



Staff Overview of MPA Petitions

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Business Meeting of the
California Fish and Game Commission

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Tribally-led Petitions

- Submitted by a California Native American tribe, representative designated by a tribe or tribal organization, or has a tribal co-sponsor
- Five tribally led or co-led MPA petitions (19, 20, 21, 28, and 29); these were not included in the Department evaluation
- CFGC Tribal Committee meeting on April 14, 2026:
 - Tribal petitioners shared updates and clarified petition goals
 - CDFW shared update on discussions with tribal petitioners and further clarified
 - Tribal Committee recommendation to support tribal lead revisions

CDFW
Recommendation:
In Development

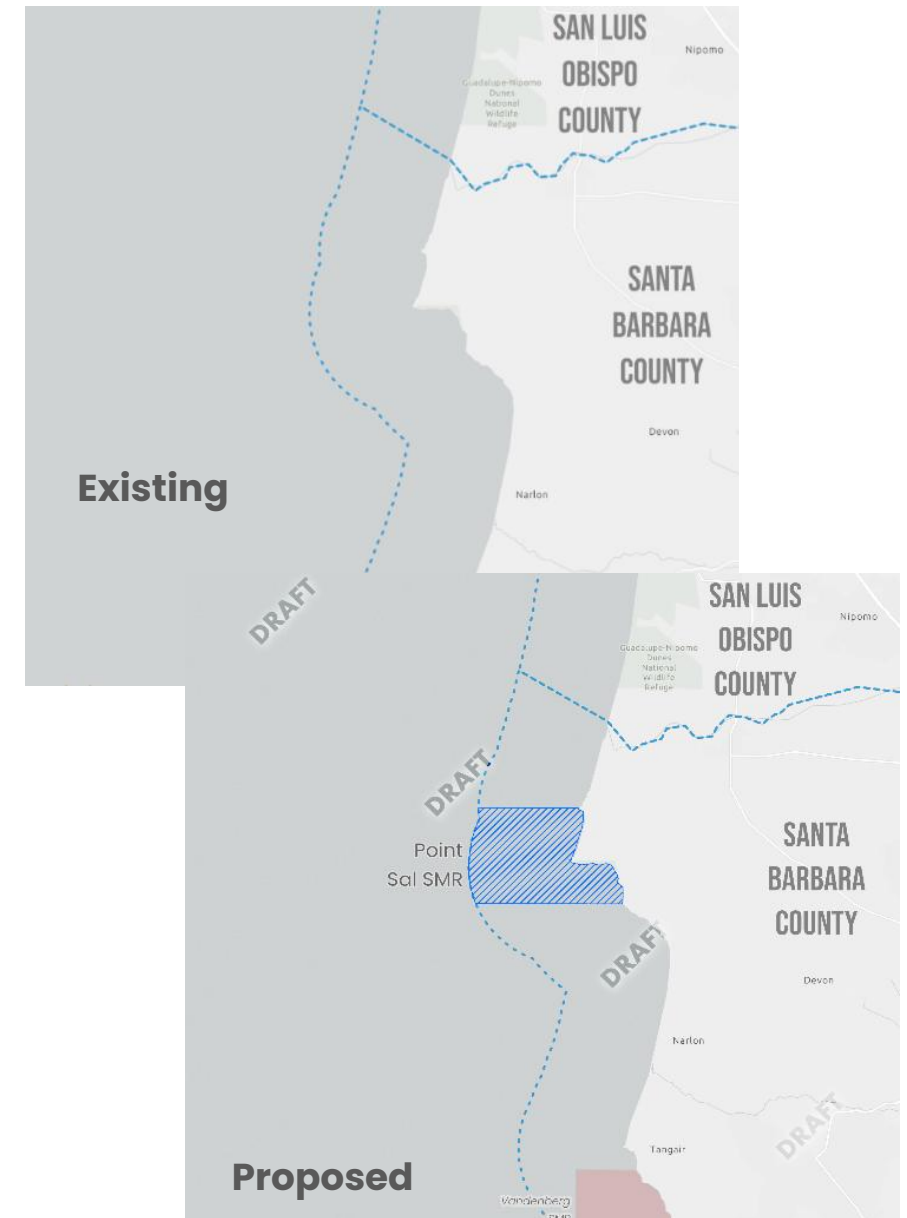
2023-28MPA_AM1: Designate a new SMCA at Point Sal

