



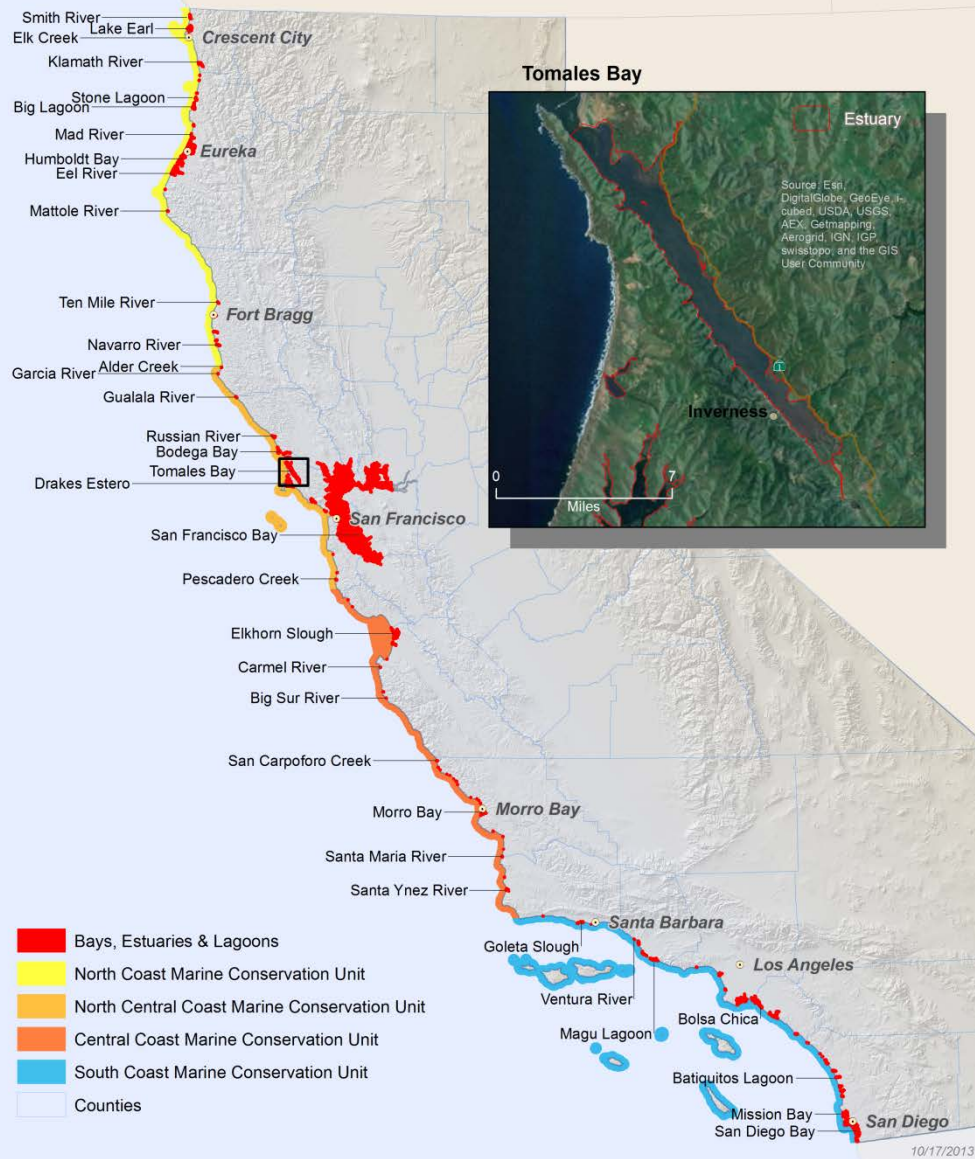
State Wildlife Action Plan 2015 Update

North-Central Coast Marine Conservation Unit
Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons

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Bays, Estuaries & Lagoons



Marine Region:

- North Coast
- N-C Coast
- Central Coast
- South Coast

Marine Region

Broad Ecosystems:

- Bays, Estuaries, & Lagoons
- Intertidal (rocky, beaches)
- Nearshore Zone (0-30 m)
- Mid-Depth Zone (30-100 m)
- Deep Zone (>100 m)



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Humboldt Bay. Annie Eicher

Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons



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Tomales Bay – Tidal Bay. Google Earth

