



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 Activities |
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| SMR | |
| Reading Rock, South Cape Mendocino, Mattole Canyon, Sea Lion Gulch, Ten Mile, Point Cabrillo | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. |
| SMCA | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, EXCEPT: |
| | Pyramid Point |
| | Point St. George Reef Offshore |
| | Reading Rock Samoa |
| | Big Flat Double Cone Rock |
| | Ten Mile Beach |
| | Ten Mile Estuary ² |
| | MacKerricher Russian Gulch Van Damme |
| | Big River Estuary ² |
| | Navarro River Estuary |
| SMRMA | |
| South Humboldt Bay | Take of waterfowl in accordance with general waterfowl hunting regulations is allowed. Includes take exemptions for some tribes ¹ |
| Special Closure | |
| Year Round: Southwest Seal Rock Castle Rock Sugarloaf Island | 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 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. |

Please Note: Summarized regulations do not replace the official laws and regulations found in the California Fish and Game Code or the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14

¹ Certain federally recognized tribes are exempted from the area and take regulations for this MPA. For information regarding tribal take, please see CCR 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)

| SMR | MPA Name | Permitted/Prohibited Activities |
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| | Pt. Arena, Del Mar Landing, Stewarts Pt., Gerstle Cove, Bodega Head, Pt. Reyes, Estero de Limantour, North Farallon Islands, Southeast Farallon Island, Montara | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Additionally, for Bodega Head SMR: No anchoring or mooring except as permitted by federal law, or during hazardous weather. CDFW and the Bodega Marine Life Refuge director may permit take for scientific or educational purposes, access, anchoring, and mooring. |
| SMCA | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, EXCEPT: | |
| | Pt. Arena, Southeast Farallon Island | Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling is allowed. |
| | Sea Lion Cove | Recreational and commercial take of finfish is allowed. |
| | Saunders Reef | Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling is allowed. Commercial take of urchin is allowed. |
| | 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 is allowed. |
| | Salt Pt. | Recreational take of abalone and finfish is allowed. |
| | Russian River | Recreational and commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap is allowed. Recreational take of surf smelt by hand-held dip net or beach net is allowed. |
| | Bodega Head, Pillar Point | Recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by hand-held dip net, and pelagic finfish ¹ by trolling is allowed. Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by round-haul net, and pelagic finfish ¹ by trolling or round-haul net is allowed. |
| | Drakes Estero | Recreational take of clams is allowed. |
| SMRMA | Pt. Reyes | Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap is allowed. |
| | Duxbury Reef | Recreational take of abalone, and finfish from shore only, is allowed. |
| Special Closure | Russian River, Estero Americano, Estero de San Antonio | Take of waterfowl in accordance with general waterfowl regulations is allowed. |
| | 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 Rock, 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 Activities |
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| SMR | Año Nuevo¹, Natural Bridges, Elkhorn Slough, Moro Cojo Slough, Lovers Point-Julia Platt¹, Asilomar, Carmel Pinnacles, Pt. Lobos, Pt. Sur, Big Creek, Piedras Blancas, Morro Bay, Point Buchon, Vandenberg | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. |
| | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, EXCEPT: | |
| SMCA | Greyhound Rock | Recreational and commercial take of salmon and squid, and giant kelp by hand is allowed. Recreational take of other finfish by hook-and-line from shore only is allowed. |
| | 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, is allowed. |
| | Soquel Canyon, Portuguese Ledge | Recreational and commercial take of pelagic finfish ² is allowed. |
| | Edward F. Ricketts | Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line only is allowed. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand is allowed. |
| | Pacific Grove Marine Gardens, Carmel Bay | Recreational take of finfish is allowed. Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp by hand is allowed. |
| | Point Lobos, Big Creek | Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore is allowed. Commercial take of spot prawn is allowed. |
| | Point Sur, Piedras Blancas, Point Buchon | Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore is allowed. |
| | Cambria (also a State Marine Park) | Recreational take of living marine resources is allowed. |
| | White Rock (Cambria) | Commercial take of giant kelp and bull kelp is allowed. |
| SMRMA | Morro Bay | North of latitude 35° 19.700' N only: Recreational take of finfish, commercial oyster aquaculture, and storing finfish taken outside of the SMRMA for bait purposes is allowed. |