Co-sponsored by: Northern Chumash Tribal Council

Submitted by: Natural Resources Defense Council

Summary of Proposed Actions:

1. Create a new SMCA around Point Sal in central California; identify a traditional tribal name for the SMCA through consultation with Chumash people, and allow recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore



2023-28MPA_AM2: Designate a new SMCA at Point Sal

Co-sponsored by: Northern Chumash Tribal Council

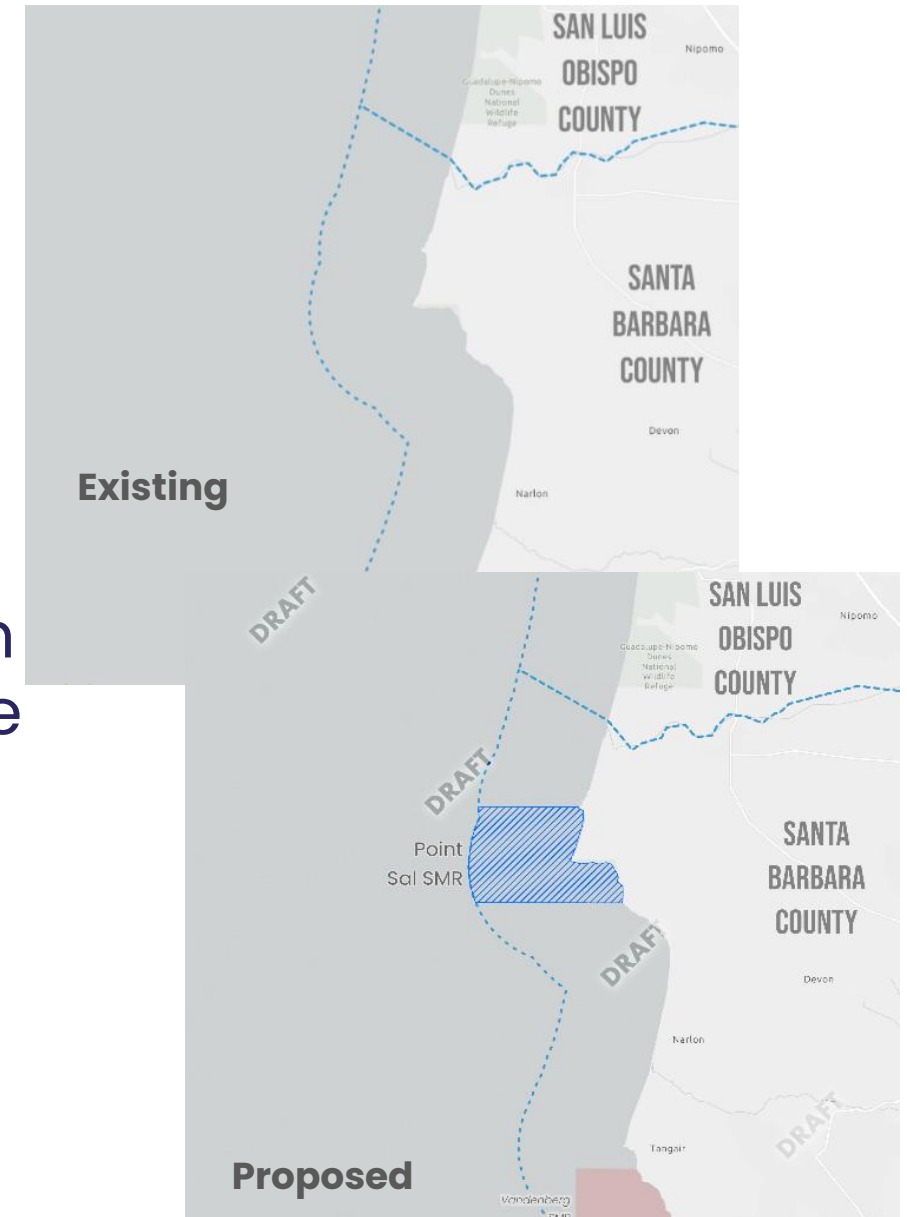
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New Adjustments(4/14 Tribal Committee):