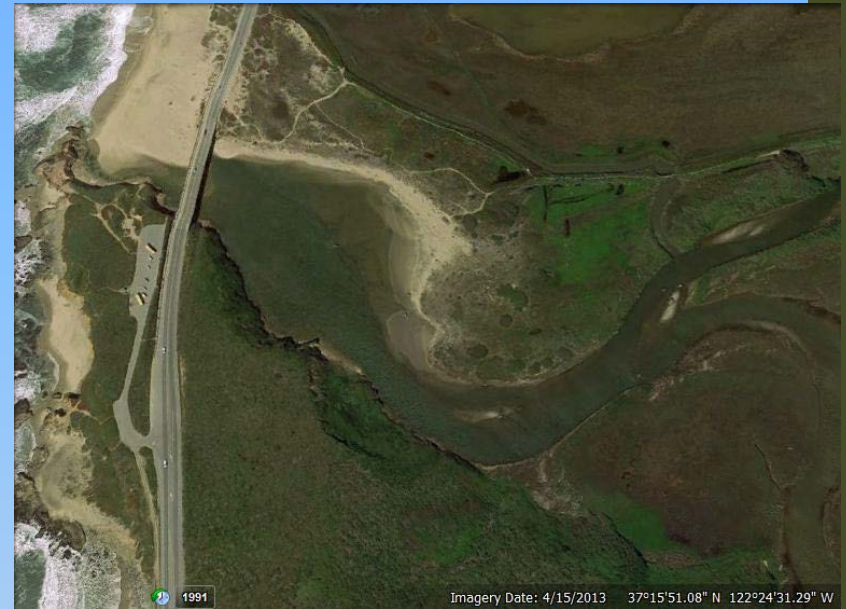


Bodega Bay – Classic Estuary. Google Earth

Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons



Russian River – River Mouth. Google Earth



Pescadero Creek - Lagoon. Google Earth



Estero Americano– River Mouth. Google Earth

Why Are Bays, Estuaries, & Lagoons Important?



Herring Spawn Event. Ryan Bartling, CDFW

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Snowy Plovers. Jenny Erbes,
Point Blue Conservation Science

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Humboldt Bay. Kirsten Ramey, CDFW

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Bolinas Lagoon. Google Earth

Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons

Key Attributes

- Surface water flow regime
- Freshwater input – water quality

Stressors

- Changes in freshwater input
- Changes in quality of freshwater input



Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons

Key Attributes

- Area/extent
- Circulation
- Connectivity

Stressors

- Reduction in area
- Changes in circulation patterns
- Change/loss in connectivity
- Altered tidal mixing



Drakes Estero. NOAA

Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons

Key Attributes

- Water quality
- Quality of sediments
- Biogenic habitat



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Stressors

- Decrease in quality of water and sediments within water bodies
- Decrease in seagrass (eelgrass) beds



Kirsten Ramey, CDFW

Bays, Estuaries, and Lagoons

Key Attributes

- Biotic assemblages
- Biotic interactions



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Stressors

- Decrease in native species populations including shorebirds and native bivalves



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Species of Interest



Tidewater Goby. Mike Wallace, CDFW



California Least Terns & Black Skimmer. Robin Madrid, CDFW



Brown Pelicans. Dave Feliz, CDFW

Species of Interest



Seagrasses. Kirsten Ramey, CDFW



Native Oysters. Kirsten Ramey, CDFW

Species of Interest



California Halibut. Travis Tanaka, CDFW



Juvenile Dungeness Crabs. Steve Cannata, CDFW

Human-related Activities

- Diversion/Control of Freshwater
- Agricultural Runoff



Bodega Bay. Google Earth

- Shoreline Development
- Urban Runoff



Russian River. Google Earth

Human-related Activities

- Hazardous Spills
- Invasive Species



Zostera japonica.
Vicki Frey, CDFW

Batiquitos Lagoon. Tim Dillingham, CDFW

Human-related Activities

- Modification of
- Mouth/Channels



Russian River. Joe Pisciotto, CDFW



Batiquitos Lagoon. CDFW Archived Photo

Human-related Activities

- Climate Change and Ocean Acidification



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Humboldt Bay. Annie Eicher

Strategies

- Improve engagement in decision-making process
 - Reviewing documents
 - Participating in meetings
 - Collaborating on projects
 - Coordinating management of habitats at the ocean-land interface
- Advocate for policies and practices that minimize impacts on shorelines and wetlands



Drakes Estero. Kirsten Ramey, CDFW

Strategies

- Improve rapid response capabilities to events that degrade target
- Support effective regulations
- Expand education and outreach activities



Upper Newport Bay. Robin Madrid, CDFW

Strategies

- Expand restoration activities
- Support monitoring activities and data integration into management
- Encourage research
- Perform vulnerability assessment of marine resources to climate change and ocean acidification



Elkhorn Slough. Dave Feliz, CDFW



Russian River. Dan Resnik, CDFW