



Staff Overview of MPA Petitions

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Business Meeting of the
California Fish and Game Commission

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Note: Presentation corrected for posting May 8, 2026

2023-21MPA: Modify take allowances in Pyramid Point State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) to no take with tribal exemption; change northern boundary to align with California/Oregon state line

Proposed Actions

1. Modify take allowances in Pyramid Point SMCA to no take with tribal exemption
2. Change northern boundary to align with California/Oregon state line



CDFW
Recommendation:
In Development

2023-14MPA: Modify Take in 4 SMCAs to Allow Commercial Take of Sea Urchin

4 of 9 Proposed Actions in this Region

1. Sea Lion Cove SMCA
2. Stewarts Point SMCA
3. Salt Point SMCA
4. Double Cone Rock SMCA



**CDFW
Recommendation:
DENY 1-4**

2023-16MPA: Reclassify Stewarts Point and Bodega Head State Marine Reserves (SMRs) to SMCAs to Allow Commercial Salmon Trolling

Proposed Actions

1. Reclassify Stewarts Point SMR to SMCA to allow commercial salmon trolling
2. Reclassify Bodega Head SMR to SMCAs to allow commercial salmon trolling

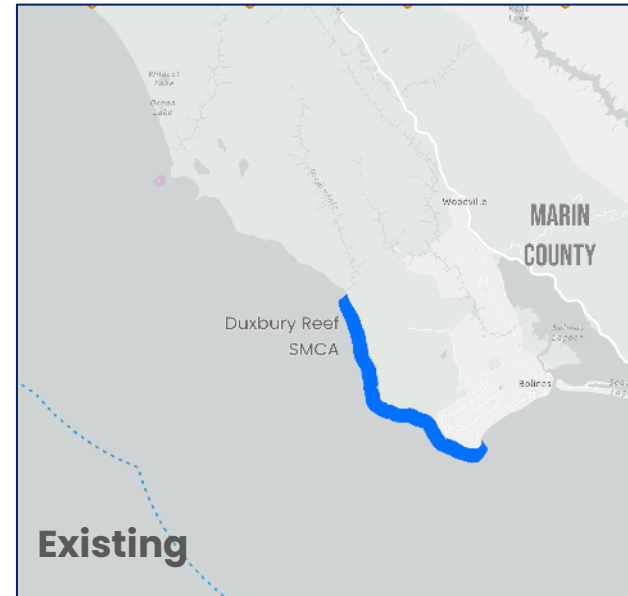


**CDFW
Recommendation:
DENY 1 and 2**

2023-32MPA: Reclassify Duxbury Reef SMCA to an SMR and Expand the Southern and Northern Boundaries

Proposed Actions

1. Reclassify Duxbury Reef SMCA to an SMR to prohibit take
2. Expand marine protected area by extending the southern boundary to encompass the southern portion of the reef
3. Expand marine protected area by extending the northern boundary to Double Point/Stormy Stack Special Closure

