

California Department of Parks and Recreation



California State Parks Summary of Round 2 MPA Evaluations

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State Parks Guidelines

- Provide opportunities for the public to visit, experience, and learn about California's exceptional marine resources.
- Help protect representative examples of marine habitats and species across biogeographical regions.
- Provide special protection for intertidal species and habitats.
- Provide important venues for special marine interpretation and education programs, such as the State Parks PORTS program.
- Facilitate law enforcement needed to protect and perpetuate important natural and cultural resource values.
- Align with the goals and objectives of the individual Park Unit
- MPA proposals should have clear management goals and objectives
- MPA designations should align with the management goals





MPA Designations – SMR, SMP & SMCA

- Help define the intent of the MMA
- Define authority for the managing agencies
 - What is prohibited
 - What may be protected
 - What may be managed
 - What may be permitted
- Influences the management of any terrestrial managed area




Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act §36601

(c) Due to the interrelationship between land and sea, benefits can be gained from siting a portion of the state's marine managed areas adjacent to, or in close proximity to, terrestrial protected areas, whenever an MMA is adjacent to a terrestrial protected area, the managing agencies shall coordinate their activities to the greatest extent possible to achieve the objectives of both areas.





State Park units cover almost 30% of the mainland coast line







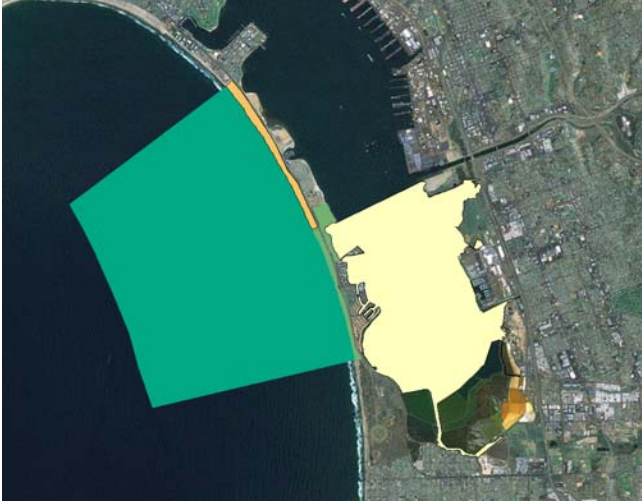
MMA is adjacent to a terrestrial protected area



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Proposed SMP designation not inconsistent but missing the rationale for State Parks Management



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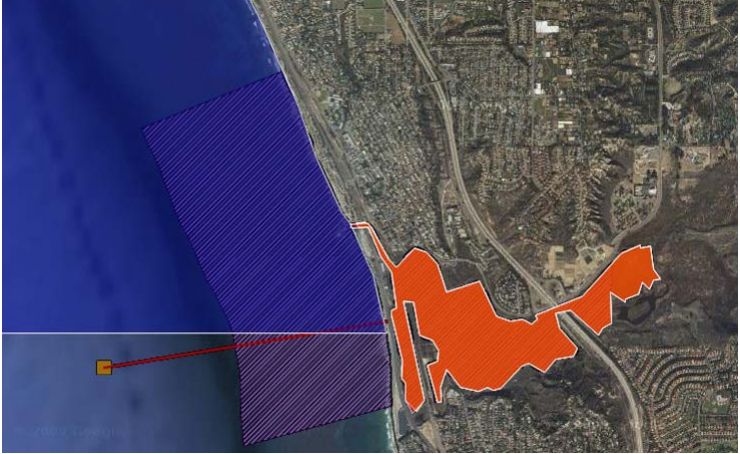
 **Proposed MPA designation does not include underwater park unit**



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 **Does not align with State Park underwater lease**





Creation of potential management/enforcement issues



Summary

- Most of the proposed MPAs were not inconsistent with State Park units, but where they exist they must be remedied.
- State Parks urges the SCRSG to use park boundaries and/or discernable landmarks.
- Secondary considerations do not outweigh Parks guidance.
- State Parks urges the SCRSG to consider the designation purpose and to not just focus solely on allowed/prohibited uses, but on the overall management objective.
- Many of the proposed arrays would reduce State Parks management and protection capabilities.

