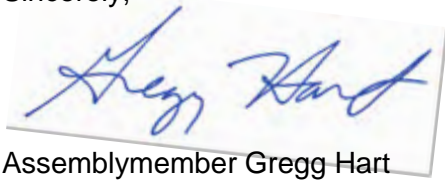
As the climate continues to change, we must act to protect sensitive areas and ecosystems both on land and in water. The California Legislature codified Governor Newsom's 30x30 Executive Order through SB 337, which calls for the state to conserve 30% of its state lands and waters by 2030. Adding new MPAs such as Mishopshno and Point Sal will help California advance its biodiversity, Tribal co-management, and equity goals associated with 30x30.

California's MPA network is a globally recognized success. It is now in the final stages of review for inclusion on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's "Green List," which would make it the first Green Listed site in the United States and the first scientifically designed MPA network ever included. The Channel Islands network was the recipient of the Marine Conservation Institute's prestigious Blue Parks Award in 2019. California has a strong history of protecting land and marine resources while advancing new ocean industries to help mitigate the climate crisis, and these MPAs align directly with those goals.

Spatial management tools, such as MPAs with high levels of protection, will help safeguard our ocean against existing and future stressors. The MPA adaptive management process creates an opportunity to revitalize parts of California's coast by supporting larger, more abundant fish populations and conserving critical habitats and marine wildlife.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your full and fair consideration of Petitions 2023-29MPA and 2023-28MPA to establish the Mishopshno and Point Sal State Marine Conservation Areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gregg Hart", is written on a light blue rectangular background. The signature is cursive and fluid.

Assemblymember Gregg Hart

From: Kelsey Maloney <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:44 AM

To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Subject: Support for MPAs

Good morning,

I am writing to urge the Commission to approve petitions 2023-29MPA in Carpinteria and 2023-27MPA at Anacapa Island. We have an obligation to protect marine life. We will all be healthier with a thriving marine ecosystem. With so much of public lands and waters at risk of being sold off or used for drilling oil, and with the threat of climate change, it is more important than ever to protect marine life and natural resources. As a swimmer and beach goer, I cherish these spaces and encourage you to help protect these vital marine resources.

Thank you,

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Kelsey Maloney (she/her)

Grant Writer

[REDACTED]

From: Jean Kaplan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 10:07 AM
To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>
Subject: Marine Sanctuaries

I am

I am requesting the designation of petitions 2023-27MPA and 2023-29MPA, along with your personal support for these petitions.

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

Please join EDC and our partners in urging the Commissioners to designate two petitions critical to enhancing the MPA network and providing critical protection for our marine resources.

WAYS TO JOIN US

July 16-17th

Marine Resources Committee Hearing

- **IN-PERSON ([Agenda](#))**
California Natural Resources Headquarters Building
Second Floor, 715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
- **VIRTUALLY**
The FGC will update the meeting documents 1.5-2 weeks before the meeting date (tentatively should be updated on/around July 1, 2025). Please use this [link](#) to check the FGC website for instructions on how to join virtually and comment at the meeting.
- **EMAIL YOUR COMMENTS BY JULY 3, 2025**
Submit written comments to fgc@fgc.ca.gov

TALKING POINTS:

- I urge the Commission to approve petitions 2023-29MPA in Carpinteria and 2023-27MPA at Anacapa Island.
- The Carpinteria petition, named Mishopshno (Mee – shop – shno) is to create a new MPA that will fill a 64-mile spacing gap between Campus Point and Point Dume MPAs which will better enhance network connectivity.
- Mishopshno will also protect kelp forest, rocky reef, sandy bottom, and sandy beach habitat, which is essential to kelp bass, rockfish, octopus, spiny lobster, egrets, whales, dolphins, and more.
- The Anacapa Island petition will improve protection for restored eelgrass meadows from the impact of commercial lobster traps, conserving an important habitat that is increasingly diminished and impacted by human activities.
- Adjustments to the existing Anacapa Island State Marine Conservation Area will also improve the current MPA network via adaptive management as directed by the Marine Life Protection Act

