



Staff Overview of MPA Petitions

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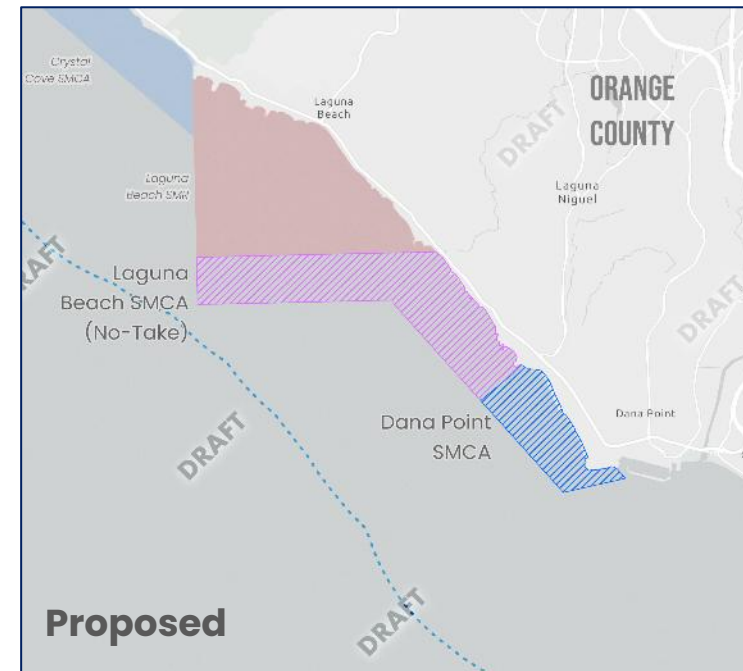
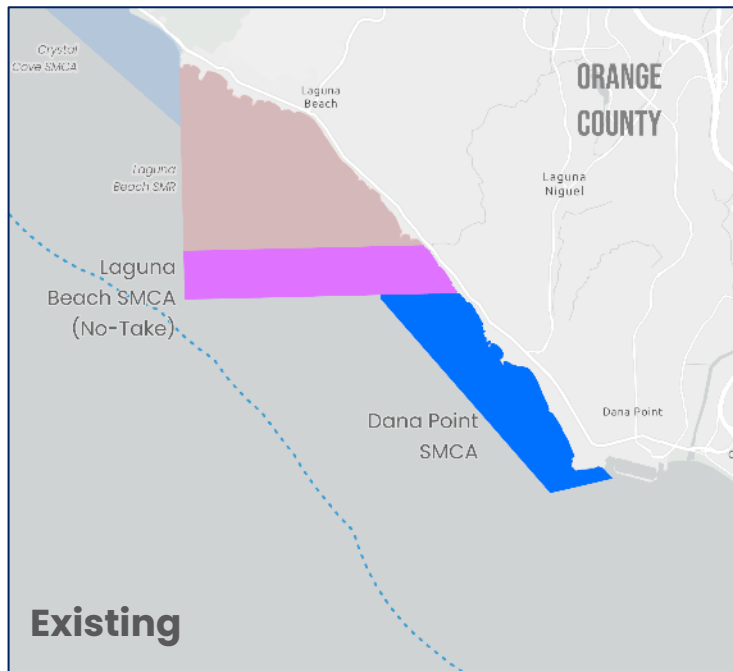
Business Meeting of the
California Fish and Game Commission

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2023-24MPA_AM: Extend the Laguna Beach No-take SMCA southern boundary to the southern border of the City of Laguna Beach

Summary of Proposed Action: Extend the Laguna Beach No-take SMCA southern boundary to the southern border of the City of Laguna Beach, which would require modification of the northern boundary of Dana Point SMCA (modified boundaries as amended)



**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-24MPA_1_AM1**

2023-14MPA: Modify Take in 3 SMCAs to Allow Commercial Take of Sea Urchin

3 of 9 Proposed Actions

Affecting:

7. Point Dume SMCA

8. Point Vicente No-take SMCA

9. Swami's SMCA



CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-14MPA_7-9

2023-33MPA_AM: Expand Boundaries of Cabrillo SMR and Point Dume SMCA, and Add Take at Point Dume SMCA