- Move southern boundary north by half mile
- Incidental take allowance supported by Vandenberg Space Force Base



2023-29MPA_AM: Designate a new SMCA near Mishopshno/ Carpinteria with a Tribal Exemption for SYBCI

Submitted by: Natural Resources Defense Council,
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Environmental
Defense Center

Summary of Proposed Actions:

1. Designate new tribal co-management SMCA that allows take by the members of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians using hand-based equipment for traditional, ceremonial, cultural, and subsistence purposes, and allow recreational take of finfish from shore by hook-and-line



2023-29MPA_AM: Designate a new SMCA near Mishopshno/ Carpinteria with a Tribal Exemption for SYBCI

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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Environmental
Defense Center

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1. Designate new tribal co-management SMCA that allows take by the members of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians ~~using hand-based equipment for traditional, ceremonial, cultural, and subsistence purposes,~~ and allow recreational take of finfish from shore by hook-and-line

Amended (3/2025): reduced proposed size

New Adjustments (4/14/2026 Tribal Committee):

- Corrected narrative; potential eastern boundary adjustment



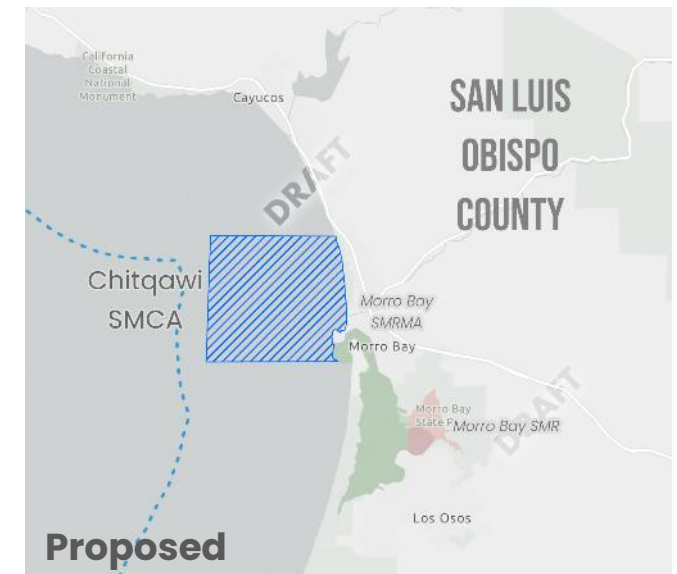
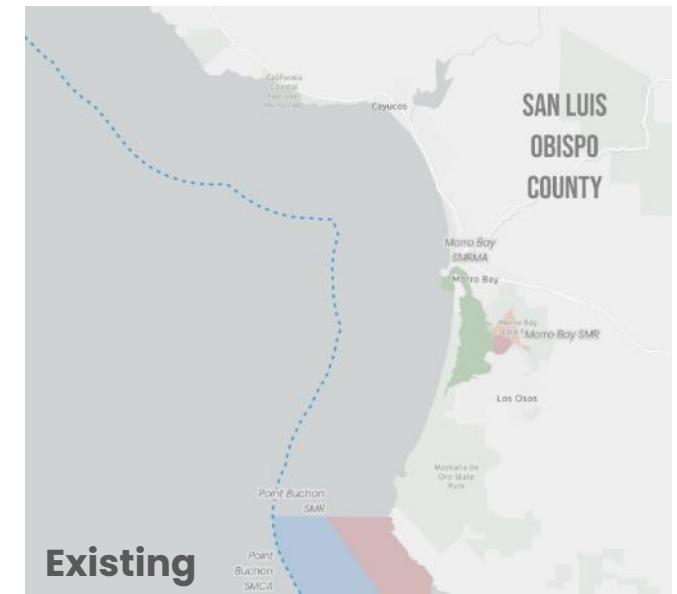
2023-19MPA: Designate a new Chitqawi SMCA in Morro Bay with a Tribal Exemption for SYBCI