Thank you for speaking up on this important issue and helping protect these vital marine resources.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Azsha Hudson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Azsha Hudson
Marine Conservation Analyst and Program Manager

Sent from my iPhone



July 31, 2025

Erika Zavaleta
California Fish and Game Commission
715 P Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Agenda Item 17C: Community Outreach Update re Petitions 2023-27MPA and 2023-29MPA**

Dear President Zavaleta and Honorable Commissioners:

In late 2023, the Fish and Game Commission (FGC) requested that the public submit petitions for any changes to the Network to advance adaptive management Recommendation 4, “Apply what is learned from the first Decadal Management Review to support proposed changes to the MPA Network and Management Program.” EDC submitted two Marine Protected Area (MPA) petitions in Santa Barbara/Ventura County:

- Petition 2023-27MPA proposes to reclassify a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA); and
- Petition 2023-29MPA, submitted with the co-sponsors, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SYBCI) and NRDC, proposes a California-Chumash co-managed MPA off the coast of Carpinteria to be named Mishopshno.

FGC additionally directed petitioners to prioritize community outreach following the deadline for petition submissions. We at EDC, SYBCI, and NRDC have been working to inform our local communities of the MPA adaptive management process, as well as relevant petitions (for this letter the petitions being addressed moving forward will be those listed above), and have continued to engage the community since we submitted our petition in November 2023.

Since January 2024, the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SYBCI), and the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) have conducted over 100 in-person and virtual or meetings and phone calls with stakeholders and community members.¹ As part of our joint efforts to inform and engage the community, we attended multiple community events with tabling opportunities sharing the petitions with community members and asking for their support of the MPA Network and to sign on in support of the two petitions. Over the summer of 2023, we garnered over 150 postcards from community members in support of the petitions.

The postcards read:

“Dear Fish & Game Commissioners,

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The outreach we conducted via tabling in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties adds to our overall outreach efforts in the community to inform and educate. Our individual and joint efforts have led to conversations with hundreds of interested individuals via email, phone calls, tabling events, and virtual and in-person meetings, including:

- Federally and non-federally recognized Tribes
- Tribal non-profit organizations
- City Council members, District Supervisors, Mayors, city staff
- Congressional, Assembly, and Senate offices and district staff

¹ Please refer to both the July 31st, 2024 comment letter submitted by EDC titled, “Petition for Anacapa State Marine Conservation Area – Agenda Item 6(c)” and the February 28, 2025 comments submitted by NRDC titled, “Comments on Fish and Game Commission Marine Resources Committee March 2025 Meeting Agenda Item 5 A II: MPA Regulation Change Petitions” for more context on our combined outreach efforts.

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- Local and State agencies (i.e., Santa Barbara Flood Control District, Santa Barbara County Parks, State Parks, etc.)
- Local businesses
- Local scientists
- Commercial fishing representatives
- Local recreational fishers (e.g., spearfishers, catch-and-release fishers)
- Local homeowners
- Local, state, and national non-profit organizations
- Youth
- Community centers

As the petition process continues towards completion, we remain dedicated to our continued community engagement, hoping to build on the connections we've made thus far. We look forward to sharing our outreach and supplemental research findings with the CDFW and FGC teams to inform the evaluation of petitions 2023-27MPA and 2023-29MPA.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the adaptive management of California's MPA Network.

Sincerely,

Azsha Hudson
Marine Conservation Analyst
Environmental Defense Center

Sam Cohen
Government Affairs and Legal Officer
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Sandy Aylesworth
Director, Pacific Initiative, Nature
Natural Resources Defense Council

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Sincerely,

Jeremy Lamb

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Melody Alvarez

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Sincerely,

NANCY COLLINS

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Gring

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Carpinteria CA 93013

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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SB CA 93101
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Estimados Comisarios de Pesca y Caza:

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Sharon Velarde

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Sincerely,

Jamie Diaz

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Sincerely,

MARY SOLIS

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Sincerely,

Patricia Rose

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Brett Seymour

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Sincerely,

Kristie Ritter

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Sincerely,

Patty Handley

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(Address) *So Calif. 93111*

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Kolkowich".

(Print name)

A black rectangular box redacting the address information.

