

California MLPA North Coast Study Region
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Name of Array: North Coast External Proposed MPA Array D (ExD)
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Total number of MPAs: 18
 Number of SMRs: 7
 Number of SMCAs: 8
 Number of SMPs: 2
 Number of SMRMAs: 1
 Number proposing tribal uses 15

Bioregions:
 Northern: Oregon/California border to Mattole River
 Southern: Mattole River to Alder Creek near Point Arena

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Pyramid Point SMR	73927	Northern Bioregion	State waters from the Oregon Border(42 00') southward to rocks immediately south of the Smith River mouth(42 56')(not including the Smith River), from, 42 00.00N/124 12.800W SSE to 41 59.700N/124 12.600W, S to 41 59.400N/ 124 12.600W, SSE to 41 59.200N/124 12.400W, S to 41 57.700N/124 12.400W, SSW to 41 57.700N/124 12.500W, SSW to 41 57.200N/124 12.700W, W to 41 57.200N/124 12.600W, S to 41 57.100N/124 12.600W, W to 41 57.100N/124 12.700W, to 41 57.00N/124 12.600W, SSE to 41 56.900N/124 12.500W, S to 41 56.700N/124 12.500, SSE to 41 56.00N/124 12.600W,41 56.700N/124 12.500 to 41 56.00N/124 12.300.	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
False Klamath SMCA	73924	Northern Bioregion	None specified	SMCA	Moderate high	Yes	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of Dungeness crab by hoop net; Dungeness crab by diving; and Dungeness crab by trap. 2. The commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area. Traditional Tribal subsistence and ceremonial uses shall be allowed.

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Pyramid Point SMR	N/A	<p>The Pyramid Point SMR is proposed by the Del Norte MPA Work Group and based on the following Goals: G1,G2,G3,G4,G5,G6.</p> <p>Protects a diversity of habitats from the Oregon Border to the Smith River, seaward to federal waters. Includes rocky shores, beaches, shallow reef, soft bottom, and kelp forest habitats, a large off-shore island (Prince Island), and several off-shore rocks important for sea bird colonies and waterfowl (Aleutian geese). The reserve will enhance protections for marine mammals and Chinook salmon, steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout, and Threatened southern Oregon/Northern California Coastal Coho stocks, and protect kelp forest, red tail surf perch, smelt, nearshore rockfish, red abalone, razor clams and Dungeness crab.</p>	<p>Provides clear and enforceable boundaries with abundant coastal road, highway and trail access and vantage points. Provides vessel access (Port of Brookings, OR) for study or enforcement. Reduces distance from Crescent City to fishing grounds and improves safety of Crescent City fishers. Reduces economic impacts to sport and commercial fisheries in California's highest poverty level area. This SMR is clustered with the Pyramid Point SMCA and designed to recognize Native American traditional tribal shore uses that have occurred for thousands of years. Traditional Native American uses of this area, including subsistence and ceremonial shore use, have occurred since time immemorial and those uses are considered de minimis.</p>
False Klamath SMCA	N/A	<p>This Conservation Area helps protect the rocky shoreline along this section of the coast. Important hard substrate exists here as well as important kelp and finfish habitat.</p> <p>Protected area helps capture high benthic species diversity & maintain species diversity & abundance characteristic of north coast region north of Punta Gorda.</p>	None specified

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Reading Rock SMR	73931	Northern Bioregion	MPA boundaries: North: 41 24.000 minutes to state water lboundary (Extension of inland MPA) then following state water boundary. West: Following state water line to 41 17.600 minutes North 124 12.000 minutes West South: Straight lines connecting the following points: 41 17.600 minutes North 124 12.000 minutes West, 41 21.400 minutes North 124 12.000 minutes West, 41 21.400 minutes North 124 08.000 minutes West East: 124 08.000 minutes (West boundary of Inland MPA)	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
Reading Rock SMCA	73932	Northern Bioregion	MPA boundaries: North: 41 24.000 minutes (Approximation of parking lot at end of road) West: 124 08.000 minutes (Approximation of 3nm state water boundary) South: 41 21.400 minutes (Approximation of Lagoon and Creek entrance) East: Mean high tide line	SMCA	Moderate high	Yes	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of Dungeness crab by hoop net; Dungeness crab by diving; and Dungeness crab by trap. 2. The commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.