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Summary of Proposed Actions:

Designate new co-management SMCA in Morro Bay named Chitqawi SMCA

1. The recreational take of finfish, invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels by hand harvest is allowed
2. Take pursuant to activities authorized under subsection 632(b)(97)(C) is allowed [existing infrastructure]
3. Tribal take exemption for SYBCI



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Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

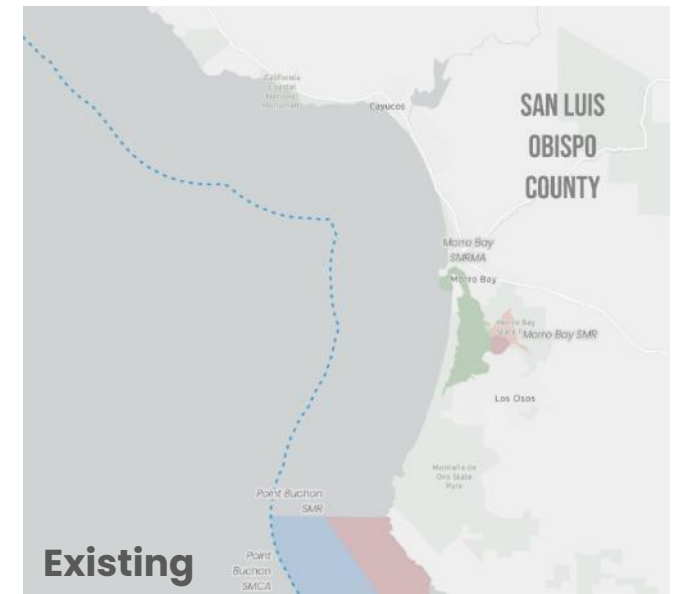
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3. Tribal take exemption for SYBCI

New Adjustments (4/14 Tribal Committee):

- Remove allowances except the one for SYBCI



2023–20MPA: Change the Take and Add a Tribal Exemption at Point Buchon SMCA, Change the Boundary at Point Buchon SMR

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Summary of Proposed Actions:

1. Establish co-management with SYBCI at Point Buchon SMCA
2. Adjust the northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR to align with Point Buchon
3. Rename Point Buchon SMCA to Point Buchon Chumash-California SMCA
4. Replace take allowance with recreational take of finfish, and invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels, by hand harvest; and add tribal take exemption for SYBCI



2023-20MPA: Change the Take and Add a Tribal Exemption at Point Buchon SMCA, Change the Boundary at Point Buchon SMR

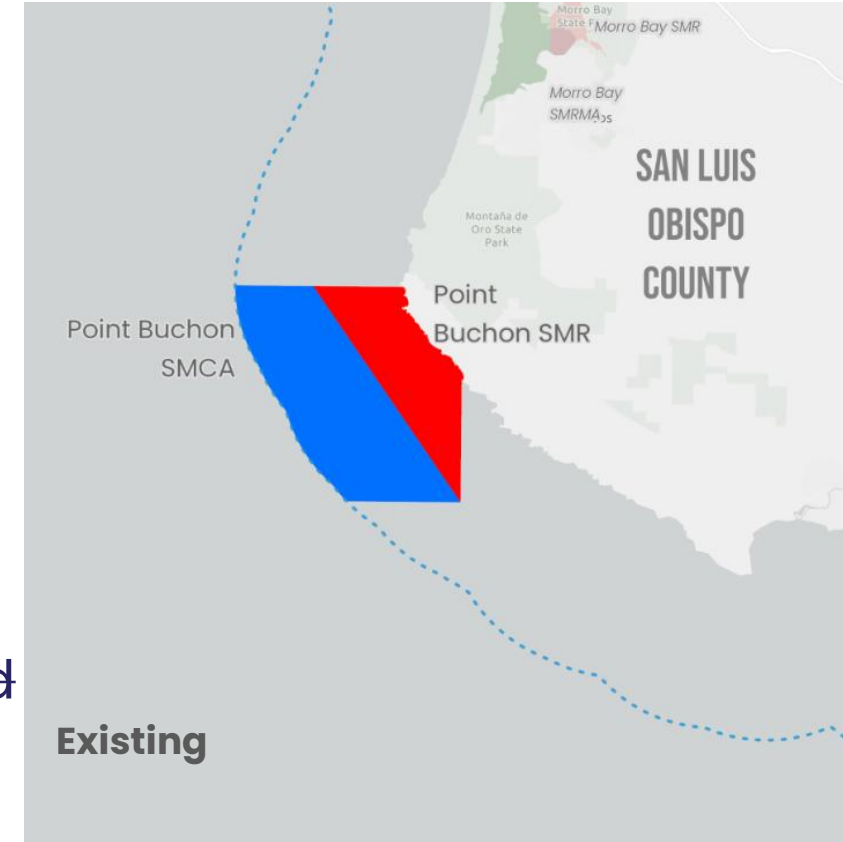
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1. Establish co-management with SYBCI at Point Buchon SMCA
2. Adjust the northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR to align with Point Buchon
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New Adjustments (4/14 Tribal Committee):