(Address)

(Email)

A handwritten email address in black ink that reads "SANTA BARBARA, CA".

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Sincerely,

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Estimados Comisarios de Pesca y Caza:

Les escribo para instarles respetuosamente a que aprueben dos peticiones de Áreas Marinas Protegidas (MPA, por sus siglas en inglés). Peticiones: 1) MPA Mishopshno, que crearía una nueva Área de Conservación Marina Estatal (2023-29MPA) (SMCA, por sus siglas en inglés); y 2) MPA Anacapa, que reclasificaría una SMCA a Reserva Marina Estatal (SMR, por sus siglas en inglés) (2023-27 MPA). La creación de una nueva MPA frente a la costa de Carpintería ayudará a cumplir con las directrices científicas para el espaciamento entre hábitats protegidos, promoviendo la conectividad en la red de AMP y la representación de tipos de hábitat. También protegerá hábitats atractivos para la vida silvestre, como los tiburones blancos juveniles, y permitirá un mejor acceso a la costa y a los recursos marinos para fines tradicionales, ceremoniales, culturales y de subsistencia para la tribu Banda de los Indios Chumash de Santa Ynez, -reconocida federalmente. La reclasificación de Anacapa SMCA a SMR protegerá mejor el hábitat de pastos marinos, ya que hay evidencia de que la captura y el anclaje estacional de langosta en el SMCA está destruyendo lechos de pastos marinos que de otro modo prosperarán en el Anacapa SMR adyacente.



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Atentamente,

Denia Díaz

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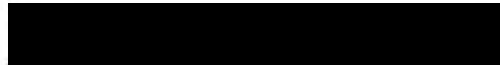
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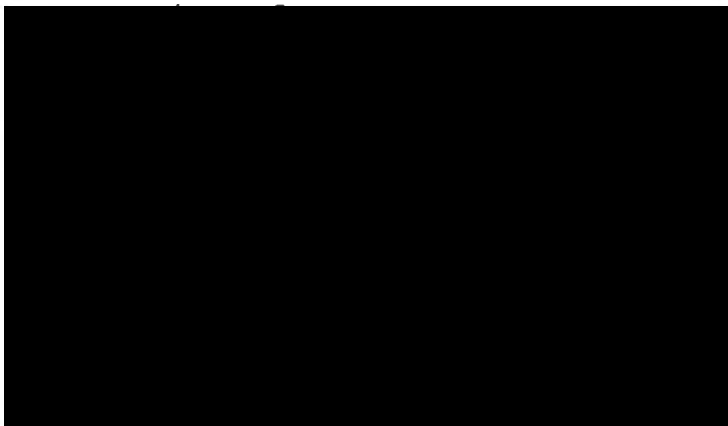
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Please Protect Our Ocean

Dear Fish & Game Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully urge that you approve two Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Petitions: 1) Mishopshno MPA, which would create a new State Marine Conservation Area (2023-29MPA) (SMCA); and 2) Anacapa MPA, which would reclassify a SMCA to a State Marine Reserve (SMR) (2023-27MPA). Creating a new MPA off the coast of Carpinteria will help meet the science guidelines for spacing between protected habitats, promoting connectivity in the MPA network and representation of habitat types. It will also protect habitat attractive to marine wildlife, such as juvenile white sharks, and will allow enhanced access to the shoreline and marine resources for traditional, ceremonial, cultural, and subsistence purposes for the federally recognized tribe of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Reclassifying Anacapa SMCA to an SMR will better protect eelgrass habitat as there is evidence that seasonally occurring lobster trapping and anchoring in the SMCA is destroying eelgrass beds that are otherwise thriving in the adjacent Anacapa SMR.



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Please do what is right for our community and protect our ocean's unique biodiversity for future generations of ocean users.

