

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative South Coast Project
Staff Summary of Area and Habitats in Round 3 Revised SCRSG Proposal 2
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Table 1. Summary of MPAs by Designation for Revised SCRSG Proposal 2

Type of MPA ^a	# of MPAs	Area (mi ²)	% of Study Region
State Marine Reserve (SMR)	25	282.77	12.0%
State Marine Recreational Managed Area (SMRMA)	0	0.00	0.0%
State Marine Park (SMP)	0	0.00	0.0%
State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)	12	58.82	2.5%
Undesignated	2	36.68	1.6%
All MPAs combined	39	378.27	16.1%

^a These are proposed marine protected area (MPA) designations, NOT levels of protection assigned by the MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT). SMRMA is not an MPA designation, but rather a marine managed area designation. The “Undesignated” are the pending military closures.

Table 2. Summary of MPAs by Level of Protection for Revised SCRSG Proposal 2

Level of Protection (LOP)	# Proposed	Area (mi ²)	% of Study Region
Very High ^b	25	282.77	12.0%
High	4	43.85	1.9%
Moderate-High	1	0.15	0.0%
Moderate	0	0.00	0.0%
Low ^c	7	14.82	0.6%
Not applicable ^d	2	36.68	1.6%
Total	39	378.27	16.1%

^b The “Very High” category includes MPAs with SMR designation, as well as MPAs with a SMRMA designation.

^c The “Low” category groups together MPAs that are assigned a moderate-low and lower level of protection.

^d These are the pending military closures. These are not assigned a level of protection.

Table 3. Individual MPAs in Revised SCRSG Proposal 2

MPA Name	Size (mi ²)	Along-shore Span ^e (mi)	Depth Range ^f (ft)
Richardson Rock SMR ^g	40.69	6.3	95 - 558
Judith Rock SMR ^g	4.55	1.2	0 - 487
Harris Point SMR ^g	25.35	5.4	0 - 557
South Point SMR ^g	13.05	3.5	0 - 1071
Carrington Point SMR ^g	12.76	4.0	0 - 211
Skunk Point SMR ^g	1.39	2.2	0 - 83
Painted Cave SMCA ^g	1.78	1.9	0 - 291
Gull Island SMR ^g	19.91	4.8	0 - 2205
Scorpion SMR ^g	9.62	2.6	0 - 769
Footprint SMR ^g	7.05	4.7	171 - 1656
Anacapa Island SMCA ^g	7.30	2.0	0 - 490

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MPA Name	Size (mi ²)	Along-shore Span ^e (mi)	Depth Range ^f (ft)
Anacapa Island SMR ^g	11.54	3.1	0 - 709
Santa Barbara Island SMR ^g	12.76	1.0	0 - 1655
Point Conception SMR	26.11	6.2	0 - 489
Campus Point SMR	10.36	2.9	0 - 748
Goleta Slough SMR	0.25	N/A	Depth data not available
Point Dume SMCA	19.96	5.3	0 - 2023
Point Vicente SMR	15.12	3.7	0 - 2640
Abalone Cove SMCA	4.75	1.2	0 - 2181
Bolsa Chica SMCA	0.72	N/A	Depth data not available
Upper Newport Bay SMCA	1.28	N/A	Depth data not available
Laguna North SMCA	2.23	4.8	0 - 125
Laguna SMR	9.18	2.1	0 - 1801
Laguna South SMCA	1.43	6.6	0 - 58
Del Mar SMR	12.78	3.6	0 - 1057
San Dieguito Lagoon SMR	0.52	N/A	Depth data not available
La Jolla SMR	0.77	1.1	0 - 214
Famosa Slough SMR	0.03	N/A	Depth data not available
Sunset Cliffs SMR	9.27	2.6	0 - 336
Ocean Beach Pier SMCA	0.15	0.2	0 - 28
Cabrillo SMR	0.38	1.3	0 - 30
Bird Rock SMCA	8.97	2.3	75 - 2616
Blue Cavern SMR	1.34	2.3	0 - 691
Farnsworth SMCA	10.18	3.0	125 - 3499
Casino Point SMR	0.01	0.1	0 - 73
Lover's Cove SMCA	0.06	0.4	0 - 188
Begg Rock SMR	37.96	6.9	219 - 374
San Clemente Pending Military Closure 1	17.44	3.9	0 - 1682
San Clemente Pending Military Closure 2	19.24	5.4	0 - 3938

^e Alongshore span measured as direct line from one end of the MPA to the other. Estuarine MPAs are not given an alongshore span.