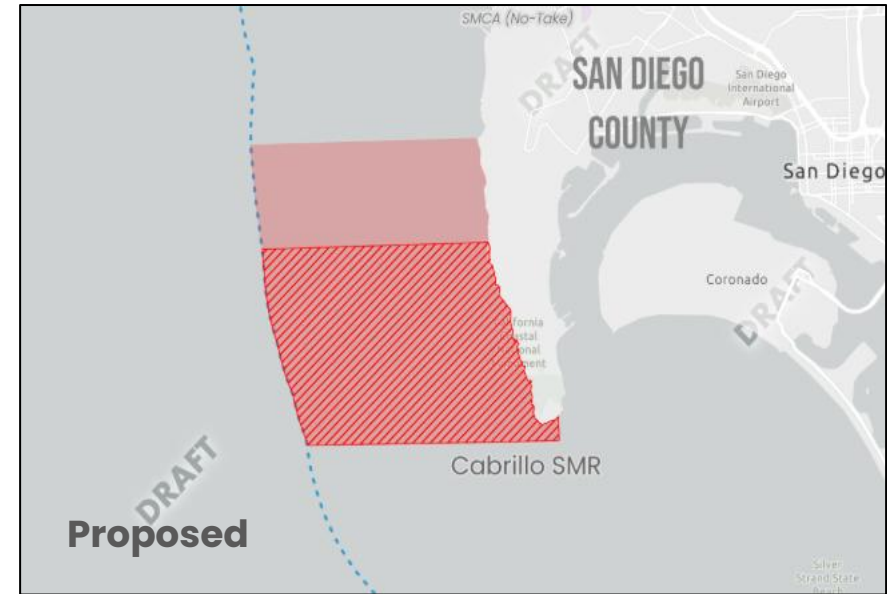
2 of 7 Proposed Actions in this Region:

1. Expand Cabrillo SMR ~9.99 sq. miles
2. Expand Point Dume SMCA ~4.6 sq. Miles, Add Take



2023-33MPA_1_AM1: Expand Cabrillo SMR ~9.99 sq. miles

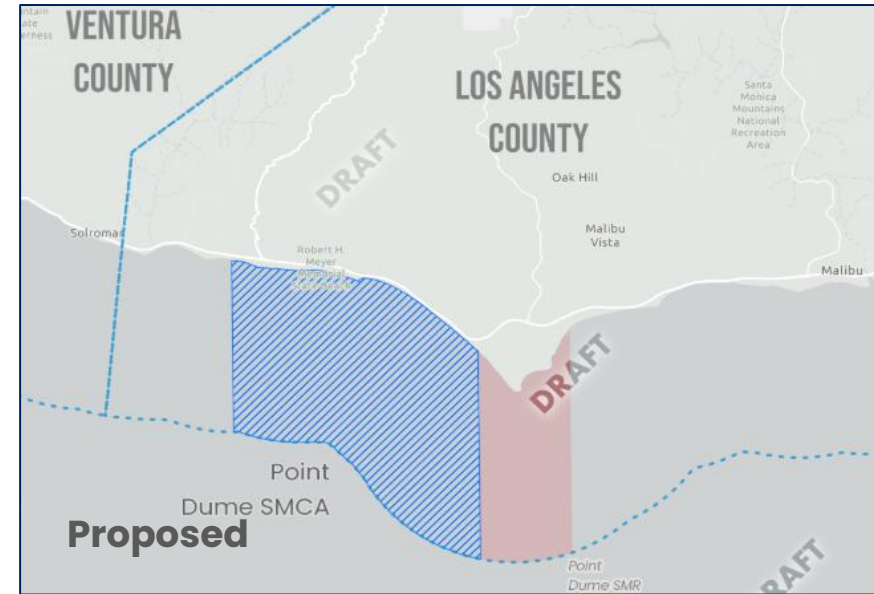
Summary of Proposed Action: Expand Cabrillo SMR westward (to 3 nautical mile state line) and northward (to New Hope Rock) by ~9.99 sq mi



CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-33MPA_1_AM1

2023-33MPA_2_AM1: Expand Point Dume SMCA ~4.6 sq. Miles, Add Recreational Take Allowance From Shore by Hook-and-Line and Spear

Summary of Proposed Action: Expand Point Dume SMCA westward by 4.6 sq mi and add allowance for recreational take from shore by hook-and-line and spearfishing



**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-33MPA_2_AM1**

2023–34MPA: Limit Allowable Uses at Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCAs to Recreational Spearfishing

2 of 3 Proposed Actions in this Region:

- Limit Allowable Uses Farnsworth Onshore SMCA to Recreational Spearfishing
- Limit Allowable Uses Farnsworth Offshore SMCA to Recreational Spearfishing



2023-34MPA_2-3: Change Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCA regulations to allow only recreational spearfishing

Summary of Proposed Actions:

Change regulations to allow only recreational spearfishing within Farnsworth Onshore and Offshore SMCA boundaries

Existing regulations:

Offshore SMCA: allows recreational take of pelagic finfish by *hook-and-line or spearfishing*; commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round-haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon

Onshore SMCA: allows recreational take of pelagic finfish by *spearfishing only*

Both MPAs: allows recreational take of market squid by hand-held dip net; white seabass by spearfishing; and marlin, tuna and dorado by trolling



**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-34MPA_2-3**

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