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Reading Rock SMR	N/A	This SMR will protect a diverse number of species as well as a unique and complex habitat. It will improve fish productivity in a SMR to benefit local rockfish fishing outside the MPA (G3). Other species to benefit include; halibut, harbor seals, sealions, sharks, mussels, rays, kelp, murrelets, guillemots, cormorants, auklets, lingcod, cabezon, and kelp greenling.	None specified
Reading Rock SMCA	N/A	Reading Rock SMCA is an area that is rich in beach and soft bottom habitats. Significant nursery area for Dungeness crab, and numerous rockfish & flatfish species. (G2)	None specified

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Patrick's Point SMCA	73921	Northern Bioregion	This SMCA is between the coastline and state waters, between N41 13" and N41 08".	SMCA	Moderate high	Yes	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of Dungeness crab by hoop net; and Dungeness crab by trap. 2. The commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area. All traditional uses will be allowed to continued unimpeded.
South Humboldt Bay SMCA	73922	Northern Bioregion	East : 124 14 North : 40 42.5 West : 124 16.2 South boundary on the banks of the estuary. (high tide mark)	SMCA	Moderate	Yes	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational take of clams by intertidal hand harvest.	Hunting of waterfowl. All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
South Bay Estuary SMRMA	73923	Northern Bioregion	North : 40 42.5 West : 124 14 South : 40 41 East into the Slough : 124 12.2	SMRMA	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	Hunting wildlife is also allowed. All non-extractive uses are permitted. All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area. Historical native practices in the South Bay are allowed.

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Patrick's Point SMCA	N/A	<p>This preferred size MPA extends to the state waters line, providing connectivity from nearshore to both deeper waters and Big Lagoon. Additionally, the Patrick's Point SMCA preserves rocky habitat home to a number of fish species, to marine mammals including Steller sea lions, and to a sizable seabird colony.</p> <p>Proximity to the state park allows for co-management opportunities and enhanced enjoyment by recreational users including both local and visiting kayakers and surfers.</p>	<p>Of special note: Patrick's Point has special significance to the Yurok tribe. All traditional uses will be allowed to continued unimpeded.</p> <p>Further, because of the Trinidad region's economic dependence on Dungeness Crab, that species has been designated as allowable take.</p>
South Humboldt Bay SMCA	N/A	<p>This estuary habitat is unique due to its proximity to the Humboldt Wildlife Refuge and the SMMR South Humboldt Bay. Pairing two MPAs with separate regulations with close proximity to the Humboldt Wildlife Refuge allows for a rare and important research. Monitoring the two MPAs will allow for comparison in the impact each MPA type.</p>	<p>The Marine Reserve is located in the South portion of Humboldt Bay, an area of the Bay that has little to no socioeconomic impacts for the community. This SMCA allows clamming, waterfowl hunting and Historical Native practices.</p>
South Bay Estuary SMRMA	N/A	<p>This estuary habitat is unique due to its proximity to the Humboldt Wildlife Refuge. It is important to pair protection of the estuary system with existing protected areas on shore to maintain natural ecological linkages and recognize their critical role in ecosystem services. This also allows for rigorous monitoring due to the proximity of the existing research facility on land along the banks of the estuary.</p> <p>This area is critical habitat for seabirds, migratory waterfowl, plants, Harbor Seals and other marine mammals, and it is an important nursery for many marine and estuary fishes, including halibut. There are extensive opportunities for ongoing research and public education including already existing activities by local schools, universities and interest groups. Furthermore, this SMR can enhance non-consumptive recreational opportunities like kayaking and birdwatching.</p>	<p>The Marine Reserve is located in the South portion of Humboldt Bay, an area of the Bay that has little to no socioeconomic impacts for the community.</p>

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Gorda SMR	73929	Southern Bioregion	The Northern Boundary = 40 20'N (The Brothers Rock formation) The Southern Boundary = 40 15' (Gorda Rock)	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All species protected. All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
Big Flat SMCA	73928	Southern Bioregion	Northern Boundary = 40 10'N Southern Boundary = 40 6'N	SMCA	Moderate high	Yes	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of salmon by troll. 2. The commercial take of salmon by troll; and Dungeness crab by trap.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
Usal SMR	73926	Southern Bioregion	Northern Boundary = 39°49.2"N (Shoreline Rock south of Usal Beach) Southern Boundary = 39°43'4"N (Cotteneva Rock)	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area. All take prohibited except for tribal traditional methods of collection.
Ten Mile River Estuary SMR	73935	Southern Bioregion	Mouth of Ten Mile River to three miles inland in estuary waters.	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.