¹Formerly known as Año Nuevo State Marine **Conservation Area**. Designation change effective 3/1/2016

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

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

| SMR | Name | Permitted/Prohibited Activities |
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| | Point Conception, Point Dume, Laguna Beach, Matlahuayl, South La Jolla, Cabrillo | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. |
| No-Take SMCA | Campus Point, Goleta Slough, Point Vicente, Bolsa Chica Basin, Laguna Beach, Batiquitos Lagoon ² , San Elijo Lagoon, Famosa Slough | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Take incidental to certain permitted activities may be allowed. Other restrictions may apply. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details. |
| SMCA | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, EXCEPT: | |
| | Kashtayit ^{1,3} | Recreational take of finfish, giant kelp by hand, and invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels is allowed. |
| | Naples ^{1,3} | Recreational take of white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing is allowed. Commercial take of giant kelp is allowed. |
| | Point Dume ^{1,3} | Recreational take of white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing is allowed. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon is allowed. |
| | Abalone Cove ¹ | Recreational take of market squid by hand-held dip net, and white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing is allowed. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon is allowed. |
| | Bolsa Bay ¹ | Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore in designated areas is allowed. 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 is allowed. 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 and take of spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed. Commercial take of sea urchin; spiny lobster by trap, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat is allowed. 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 is allowed. Commercial take of lobster by trap, sea urchin, and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat is allowed. Take of living marine resources from tidepools is prohibited. |
| | Swami's ¹ | Recreational take by hook-and-line from shore, and white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing is allowed. |
| | San Dieguito Lagoon ^{1,2} | Recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore is allowed. 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 is allowed. |
| | South La Jolla | Recreational take of pelagic finfish by hook-and-line only is allowed. |
| | Tijuana River Mouth ¹ | Recreational take of coastal pelagic species except market squid, by hand-held dipnet only is allowed. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species except market squid, by round haul net is allowed. |

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).

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Island MPAs

| SMR | Name | Permitted/Prohibited Activities |
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| | 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 | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. |
| No-Take SMCA | Blue Cavern Onshore ¹ <i>Catalina Island</i> | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. 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> | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is permitted. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details. |
| SMCA | It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, EXCEPT: | |
| | Painted Cave <i>Santa Cruz Island</i> | Recreational take of lobster and pelagic finfish is allowed. |
| | Anacapa Island ² | Recreational take of lobster and pelagic finfish is allowed. Commercial take of lobster is allowed. |
| | Arrow Pt to Lion Head Pt <i>Catalina Island</i> | Recreational take of marine plants and finfish is allowed. Take of invertebrates is prohibited. |
| | Blue Cavern Offshore <i>Catalina Island</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 is allowed. Commercial take of pelagic finfish by hook-and-line, and swordfish by harpoon is allowed. |
| | Lover's Cove ¹ <i>Catalina Island</i> | Recreational take by hook-and-line from Cabrillo Mole only is allowed. 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 is allowed. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; swordfish by harpoon is allowed. |
| | 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 spearfishing, and marlin, tuna and dorado by trolling is allowed. Commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat; and swordfish by harpoon is allowed. |
| | 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 is allowed. Commercial take of sea cucumber by diving only, and lobster and sea urchin is allowed. |
| | San Miguel Island | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 yd. closure except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mar 15-Apr 30 and Oct 1-Dec 15 closure reduced to 100 yd. - Boats operated by commercial sea urchin divers may enter certain areas only between Mar 15-Apr 30 and Oct 1-Dec 15. • Additional restrictions exist for boating speed limits, noise, anchoring, landing, and access to offshore rocks and islands. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details. |
| Special Closure | 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. |

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