



CDFW Approved Summaries of Marine Protected Area Regulations

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Northern California MPAs (CA-OR Border to Alder Creek (near Point Arena))

	MPA Name	Permitted/Prohibited Uses
SMIR	Reading Rock, South Cape Mendocino, Mattole Canyon, Sea Lion Gulch, Ten Mile, Point Cabrillo	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.
	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:	
SMCA	Pyramid Point	Recreational take of surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Point St. George Reef Offshore	Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling or troll fishing gear, and Dungeness crab by trap. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Reading Rock, Samoa	Recreational take of salmon by trolling, surf smelt by dip net or Hawaiian type throw net and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand; Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear, surf smelt by dip net and Dungeness crab by trap. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Big Flat, Double Cone Rock	Recreational take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand; Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and Dungeness crab by trap. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Ten Mile Beach	Recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand; Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Ten Mile Estuary ²	Waterfowl may be taken in accordance with general waterfowl regulations. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Mackerricher, Russian Gulch, Van Damme	Commercial and recreational take in accordance with current regulations. Take of bull kelp and giant kelp is prohibited.
	Big River Estuary ²	Recreational take of surfperch by hook-and-line from shore only, and Dungeness crab by hoop net or hand. Take of waterfowl in accordance with general waterfowl regulations. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
	Navarro River Estuary	Recreational take of salmonids by hook-and-line in accordance with salmonid regulations. Take of waterfowl in accordance with general waterfowl regulations. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
SMRMA	South Humboldt Bay	Take of waterfowl in accordance with general waterfowl regulations. Includes take exemptions for some federal tribes ¹
Special Closure	Year Round: Southwest Seal Rock, Castle Rock, Sugarloaf Is.	Except as permitted by federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, no vessel shall be operated or anchored at any time from the mean high tide line to a distance of 300 ft. seaward of the lower low tide line of any shoreline of the special closure area.
	Mar. 1-Aug. 31 Only: False Klamath Rock, Steamboat Rock, Rockport Rocks, Vizcaino Rock	No person except employees of CDFW, USFWS, NOAA or USCG during performance of their official duties, or unless permission is granted by CDFW, shall enter the area.

¹ Certain federally recognized tribes are exempted from the area and take regulations for this MPA. For information regarding tribal take, please see California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 632(a)(11)

² This area allows take associated with operation and maintenance of artificial structures regulated by other agencies pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by CDFW.

North-Central California MPAs (Alder Creek (near Point Arena) to Pigeon Point)

	MPA Name	Permitted/Prohibited Uses
SMR	Pt. Arena, Del Mar Landing, Stewarts Pt., Gerstle Cove, Bodega Head, Pt. Reyes, Estero de Limantour, North Farallon Islands, Southeast Farallon Island, Montara	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited. Additionally, for Bodega Head SMR: No anchoring or mooring except as permitted by federal law, or in hazardous weather. CDFW and the Bodega Marine Life Refuge director may permit take for scientific or educational purposes, access, anchoring, and/or mooring.
SMCA	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:	
	Pt. Arena, Southeast Farallon Island	Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling.
	Sea Lion Cove	Recreational and commercial take of finfish.
	Saunders Reef	Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling. Commercial take of urchin.
	Stewarts Pt.	Recreational take of plants (no sea palm), invertebrates, finfish by hook-and-line, surf smelt by beach net, and species listed in CCR T14 §28.80 by hand-held dip net.
	Salt Pt.	Recreational take of abalone and finfish.
	Russian River	Recreational and commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap. Recreational take of surf smelt by hand-held dip net or beach net.
	Bodega Head, Pillar Point	Recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by hand-held dip net, and pelagic finfish ¹ by trolling. Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by round-haul net, and pelagic finfish ¹ by trolling or round-haul net.
	Drakes Estero	Recreational take of clams. Commercial aquaculture of shellfish.
	Pt. Reyes	Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap.
Duxbury Reef	Recreational take of abalone, and finfish from shore only.	
SMRMA	Russian River, Estero Americano, Estero de San Antonio	Take of waterfowl in accordance with general waterfowl regulations.
Special Closure	Boating, access, and other specific activities are restricted as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pt. Reyes Headlands, Pt. Resistance Rock, Double Point/Stormy Stack, North Farallon Islands, Southeast Farallon Island, and Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock to Devil's Slide restrict boating and access. No person except employees of CDFW, USFWS, NOAA or USCG during performance of their official duties, or unless permission is granted by CDFW, shall enter these areas. Additional restrictions related to: boating speed limits, anchoring, seasonal closure, commercial diving operation exhaust procedures, and transit exist for North Farallon Islands, Southeast Farallon Island and Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock to Devil's Slide special closures. See CCR T14 §632 for details. 	

¹ See current fishing regulations for definition of "pelagic finfish."

Central California MPAs (Pigeon Point to Point Conception)

	MPA Name	Permitted/Prohibited Uses
SMR	Natural Bridges, Elkhorn Slough, Moro Cojo Slough, Lovers Point-Julia Platt ¹ , Asilomar, Carmel Pinnacles, Pt. Lobos, Pt. Sur, Big Creek, Piedras Blancas, Morro Bay, Point Buchon, Vandenberg	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.
SMCA	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:	
	Año Nuevo	Commercial take of giant kelp by hand.
	Greyhound Rock	Recreational and commercial take of salmon and squid; giant kelp by hand. Recreational take of other finfish by hook-and-line from shore only.
	Elkhorn Slough (see map on reverse)	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line only, and clams from the slough's north shore near the Moss Landing State Wildlife Area.
	Soquel Canyon, Portuguese Ledge	Recreational and commercial take of pelagic finfish ² .
	Edward F. Ricketts	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line only. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand.
	Pacific Grove Marine Gardens, Carmel Bay	Recreational take of finfish. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand.
	Point Lobos, Big Creek	Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore. Commercial take of spot prawn.
	Point Sur, Piedras Blancas, Point Buchon	Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore.
	Cambria (also a State Marine Park)	Recreational take of living marine resources.
White Rock (Cambria)	Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp.	
SMRMA	Morro Bay	North of latitude 35° 19.70' N only: Recreational take of finfish, commercial oyster aquaculture, and storing finfish taken outside of the SMRMA for bait purposes.