Sincerely,

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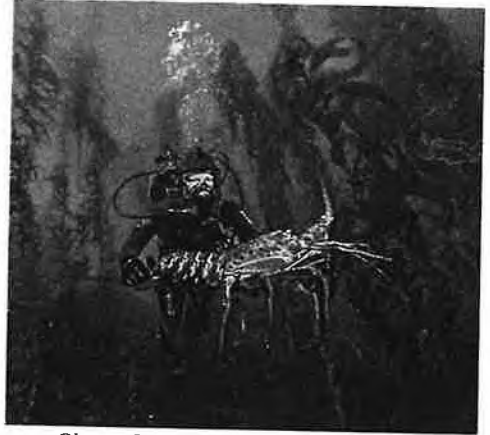


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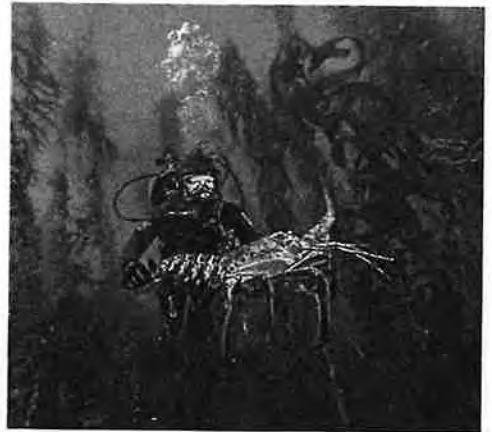


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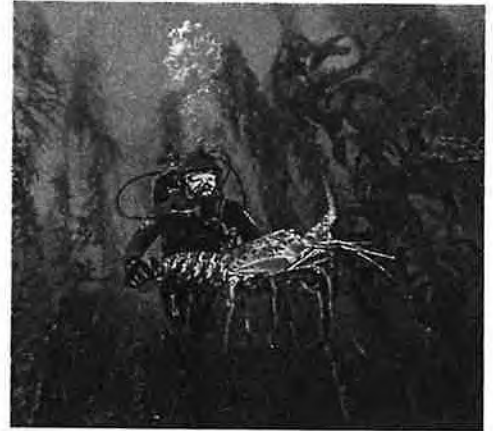


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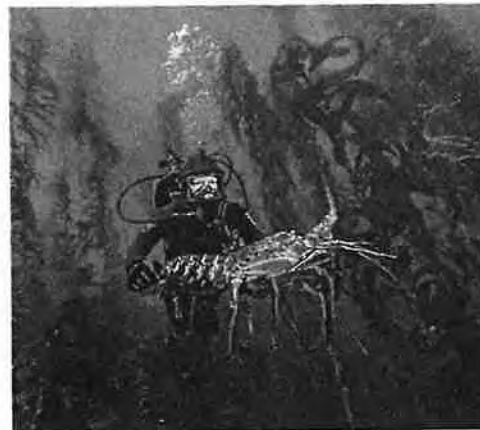


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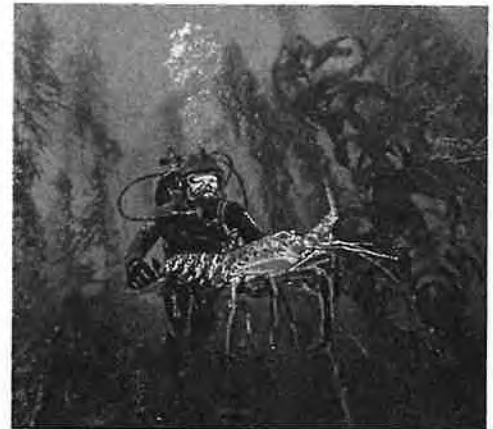


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Dear Ms. Miller-Henson,

As Secretary of the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission, I am submitting the attached letter containing formal comments regarding the current Marine Protected Area (MPA) petitions under consideration. This letter reflects the collective position of the full Commission, which includes signatures from all nine appointed members, representing diverse stakeholder groups within Santa Barbara County.

Our Commission has thoroughly reviewed the details of Petitions 2023-14MPA, 2023-15MPA-AM, 2023-18MPA, 2023-28MPA-AM, 2023-29MPA-AM, and 2023-33MPA-AM. As outlined in the attached document, our positions and recommendations were developed through numerous public meetings and extensive local input, based on decades of combined experience in fish and wildlife matters across the county.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the discussion surrounding MPA management and thank the California Fish and Game Commission for its continued commitment to public engagement and science-informed decision-making. Should you or your staff require any further clarification or supporting materials, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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The Santa Barbara Fish and Wildlife Commission is a county commission consisting of nine members appointed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. The commission, among other things, aids the county board on active fish and wildlife related matters with our combined hundreds of years of local fish and wildlife experience between our fellow commissioners.