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Gorda SMR	N/A	Expansion of existing MPA. Protects special habitat for rare blue coral and other unique marine species. This stretch of remote Northern California coastline, is the point furthest west in the state. It has a variety of diverse habitats including upwelling zones, submarine canyons, reef structures, and improves study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human impacts.	Captures off-shore marine canyons on both sides of the bio-regional split. Meets or exceeds sizing guidelines and spacing criterion.
Big Flat SMCA	N/A	Sandy shore, remote, surfing location, rocky habitat with kelp beds. The Shipman Creek-Delgada Canyon offshore is nearest deep-water trench to shoreline in Northern California which provides significant upwelling. This SMCA is specifically designed to enhance and preserve rock fish habitat while at the same time posing, due to its remote location, little or no socioeconomic impacts to commercial or recreational fishermen.	Remote location with little onshore fishing. Captures existing Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Area. Canyon upwelling exists here, as do rocky shorelines and kelp beds. Meets size guidelines and replicates hard bottom nearshore habitat to the south.
Usal SMR	N/A	Remote section rarely visited. Rocky shoreline. Marine mammal haul outs and bird nesting sites. Protect areas of near-shore rock fishes, lingcod, cabezon, kelp greenling, surf perch, kelp, mussels, Dungeness crab. Meets or exceeds goals 1, 2, 4, & 6. This high level reserve is at a pivotal point in the Mendocino County portion of the bio-region in that it exists near the center of the area and is positioned to capture and protect several key habitats defined by the SAT. The bio-diversity of this area is very high.	<p>Area use is limited due to distance to nearest harbor and few access points, but captures both rocky shoreline and good bird and mammal habitat. Factored into this reserve is the distance to Fort Bragg/Noyo harbor for urchin divers. While this area is currently being lightly used for that purpose, because of its distance to the harbor it is less important than urchin habitat closer to Noyo. Additionally, since this reserve covers the beach area at Usal, traditional native uses such as surf fishing with hand nets from the beach may be an exception to the no-take restrictions in the rest of this reserve.</p> <p>Examples of species most likely to benefit: nearshore, shelf & deeper nearshore rockfishes, lingcod, cabezon, kelp greenling, surfperches, kelp, Dungeness crab, murrelets, guillemots, cormorants, halibut, harbor seals, sealions, sharks, mussels, forage fishes, invertebrates & algae.</p> <p>MPA meets SAT guidelines at the Very High level of protection.</p>
Ten Mile River Estuary SMR	N/A	Estuary protection in reserve. Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. All species protected from take. Shorebird and mammal habitat protected. Anadromous fish refugia preserved.	Scenic area with many shorebirds.

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Mackerricher SMCA	74062	Southern Bioregion	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the 3-fathom depth contour and the following points: 39o 29.81' N. lat. 123o 47.50' W. long.; 39o 29.95' N. lat. 123o 47.80' W. long.; 39o 27.62' N. lat. 123o 48.80' W. long.; and 39o 27.55' N. lat. 123o 48.52' W. long.	SMCA	Low	No	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of Finfish, red abalone, chiones, clams, cockles, rock scallops, native oysters, crabs, lobster, ghost shrimp, sea urchins, mussels and marine worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed unless taken incidentally to the take of mussels.. 2. The commercial take of Finfish, crabs, ghost shrimp, jackknife clams, sea urchins, squid, algae except giant kelp and bull kelp and worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed, nor may any person pick up, remove, detach from the substrate any other organisms, or break up, move or destroy any rocks or other substrate or surfaces to which organisms are attached.	None
Point Cabrillo Offshore SMCA	73925	Southern Bioregion	Northern Boundary = 39 21'7" (South Caspar Point) Southern Boundary = 39 19.5' (North Point Russian Gulch) Eastern Boundary = 123 51'W	SMCA	High	No	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of salmon by troll. 2. The commercial take of salmon by troll.	None specified

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MacKerricher SMCA	N/A	None	None
Point Cabrillo Offshore SMCA	N/A	Conservation area offshore of reserve. This SMCA works in conjunction with the contiguous SMR to the east, acting a excellent support though a no rock-fish capture restriction. Rocky habitat and sea stack formation are found in this area.	Expands existing SMCA at Point Cabrillo south to south of Mendocino. Allows salmon fishermen access to upwelling spot within trolling proximity to two harbors, Albion and Noyo. Commercial and recreational salmon trolling and salmon take allowed. All other fin fish species protected.