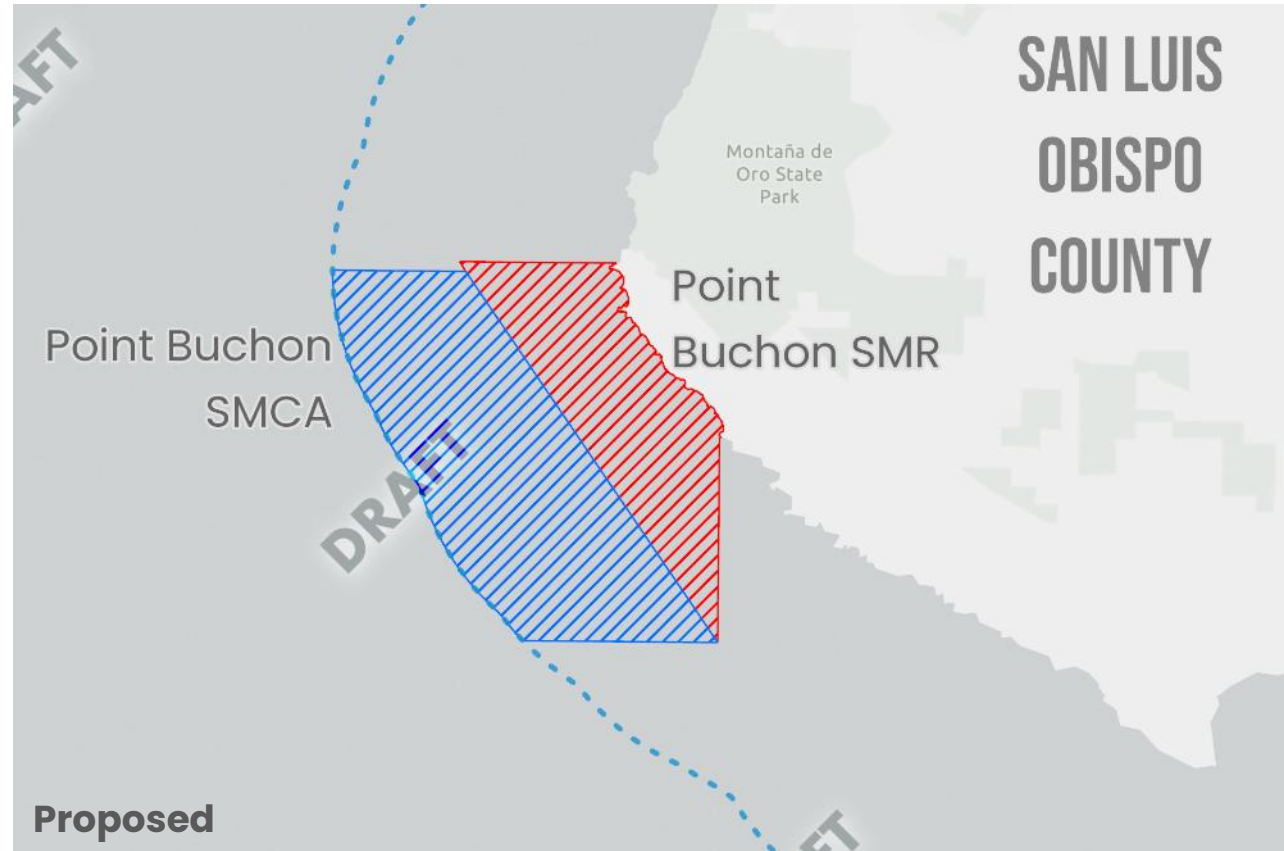
- Amended take allowance request to only add tribal take exemption for SYBCI (while retaining current allowance of commercial and recreational take of salmon and albacore)



