

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Comments on Draft Recommended Special Closures from
North Coast Tribes and Tribal Communities
Comments received through July 28, 2010

North coast tribes and tribal communities have provided comments on draft recommended special closures developed by the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) in concert with Round 2 draft marine protected area (MPA) proposals. The input from tribes and tribal communities was collected from a series of outreach meetings with, and public comments made during MLPA Initiative open houses by, north coast tribes and tribal communities. All input on draft recommended special closures is aggregated to protect confidentiality of north coast tribes and tribal communities. Additional input on special closures may be provided directly to the NCRSG, MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team, and/or MLPA Initiative staff.

Input on Draft Recommended Special Closures

- **Southwest Seal Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering. Historically seals were hunted from this rock and, while this practice is not currently taking place, some individuals from north coast tribes and tribal communities recommended that this rock should remain open. A seasonal closure also was suggested, with the rock being open to access during the months of July and August and closed the remainder of the year.
- **Castle Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering. Historically this site was used for hunting seals and for the collection of seabird eggs, such as Common Murre eggs.
- **False Klamath Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering.
- **Green Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering. Some individuals from north coast tribes and tribal communities are opposed to this closure for safety reasons.
- **Flatiron Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering. Some individuals from north coast tribes and tribal communities are opposed to this closure for safety reasons.
- **False Cape Rock** – No specific overlap of this draft recommended special closure with traditional tribal gathering was mentioned.
- **Sugarloaf Island** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering.
- **Steamboat Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering.
- **Rockport Rocks** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering.
- **Vizcaino Rock** – This draft recommended special closure overlaps with traditional tribal gathering.