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Point Cabrillo SMR	73936	Southern Bioregion	Northern Boundary = 39 21'7"N (South Caspar Point) Southern Boundary = 39 19.5" (North Point Russian Gulch) Western Boundary = 123 51'W	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	No extraction of any species allowed. All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
Point Cabrillo SMR (continued)								
Big River Estuary SMP	73933	Southern Bioregion	Entire estuary from the mouth of Big River to the extent of high tide influence approximately five miles inland.	SMP	High	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.

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Point Cabrillo SMR	N/A	<p>This expansion of the Point Cabrillo SMCA adds important protection to rocky shorelines, fin fish habitat, kelp beds, abalone beds. Improves recreational, educational, and study opportunities due to its easy accessibility.</p> <p>Goals 1, 2 and 4</p>	<p>Easy access near State Protected area. Area currently under study for urchin and abalone density/population data. Coastal habitat for kelp beds that is not used by harvesters is difficult to find along the Mendocino Coast. Thus, given the need to place an MPA somewhere within 60 miles of the Point Area MPA, the logical place for a reserve is near the existing Point Cabrillo SMCA. By expanding southward, several important key habitats are captured: rocky shorelines, coastal estuary, beaches, and hard and soft substrata. Replication dictates this placement which took into account the socio-economic impacts it would have on kelp harvesters and recreational impacts to abalone divers. Nevertheless, to off-set loss of income, a preserve such as this one could act as a major visitor attraction as it would be one of the most accessible preserved free diving and SCUBA entry points of this habitat type on the west coast.</p>
Point Cabrillo SMR (continued)			<p>Additionally, research and study opportunities would abound: abalone, urchin, inter-tidal invertebrates, bird and mammal studies all have potential to exist here. This SMR incorporates the existing SMCA inside the bay at Russian Gulch but leave the majority of the bay open for abalone diving and urchin harvest.</p> <p>Examples of species most likely to benefit: nearshore, shelf & deeper nearshore rockfishes, lingcod, cabezon, kelp greenling, surfperches, kelp, cormorants, harbor seals, sealions, mussels, forage fishes, invertebrates & algae. Meets MLPA goals for High Level of Protection.</p>
Big River Estuary SMP	N/A	<p>Estuary habitat preserved; eel grass beds; anadromous fish refugia. Satisfies Goals 1,2,3,4,6.</p>	<p>Within State Parks boundaries. Key recreational kayaking area. A boost to local economy because estuary is protected. Shorebird habitat protected.</p>

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Van Damme SMCA	74065	Southern Bioregion	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the 3-fathom depth contour and the following points: 39o 16.45' N. lat. 123o 47.60' W. long.; 39o 16.355' N. lat. 123o 47.60' W. long.; 39o 16.27' N. lat. 123o 47.545' W. long.; and 39o 16.27' N. lat. 123o 47.43' W. long.	SMCA	Low	No	The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: 1. The recreational take of Finfish, red abalone, chiones, clams, cockles, rock scallops, native oysters, crabs, lobster, ghost shrimp, sea urchins, mussels and marine worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed unless taken incidentally to the take of mussels. 2. The commercial take of Finfish, crabs, ghost shrimp, jackknife clams, sea urchins, algae except giant kelp and bull kelp and worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed, nor may any person pick up, remove, detach from the substrate any other organisms, or break up, move or destroy any rocks or other substrate or surfaces to which organisms are attached.	None
Albion River Estuary SMP	73930	Southern Bioregion	From Schooner's Landing Campground east three miles in tidal waters of estuary.	SMP	Moderate low	Yes	Closed to all species take except hoop ring capture of Dungeness crab, and fishing for surf perch from shore or from canoe or kayak for recreational purposes.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.
Navarro River Estuary SMR	73934	Southern Bioregion	Mouth of the Navarro to three miles inland in estuary waters effected by tidal influence.	SMR	Very high	Yes	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	All traditional native tribal rights for access and collection of plants and fish species are to be allowed in this area.

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Van Damme SMCA	N/A	None	None
Albion River Estuary SMP	N/A	Estuary protection (Goals 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6). Eel grass and anadromous fish refugia.	Recreational Kayaking area protected. Shorebird habitat protected. Boost to local economy for scenic and recreational attributes. Allows sport take of Dungeness crab, and perch by anglers from canoe or kayak.
Navarro River Estuary SMR	N/A	Estuary protection (Goals 1.2.3.4 & 6) All species protected as well as prime shorebird habitat and anadromous fish refugia.	Recreational kayaking and canoeing destination. Attraction to easy proximity to State Park beach and shorebird and mammal viewing.

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