2023-20MPA_2: Boundary Change at Point Buchon SMR

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

- Adjust the northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR to align with Point Buchon
- Proposed boundary is ~690 ft north of the existing, and not aligned with SMCA
- Existing boundary is on a line of latitude and aligned with shore-side visual markers; and aligns with SMCA



2023-20MPA_3 and _4: Change Take Allowance at Point Buchon SMCA and Rename

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Existing regulations:

- Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore allowed



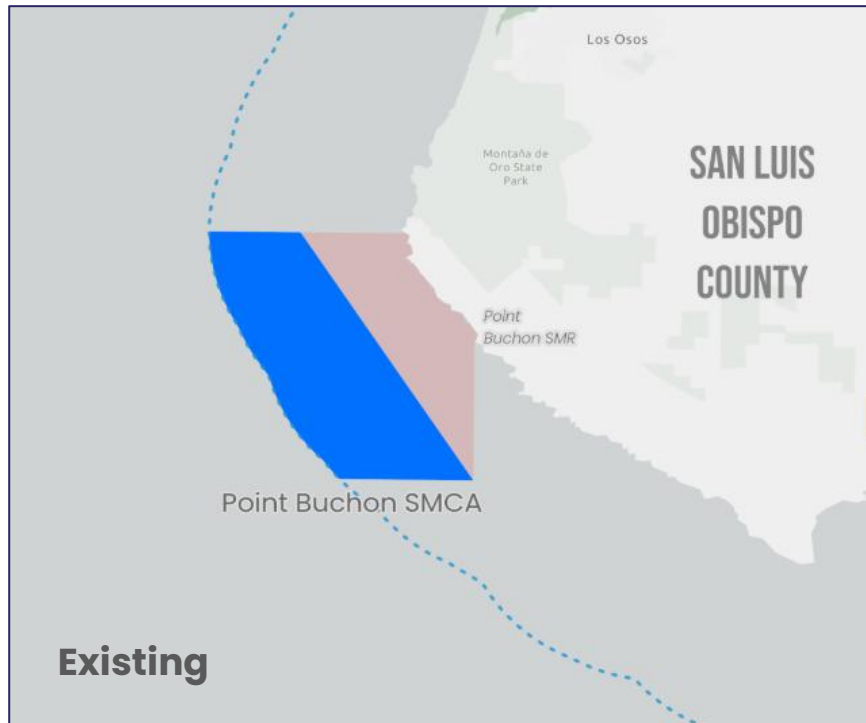
Proposed Change:

- **Change take to add a tribal take exemption for SYBCI:**
- **Rename Point Buchon SMCA:**
 - **"...as a Chumash co-managed SMCA"**



