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Regional Marine Protected Area Petitions Meeting (Del Norte through Monterey Counties)

Corrected* Meeting Document Index

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[Meeting Binder \(35.4MB\)](#) | [Item 3\(D\) – Petition 2023-32MPA Binder \(52.6MB\)](#)

*This document has been corrected to remove the word ‘red’ from the description of Agenda Item 3B – Petition 2023-14MPA: Request to allow commercial take of sea urchins in Double Cone Rock SMCA, and Stewart’s Point SMCA

Meeting Goals, Expectations, and Format

1. Consider Approving Agenda and Order of Items
2. [General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda](#)
3. [Introduction to Regional Bin 2 Marine Protected Area Petitions](#)

To view MPA petitions and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) petition evaluations with recommendations, visit the Department’s [Bin 2 MPA Petition Evaluations StoryMap](#).

To watch a recording of the Department’s presentation of MPA petition evaluations and recommendations given during the April 15-16, 2026 Commission meeting, visit the [CAL-SPAN Network](#).

- (A) [Petition 2023-21MPA](#): Request to modify Pyramid Point State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) to remove recreational take of surf smelt, and continue current tribal take exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation
- (B) [Petition 2023-14MPA](#): Request to allow commercial take of ~~red~~ sea urchins in Double Cone Rock SMCA, Sea Lion Cove SMCA, and Stewart’s Point SMCA
- (C) [Petition 2023-16MPA](#): Request to reclassify Stewarts Point State Marine Reserve (SMR) and Bodega Head SMR to SMCAs and allow commercial take of salmon

- (D) [**Petition 2023-32MPA**](#): Request to reclassify Duxbury Reef SMCA to an SMR and expand the northern and southern boundaries (**Note: 52MB**)
- (E) [**Petition 2023-33MPA AM1**](#): Request to expand the boundaries of Natural Bridges SMR and designate a new SMR off Pleasure Point, in Santa Cruz County
- (F) [**Petition 2023-23 MPA AM1**](#): Request to reclassify Pacific Grove Marine Gardens SMCA, Edward F. Ricketts SMCA, and Carmel Bay SMCA as SMRs; designate one new SMR in Monterey County at Tanker's Reef; and make various changes related to kelp restoration in the three reclassified SMRs, Point Lobos SMR, and the new SMR.

4. [**Future Meetings and New Business**](#)