¹ Formerly known as "Lovers Point State Marine Reserve." Name change effective Oct. 1, 2014

² See current fishing regulations for definition of "pelagic finfish."

Southern California MPAs (Point Conception to the California-Mexico Border)

SMR	MPA Name	Permitted/Prohibited Uses
		Point Conception, Point Dume, Laguna Beach, Matlahuayl, South La Jolla, Cabrillo
No-Take SMCA	Campus Point, Goleta Slough, Point Vicente, Bolsa Chica Basin, Laguna Beach, Batiquitos Lagoon ² , San Elijo Lagoon, Famosa Slough	Recreational and commercial take of all living marine resources is prohibited. Take incidental to certain permitted activities may be allowed. Other restrictions may apply. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
SMCA	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:	
	Kashtayit ¹	Recreational take of giant kelp by hand, invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels, and finfish.
	Naples ¹	Recreational take of white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing. Commercial take of giant kelp.
	Point Dume ¹	Recreational take of white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon.
	Abalone Cove ¹	Recreational take of market squid by hand-held dip net, and white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon.
	Bolsa Bay ¹	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore in designated areas. Entry permitted only on established trails, paths or other designated areas. Closed from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Boating, swimming, wading and diving prohibited.
	Upper Newport Bay ¹	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore only. Shoreline access limited to established trails, paths, or other designated areas. Restrictions exist for boating and swimming. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
	Crystal Cove ¹	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line or spearfishing; take of spiny lobster and sea urchin. Commercial take of sea urchin; spiny lobster by trap; and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat. Take of living marine resources from tidepools is prohibited.
	Dana Point ¹	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line or spearfishing, and lobster and urchin. Commercial take of lobster by trap, sea urchin, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat. Take of living marine resources from tidepools is prohibited.
	Swami's ¹	Recreational take of pelagic finfish and white seabass by spearfishing.
	San Dieguito Lagoon ^{1,2}	Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore. Boating, swimming, wading and diving are prohibited. Closed from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
	San Diego-Scripps Coastal ¹	Recreational take of coastal pelagic species except market squid, by hook-and-line only.
	South La Jolla	Recreational take of pelagic finfish by hook-and-line only.
	Tijuana River Mouth ¹	Recreational take of coastal pelagic species except market squid, by hand-held dipnet only. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species except market squid, by round haul net.

¹Take incidental to certain permitted activities is allowed. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
²PLEASE NOTE: These areas overlap State Ecological Reserves. Current rules **restrict all public access to the shoreline** to protect sensitive habitat, as authorized under CCR T14 §630(a)(10).

Island MPAs

SMR	MPA Name	Permitted/Prohibited Uses
		Richardson Rock, Harris Point, Judith Rock, Carrington Pt, Skunk Pt, South Pt Gull Island, Scorpion, Anacapa Island, Begg Rock, Footprint, Santa Barbara Island, Long Point
No-Take SMCA	Blue Cavern Onshore ^{1,2} <i>Catalina Island</i> <i>Formerly known as Blue Cavern</i>	Recreational and commercial take of all living marine resources is prohibited. Also, no anchoring or mooring within the former Catalina Marine Science Center Marine Life Refuge. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
	Casino Pt ¹ <i>Catalina Island</i>	Recreational and commercial take of all living marine resources is prohibited. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is permitted. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
SMCA	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:	
	Painted Cave <i>Santa Cruz Island</i>	Recreational take of lobster and pelagic finfish.
	Anacapa Island	Recreational take of lobster and pelagic finfish. Commercial take of lobster.
	Arrow Pt to Lion Head Pt <i>Catalina Island</i>	Recreational take of marine plants and finfish. Take of invertebrates is prohibited.
	Blue Cavern Offshore ² <i>Catalina Island</i> <i>Formerly known as Bird Rock</i>	Recreational take of market squid by hand-held dip net, pelagic finfish by hook-and-line or by spearfishing, and white seabass by spearfishing. Commercial take of pelagic finfish by hook-and-line, and swordfish by harpoon.
	Lover's Cove ¹ <i>Catalina Island</i>	Recreational take by hook-and-line from Cabrillo Mole only. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed.
	Farnsworth Onshore <i>Catalina Island</i>	Recreational take of market squid by hand-held dip net; white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing; and marlin, tuna and dorado by trolling. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; swordfish by harpoon.
	Farnsworth Offshore <i>Catalina Island</i>	Recreational take of market squid by hand-held dip net; white seabass by spearfishing; pelagic finfish by hook-and-line or spear fishing, and marlin, tuna and dorado by trolling. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon.
	Cat Harbor ¹ <i>Catalina Island</i>	Recreational take of lobster and sea urchin, squid by hook-and-line, and finfish by hook-and-line or spearfishing. Commercial take of lobster and sea urchin, and sea cucumber by diving only.
	Special Closure	San Miguel Island
Anacapa Island		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No net or trap may be set in waters less than 20 ft deep off Anacapa Island. 20 fm (120 ft) brown pelican fledgeling area closed Jan 1-Oct 31. No person except employees of CDFW or NPS shall enter this area during closure. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.

¹Take incidental to certain permitted activities is allowed. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
²Name change effective Oct. 1, 2014