2023-34MPA: Reclassify Point Buchon SMCA to an SMR

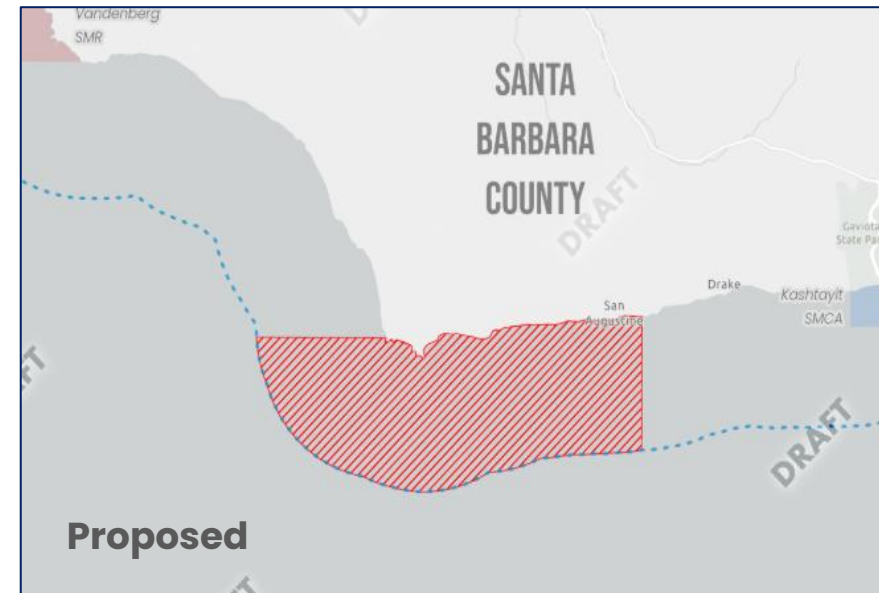
Summary of Proposed Action: Reclassify Point Buchon SMCA to an SMR to prohibit take



**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-34MPA_1**

2023-33MPA_AM: Expand Boundaries of Point Conception SMR

- **Summary of Proposed Action in this Region:** Expand Point Conception SMR eastward by 14.6 sq mi

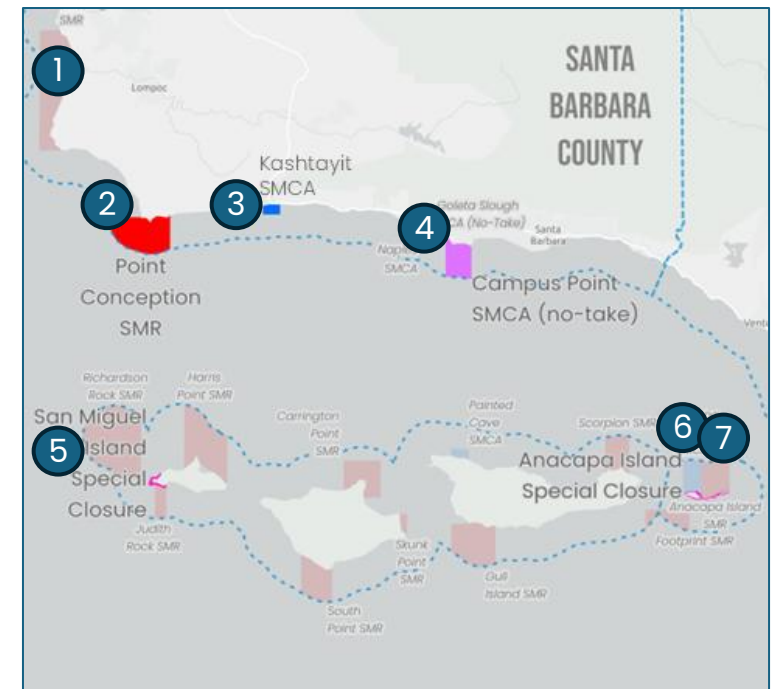


**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-33MPA_5**

2023-18MPA: Modify Allowed Uses at Vandenberg SMR and Kashtayit SMCA

Summary of 4 Proposed Actions in this Region:

1. Allow recreational take of finfish from shore in Vandenberg SMR
(2022-04) Allow recreational fishing at Surf Beach within Vandenberg SMR
2. *Continue support of M2 Monitoring at Point Conception
3. Change take at Kashtayit SMCA
4. *Change color of No-take Campus Point SMCA from purple to red