This comment letter serves to provide our input regarding the current MPA petitions requesting changes be made to the MPA network specifically around the Santa Barbara Channel and Channel Islands. We feel our county fish and wildlife commission's input on the MPA petition process may prove especially valuable due to our local experiences and local understanding of the ecosystem, as well as our variety of backgrounds, consisting of non-consumptive users, fishermen, and biological scientists. This letter serves as a culmination of many public meetings learning about the MPA petitions that have been proposed as well as fellow commissioners observations being involved in local discussions about the petitions outside of official meetings to gauge public input and sentiment. This county commission appreciates the opportunity to provide the following feedback on these local MPA petitions.

Petition2023-14MPA

Petition2023-14MPA requests changes to several State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCAs), one of which, the Naples SMCA, is within the County. Generally, SMCAs already allow for some form of limited take, this petition requests adding commercial take of sea urchins to the allowable methods list inside of the SMCAs in the petition.

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Sea urchins are primarily taken commercially and are a core part of the County's commercial fishing sector. Urchins, and their tendency to graze on the root systems of local kelp forests, have recently posed problems with kelp rebuilding efforts after El Niños in the 2010's reduced kelp forest size noticeably. Local fishermen cite urchin barrens inside of MPAs that cannot be touched and continue to spread to the surrounding area with no possible measures existing to remove the main mass from the MPA.

Recommendation: While cases may vary across different MPAs and counties, for the above reasons, this commission finds it reasonable to allow the proposed change and supports the petition for allowed sea urchin take at the Naples SMCA to help facilitate kelp forest regrowth. We kindly recommend this change be allowed at Naples.

Petition2023-15MPA-AM

Petition2023-15MPA requests changes to three joint State and Federal Marine Reserves (SMRs/FMRs), all of which, the Footprint SMR/FMR, Gull Island SMR/FMR, and Santa Barbara Island SMR/FMR, border the county. These MPAs, and others around the Channel Islands, are unique to the State network in that they were established through a joint process between State and Federal agencies before the coastal MLPA under the CINMS. The resulting network was a series of state and federal MPAs at the Channel Islands that covers federal water up to 6 nautical miles from the islands. All SMRs and FMRs the petition addresses are currently no-take areas.

The petition requests changing these areas to joint State and Federal Marine Conservation Areas, SMCAs and FMCAs, and proposes several options that allow for various forms of the limited take of pelagic finfish or highly migratory species recreationally and commercially. In addition, the petition provides possible sub-divisions of the Gull Island and Santa Barbara Island State MPAs into nearshore and offshore areas, similar to other State MPAs elsewhere. The primary arguments of the petition are the minimal impact pelagic fishing effort has on the local MPA ecosystem and goals, and the support of pelagic areas in the State's MPA Master Plans and other documents seen in the broader coastal network but apparent lack thereof in the pre-Master Plan Channel Islands network.

Several members of this commission were part of the original process at the Channel Islands over 20 years ago and the southern MLPA in 2012. We all understand that the primary factor for the MPA implementation at these island sites offshore was to originally protect species like groundfish and structure groundfish live on to rebuild overfished populations at the time. While MPA goals have changed since the 2000s, this fact is still key to understanding why these areas are the way they are today.

Pelagic fish, and the methods used to target them, are predominantly fished near the surface of the water column, offshore, and off the bottom. This type of effort avoids the nearshore or offshore rocky-bottom ecosystems local nearshore species or groundfish are predominantly found in. In addition, the pelagic species that would be taken in these areas are significantly less affected by these MPAs and the broader network due to them being very mobile, their relative abundance is not concentrated in an MPA compared to out of one. The MPA Master Plans from 2008 and 2016 discuss this, citing the lower effects that MPAs have on pelagic species and the need to have areas that allow for some form of limited pelagic take, aligning the petitioner's arguments with the Master Plans. In addition, the petition does point out an imbalance in pelagic allowed areas between the MLPA's coastal implementation phases that came after the first MPA Master Plan in 2008 and the Channel Islands Network implementation that came well before the first MPA Master Plan in the early 2000's.

