

TURNING THE TIDE

CALIFORNIA'S UNDERWATER PARKS

Oregon








California leads the nation in safeguarding our ocean habitats and marine life. New hope is being secured for ocean ecosystems as California's network of marine protected areas, or underwater parks, establishes safe havens for our future.



COASTAL TREASURES

-  Special places such as kelp forests, rocky reefs, and coastal wetlands
-  Over 124 state marine protected areas and special closure zones (16% of California's coastal waters)
-  Homes for sea otters and elephant seals; rockfish and garibaldis; abalone and spiny lobsters; and millions of other marine organisms
-  Improved opportunities for research, recreation, exploration and education

Key to MPAs

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| State Marine Reserves | State Marine Parks | State Marine Parks and Conservation Areas | State Marine Conservation Areas | State Marine Conservation Areas (no take) | State Marine Recreational Management Areas | Special Closures |