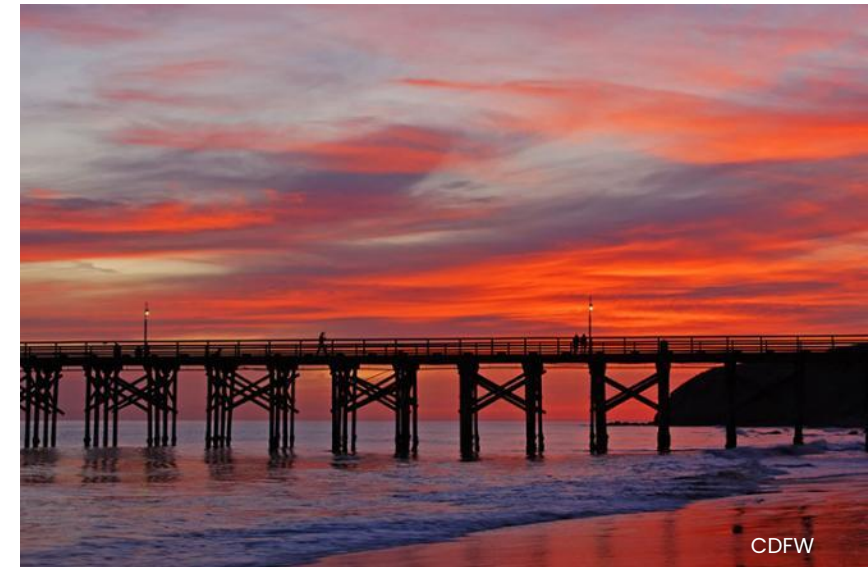
***Non-regulatory**

2023-18MPA_3: At Kashtayit SMCA, simplify take regulations to: “Recreational take of finfish, invertebrates, and giant kelp is allowed”

Summary of Proposed Action:

At Kashtayit SMCA, simplify take regulations to remove the strikethrough text in the following:

“Recreational take of finfish, invertebrates (~~except rock scallops and mussels~~), and giant kelp by ~~hand harvest~~ is allowed.”



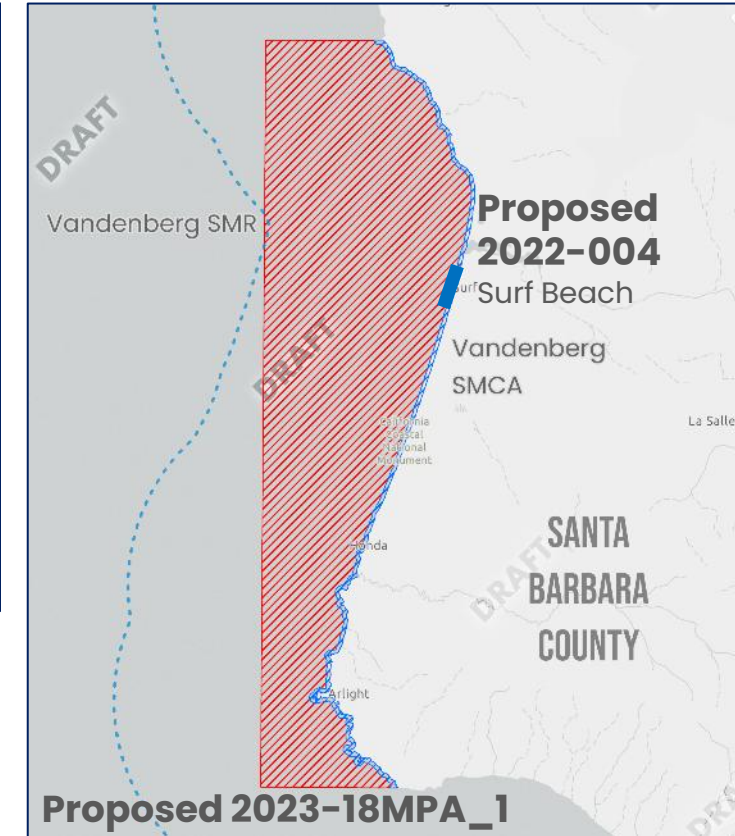
**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-18MPA_3**

2023-18MPA_1 (and 2022-004): Reclassify a portion of Vandenberg SMR to a SMCA with recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore

Summary of Proposed Action:

1. Redesignate a portion of Vandenberg SMR to create a narrow SMCA alongshore for the entire length of Vandenberg SMR that allows recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore

(2022-004): Redesignate a portion of Vandenberg SMR to create a small SMCA that allows shore fishing on the one half mile stretch of beach known as Surf Beach



**CDFW Recommendation:
DENY 2023-18MPA_1 and
DENY 2022-004**