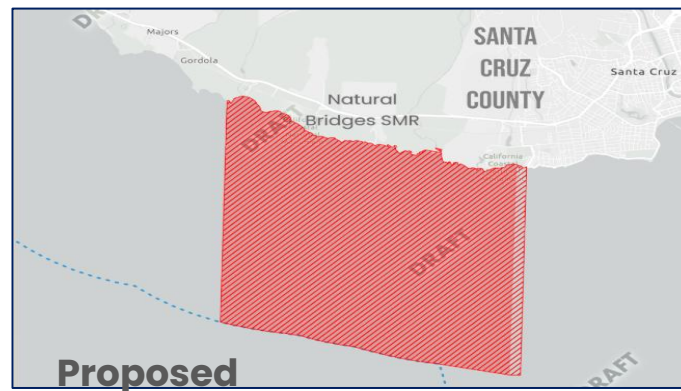


CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 1
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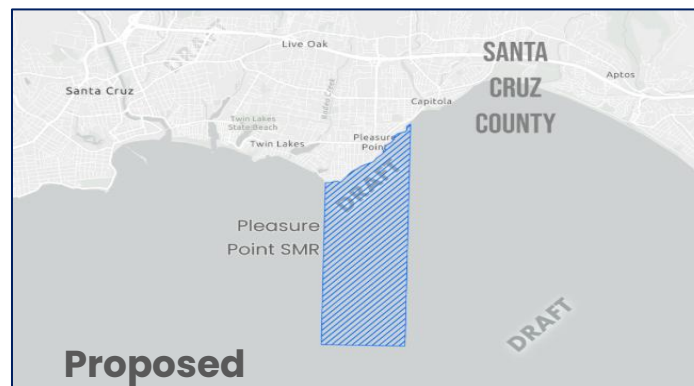
2023-33MPA_AM: Expand Boundaries of Natural Bridges SMR and Add a New SMCA at Pleasure Point

Proposed Actions in this Region

- Expand Natural Bridges SMR 14.5 sq. miles



- Designate a New 3.2 sq. mile SMCA at Pleasure Point (Santa Cruz)

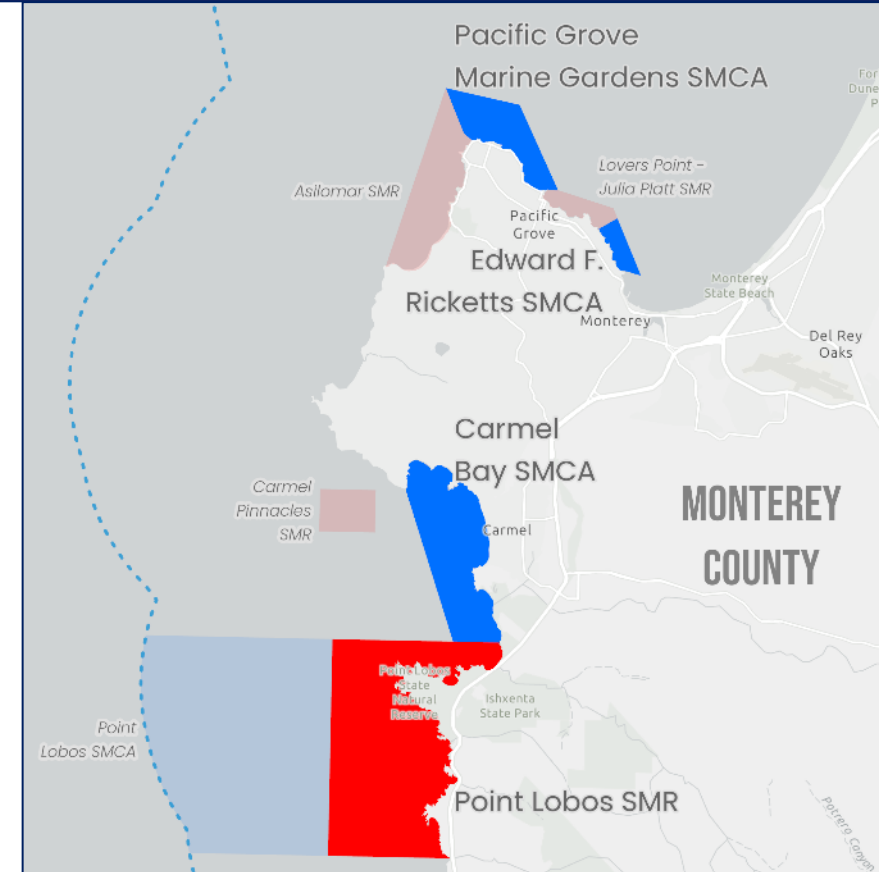


**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY**

2023-23MPA_AM: Modify Allowed Uses in Four Monterey Area Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Create a New MPA, and Other Requests

