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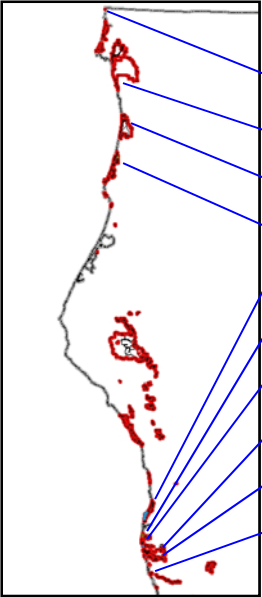
**California State Parks Evaluation of  
North Coast Round 2 Draft MPA Proposals**

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**State Parks Units Adjacent to Proposed MPAs**



- Pelican State Beach
- Del Norte Redwoods State Park
- Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park
- Humboldt Lagoons State Park
- MacKerricher State Park
- Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park
- Russian Gulch State Park
- Mendocino Woodlands State Park
- Van Damme State Park
- Navarro River Redwoods State Park

**≡ 10 California State Parks units**


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## Summary of Round 2 Evaluation

- A total of 31 evaluations / many replicate MPAs
- In general a variety of marine habitats included; any proposals included rocky intertidal areas
- Most proposed MPAs do not conflict with park unit general plans or management activities (7 conflicts)
- With a few exceptions, goals were clearly stated
- Most boundary issues were minor and easily remedied (21 issues)
- One proposal included all existing State Parks marine managed areas (MMA); another proposal included one existing MMA
- Most State Parks units have interpretive infrastructure and educational programs to support proposed MPAs

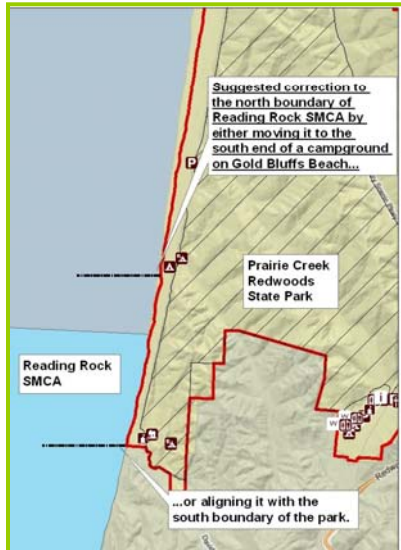
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## Example Conflicts with Unit General Plans



- Ruby Proposal 1: Stone Lagoon SMRMA
- Regulations are inconsistent with the park's general plan
- Traditional recreation includes canoe / kayak angling; only two access points
- "Traditional state park activities should take precedence over waterfowl hunting on the lagoon." pg.52 General Plan
- Better plan is to create a state marine park at Stone Lagoon, allowing for hook & line angling of fish
- State Parks intentions are to maintain present low impact recreation

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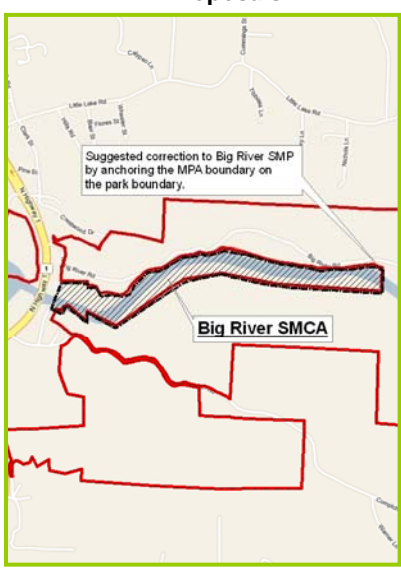
- 📍 **Sapphire Proposal 1 & 2: Reading Rock SMCA**
- 📍 **Regulations are inconsistent with park's general plan and purpose**
- 📍 **Gold Bluffs Beach an important shore fishing access and part of public use of park**
- 📍 **Boundary is not aligned with a recognizable landmark**
- 📍 **Either revise regulations for this MPA or move boundary**
- 📍 **Commercial fishing occurs on beach by permit only**

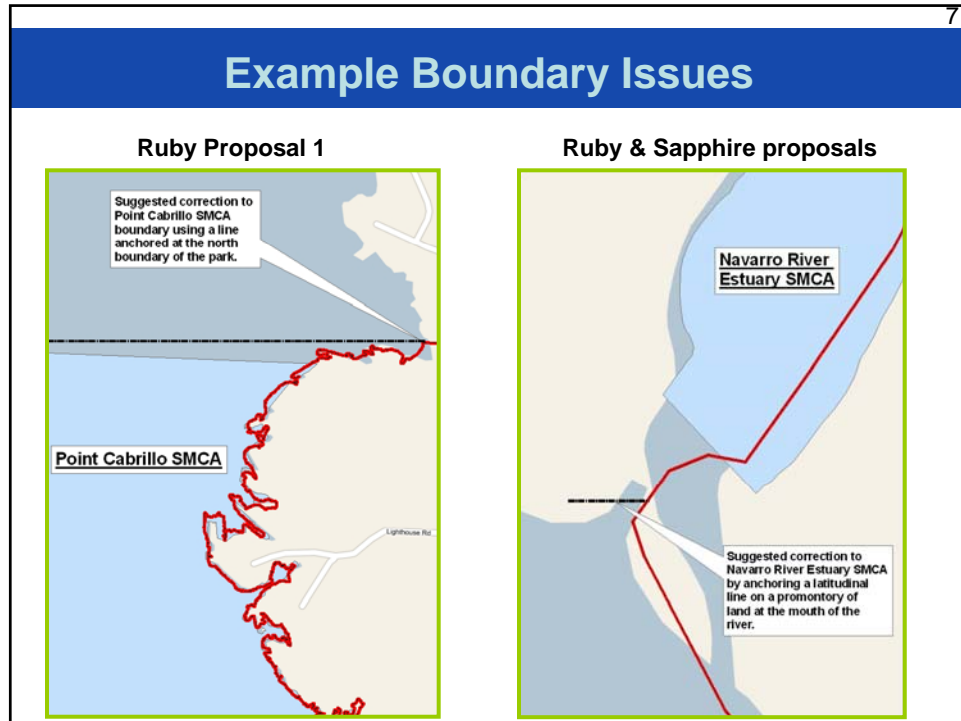
### Example Boundary Issues

Sapphire Proposal 1



All Proposals





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## Examples of Unclear Goals

- Point Cabrillo SMCA (both work groups)**
  - States that this MPA is a “goal 3 MPA”
  - No recreational take is allowed
  - Access to water is poor and unsafe in places
  - Educational opportunities are focused on the park’s historic values
  - Scientific study is limited because of poor access
- Reading Rock SMCA (Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2)**
  - Goals state that this is a “backbone MPA” because it allows for tribal gathering only
  - Regulations allow for commercial and recreational take of crab and smelt, which is inconsistent with first statement