Outside the Channel Islands, in the coastal network that came afterwards, most MPAs that overlap deeper waters pelagic species pass through allow for some form of take of pelagic finfish. Observing the Channel Islands, we can see a significantly higher overlap with offshore waters, namely due to the federal sections

of these MPAs. However, even with this significantly larger offshore encroachment, almost no pelagic allowed areas exist. Whether this difference was due to the Channel Islands process pre-dating the coastal process and the 2008 MPA Master Plan's outlook on pelagic species is up to debate, but the fact of the matter is the difference is noticeably present, and for no abundantly clear reason.

Recommendation: The subject of island MPAs allowing pelagic take, specifically these three, has been raised by the public several times prior at our meetings, and local MPA collaboratives our commissioners have attended. For these reasons, and those above, this commission supports this petition, and believes it should be accepted by the State Commission through one of the proposed "options" the petition lists that best fits the existing network.

Petition2023-18MPA

Petition2023-18MPA requests multiple changes to a variety of coastal and island MPAs within the county. Some of the changes are listed as "non-regulatory requests" by the Department while others make modifications to, or remove existing MPAs. All but one of the MPAs in the petition are within the County, they are the: Vandenberg SMR, Point Conception SMR, Kashtayit SMCA, Campus Point SMCA, and San Miguel Island Special Closure.

Of the changes, the proposal at Vandenberg SMR and San Miguel Island Special Closure are the two MPAs that would have the largest regulatory changes. At Vandenberg the petition requests a coastal SMCA be made that allows for only shore-based fishing by hook-and-line, citing an equity and enforcement concern between military base personnel and members of the public. Because military personnel are allowed to fish the shore of the SMR while members of the public outside the base cannot due to the SMR, both the equity and enforcement concerns are certainly present and should be addressed. The proposed solution of a shore based SMCA does seem to be a reasonable way to correct this problem.

At San Miguel and Anacapa (outside of the county) the petition requests the Special Closure(s) be removed in its entirety citing its original goal being to reduce disturbance to pinniped rookeries and seabird populations has been far exceeded and better methods have been developed on-site.

The remaining MPA requests are non-regulatory and include supported use for M2 radar monitoring at Point Conception SMR for better enforcement, a refined regulatory language for allowances at the Kashtayit SMCA, and using the color red instead of purple for distinguishing the Campus Point No-Take SMCA.

Recommendation: This commission finds all of the above modifications and requests more than reasonable, gives its support for them all. We recommend the FGC accept the petition in full.

Petition2023-28MPA-AM

Petition2023-28MPA requests to create a new MPA around Point Sal, designating it the Point Sal SMCA or a Tribally named SMCA, and listing it as a limited-take area with only an exception of a shore based finfish take allowance and tribal take allowance. The petitions driving reasons for the new MPA are that the area is ecologically significant in terms of local upwelling and relative to the landings that occur there the area is a small fraction of the State's commercial output, under 1%. The petition also cites tribal inclusivity and significance in the area as justification for its closure.

While the petition is accurate in the broader economic analysis, locally Point Sal is a very important area for both recreational and commercial operations out of Port San Luis (Avila), the local port to Point Sal.

Point Sal, and its surrounding waters, are essential for year-round and seasonal fisheries such as salmon, dungeness crab, groundfish, and halibut. This new MPA in addition to the existing network will significantly affect the local port's economic health due to Point Sal's being a significant fishing area for local commercial and recreational anglers. Namely, crab and groundfish boats out of Avila would be significantly affected by this change as per their testimony, over half their time is spent in the proposed area.

Recommendation: While the shore-based allowance is a welcome allowance, we believe this is still too costly on the local economy of Avila and its recreational and commercial fisheries to warrant its allowance. For this reason this commission has decided to be against this petition, and recommends the FGC deny it.