Summary of 28 Proposed Actions

- Establish new Tanker's Reef SMR near Monterey
- Allow unlimited recreational urchin removal in 4 MPAs
- Allow commercial urchin harvest in MPAs

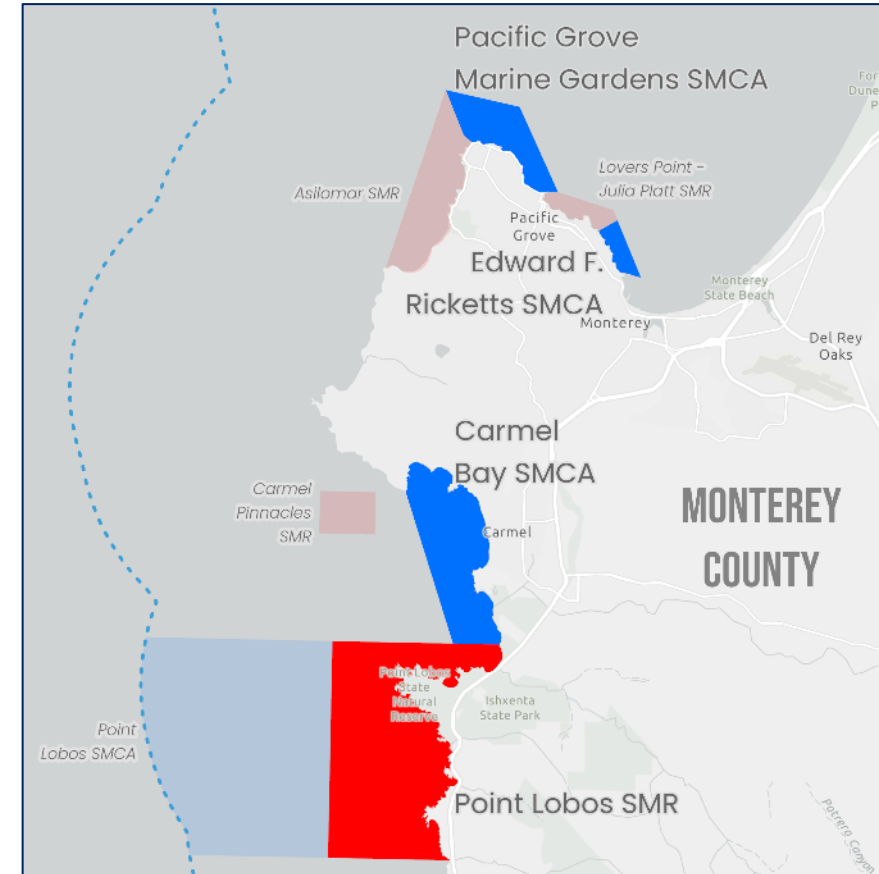


**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY (except one N/A)**

2023-23MPA_AM: Modify Allowed Uses in Four Monterey Area Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Create a New MPA, and Other Requests

Summary of 28 Proposed Actions, continued

- Restoration framework within MPAs and marine managed areas*
- Prohibit take of finfish when a “kelp restoration management permit” is active within 3 MPAs
- CFGC and CDFW promote kelp restoration collaboration on website and in public outreach*
- Allow kelp activities w/out a scientific collecting permit
- Other requests



*Non-regulatory

**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY (except one N/A)**

Next Steps

- Five tribally led petitions: April 14 Commission Tribal Committee ✓
- Upcoming regional MPA petition meetings:
 - **April 21**, San Mateo Elks Lodge, Del Norte through Monterey counties ✓
 - **May 5-6**, Goleta Hilton Garden Inn, San Luis Obispo through Santa Barbara counties, northern Channel Islands, and Santa Barbara Island
 - **May 19**, San Clemente Holiday Inn Express, Los Angeles through San Diego counties and Santa Catalina Island
- For more information about regional meetings, visit fgc.ca.gov/meetings/2026