

Habitat and Species Rankings for Monitoring in Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas

Habitat Categories Ranked by Questionnaire Responses

<u>General Habitat Type</u>	<u>Constituent Ranking</u>
Shallow Rock/Kelp Forest (0 - 30 m)	1
Mid-depth Rock (31 - 100m)	2
Shallow Eelgrass/Surfgrass	3
Rocky Intertidal	4
Shallow Sand/Mud (0 - 30 m)	5
Deep Rock (>100 m)	6
Mid-depth Sand/Mud (31 - 100 m)	7
Sandy Beach	8
Deep Sand/Mud (>100 m)	9

Species/Species Groups Ranked by Questionnaire Responses

<u>Species/Species Group</u>	<u>Constituent Ranking</u>	<u>Species/Species Group</u>	<u>Constituent Ranking</u>
Giant Kelp	1	Yellowtail	4
Sea Urchins	1	Garibaldi	4
Nearshore Rockfish ¹	1	Ocean Whitefish	4
Shelf Rockfish ²	1	Xantus's Murrelet	4
California Sheephead	1	Cassin's Auklet	4
Sea Grasses	2	Brown Pelican	4
Abalone	2	Ashy Storm Petrels	4
Spiny Lobster	2	Sponges	5
Cabazon	2	Anemones	5
Kelp Bass	2	Cup Coral	5
Lingcod	2	Turban Snails	5
Slope Rockfish ³	2	Brittle Stars	5
White Seabass	2	Bat Stars	5
California Halibut	2	Giant-spined Stars	5
Giant Sea Bass	2	Rock Wrasse	5
California Scorpionfish	2	Opaleye	5
Sea Cucumbers	3	Blacksmith	5
Rock Scallop	3	Señorita	5
Market Squid	3	Gobies	5
Prawns	3	Harbor Seals	5
Kelp Greenling	3	Elephant Seals	5
Rock Greenling	3	Sea Lions	5
Crabs	3	Cormorants	5
Painted Greenling	3		
Gorgonians	4	<u>Additional Species Suggested by Constituents:</u>	
Hydrocoral	4	Mussels	Horn Shark
Clams	4	Owl Limpets	Leopard Shark
Kellets Whelk	4	Grunioun	Sea Otters
Sunflower Star	4	Halfmoon	Whales
Surfperches	4		