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ACP 3 consists of the Santa Cruz and Monterey County coastline which includes Monterey Bay. The submarine Monterey Canyon delivers nutrient-dense water to Monterey Bay creating one of the most ecologically rich marine ecosystems in the world. Nearly all the Santa Cruz and Monterey County coastline provides habitat to a long list of threatened and endangered species. The environmental sensitivity of this area is illustrated by the fact that ACP 3 includes 13 coastal Marine Protected Areas, six offshore State Marine Conservation Areas, five Areas of Biological Significance, and all of ACP 3 is within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Within ACP 3 there are 54 Environmental Sensitive Sites that sustain wildlife and habitat that are highly susceptible to the impacts of marine oil spills. There are no coastal oil production facilities, refining facilities, or major pipelines within ACP 3. Potential sources of large oil spills in ACP 3 are the vessels transiting the shipping channel offshore, visiting cruise ships, recreational and commercial vessel traffic, train derailments, and general urban terrestrial sources.



● Environmental Sensitive Sites
 ACP 3


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ACP 3 All GRA Locations

0 7 14 21
 ─────────── Kilometers
 0 6.5 13
 ─────────── Miles

Map center coordinates:
 121.8158°W 36.4615°N