Petition2023-29MPA-AM

Petition2023-29MPA requests to create a new MPA around Carpinteria, designating it the Mishopshno SMCA. The petition asks to make take regulations for the area the same as the Point Sal petition, with an allowance of shore fishing of finfish and a tribal exception for those in the federally recognized Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians which would be able to still use tribal take methods inside of the SMCA. The proposed area's size was reduced when the petition was amended to include the shore allowance.

The petition's primary reasons for this MPA include this tribal allowance and co-management model along with the added reasons of MPA connectivity, spacing, and protecting juvenile great white shark nursery grounds. While this commission does agree that Tribal inclusion is a warranted piece of MPA and coastal management, we do not believe that a new MPA altogether is needed to accomplish this. MPAs across the coast can be modified themselves to allow for such co-management but the existing area offshore Carpinteria is currently open to the entire public, Tribes included.

Carpinteria's coast has been the subject of several MPA proposals over the years. During the MLPA the same area was looked into but was ultimately not selected, trading off two other SMCAs instead of establishing one at Carpinteria in a separate MLPA planning alternative. In 2020 this commission also followed a similar MPA petition in a smaller area to the current proposal that similarly advocated to protect juvenile great white sharks. That petition was ultimately rejected by CDFW due to the larger footprint white sharks, a pelagic species, covered relative to the coast of Carpinteria/California in general, and we believe the same reasons from 2020 are still relevant in 2024 against the petitioner's arguments.

Additionally, it should be said that Carpinteria Reef, the reef that would be almost entirely inside the MPA, is one of the last open reef areas to the fishing community. Removing this reef will see the end of local fishing access to coastal reefs, forcing anglers to travel further, coastally or to the islands, and burning more fuel to have similar opportunities. Commercial members of this commission are concerned for the areas of the proposed MPA that overlap the state halibut trawl grounds. These grounds are minimal already and have been reduced continuously over the years. This proposed MPA would cut a significant portion of the current open trawl area harming this unique fishery that the commission has repeatedly stated is well managed. Lastly, there is an overwhelming amount of public outcry on this petition specifically citing lost access to one of the last open reefs on the coast by boat and especially kayak.

Recommendation: For all of these reasons this commission has decided to be against this petition, and requests the FGC deny it.

Petition2023-33MPA-AM

Petition 2023-33 MPA requests for multiple MPA expansions and one MPA creation throughout the California coast, of which, three MPA expansions are within Santa Barbara at the Point Conception SMR, the Gull Island SMR, and the South Point SMR. Of the three expansions the South Point SMR expansion would be the largest, including all of the southwest side of Santa Rosa Island in the MPA and adding over 27.5 square miles to the SMR. This is followed by Point Conception SMR's expansion eastward adding over 14 more square miles to the SMR, and lastly by Gull Island SMR's smaller northward expansion adding over 1.5 square miles to the closure.

The driving force behind Petition 2023-33 MPA is kelp restoration. The petition claims growing these MPAs would allow for the now protected areas to rebuild their kelp forests under no fishing pressure which would also mean less traffic in general. Kelp restoration is a very important subject in Santa Barbara County as several sectors, consumptive and non-consumptive, depend on healthy levels of kelp for commercial and recreational use. That being said, this commission believes removing fishing access in these areas will do little to nothing to promote kelp regrowth and more-likely prevent kelp rebuilding projects (seeding, artificial reefs, and sea urchin removal programs) from directly assisting in the rebuilding of our kelp forests. Besides fishing, factors such as water quality, water temperature, storms, and swell need to be considered as larger drivers of kelp loss, not larger closed areas. There are several active projects locally and statewide dedicated to kelp rebuilding, none of which remove fishing access from areas in order to rebuild the kelp because there is no reason to. We believe the same applies in the areas this petition looks at. There are no reasons these specific areas need a fishing closure to help kelp forests regrow; therefore, there is no justification for their expansion, especially into waters predominantly too deep for kelp to root and grow. Similar to petition 29, there has been specific public outcry against this petition for all of the above reasons at MPA collaboratives, and public meetings.

Recommendation: For these reasons this commission has decided to be against this petition and recommends the FGC deny it.

Signed, the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission,

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