^f Comprehensive bathymetric data for all estuaries is not available. Though bathymetric data do exist in portions of some estuaries, depth ranges are not provided for estuarine MPAs for consistency in evaluations.

^g State MPAs around the Northern Channel Islands are to be part of all proposals, as directed by the California Fish and Game Commission and are notated by the footnote. Table 4. Habitat Representation in Revised SCRSG Proposal 2

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Habitat ^h	SMR		SMRMA		SMP		SMCA		Undesignated		Total MPAs	
	Area	%	Area	%	Area	%	Area	%	Area	%	Area	%
Intertidal												
Sandy or gravel beach*	24.70	7%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	15.01	4%	6.04	2%	45.75	12%
Rocky shores*	44.08	16%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	13.79	5%	1.82	1%	59.69	21%
Hardened shores*	0.77	<1%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	3.17	1%	0.11	<1%	4.05	1%
Coastal marsh*	3.50	6%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	10.88	18%	0.00	0%	14.38	24%
Coastal marsh	0.36	6%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	1.26	21%	0.00	0%	1.61	27%
Tidal flats*	1.22	4%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	4.45	15%	0.00	0%	5.67	20%
Seagrass beds												
Surfgrass*	28.25	13%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	12.36	6%	2.74	1%	43.35	20%
Eelgrass	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
Estuarine												
Estuary	0.80	2%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	2.01	5%	0.00	0%	2.80	6%
Soft bottom												
0-30 meters	24.76	6%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	4.95	1%	0.01	<1%	29.72	7%
0-30 meters proxy ⁱ	32.58	9%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	16.92	5%	1.30	<1%	50.81	14%
30-100 meters	101.49	15%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	18.60	3%	0.96	<1%	121.04	18%
100-200 meters	34.43	22%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	5.17	3%	0.00	0%	39.60	25%
>200 meters	19.71	8%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	21.33	9%	0.00	0%	41.04	18%
Hard bottom												
0-30 meters	10.21	9%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	1.06	1%	1.79	2%	13.06	12%
0-30 meters proxy ⁱ	21.80	11%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	3.53	2%	7.02	4%	32.35	17%
30-100 meters	8.98	19%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.61	1%	1.07	2%	10.65	22%
100-200 meters	0.86	22%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.02	<1%	0.00	0%	0.88	23%
>200 meters	0.04	2%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.34	16%	0.00	0%	0.39	18%
Unknown												
0-30 meters	3.14	2%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	2.21	1%	0.46	<1%	5.81	4%
30-100 meters	31.51	15%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	1.32	1%	5.89	3%	38.72	18%
100-200 meters	21.60	19%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.52	<1%	6.42	6%	28.55	25%
>200 meters	24.93	12%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.60	<1%	20.05	10%	45.59	23%
Kelp forest												
Maximum kelp*	35.40	11%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	4.57	1%	8.43	3%	48.40	14%
Kelp persistence*	18.28	10%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	1.64	1%	7.02	4%	26.94	15%

^h Habitats are measured as an area (mi²) except for those with a * notation. Habitats with a * notation are expressed in linear units (mi).

ⁱ There is limited fine scale data for nearshore habitat, shallower than 10-20 meters depth, in the south coast study region. A proxy for this area was created using a line parallel to the coast and classifying the substrate as either hard or soft substrate depending on the dominant habitat type in that area based on available data.