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California Department of Fish and Wildlife,
Marine Region

Image above: Humpback Whale (Michelle W.)
below: San Francisco Bay (Doc Searls)



San Francisco Bay Area Marinas

www.boatingsf.com/listings/a/marinas

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

For more information:
www.wildlife.ca.gov

For boundaries and regulations, go to:
www.wildlife.ca.gov/marine/MPA

Help stop poaching & polluting, call:
1-888-334-CalTIP (1-888-334-2258)

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or
www.lostfishinggear.org

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415-904-6905

Help protect Seabirds!
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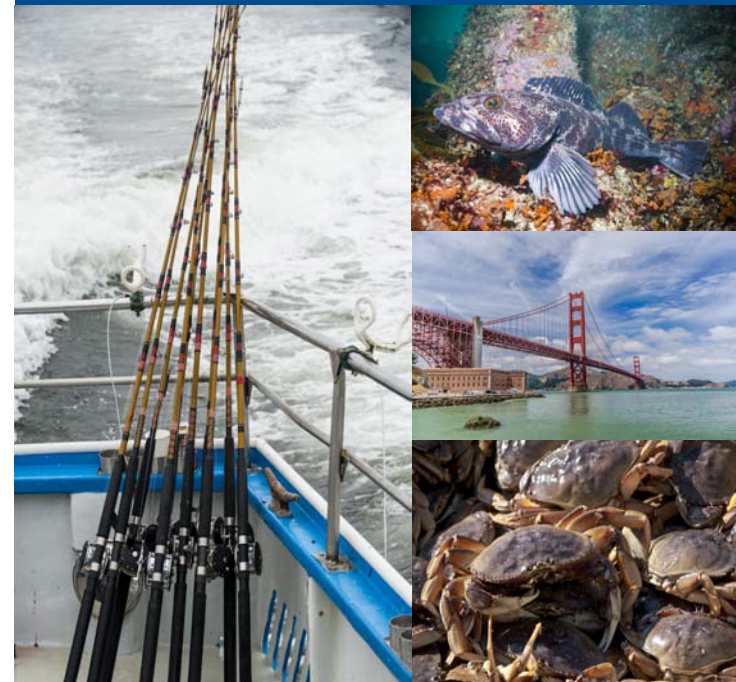
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A Guide to Fishing and Marine Protected Areas

San Francisco Coastal Region



Drakes Estero State Marine Conservation Area
Estero de Limantour State Marine Reserve
Point Reyes State Marine Reserve
Point Reyes State Marine Conservation Area
Point Reyes Headlands Special Closure
Point Resistance Rock Special Closure
Double Point/Stormy Stack Special Closure
Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area
North Farallon Islands State Marine Reserve
North Farallon Islands Special Closure
Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Reserve
Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Conservation Area
Southeast Farallon Island Special Closure
Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock to Devil's Slide Special Closure
Montara State Marine Reserve
Pillar Point State Marine Conservation Area

Fishing and California's Marine Protected Areas

What are Marine Protected Areas?

Marine protected areas (MPAs) are special designated underwater areas, similar to the nation's parks, forests and wilderness areas on land, that prohibit or limit the take of marine resources.

Why does California need MPAs?

MPAs are recognized tools for protecting, enhancing and restoring marine life. MPAs foster healthy habitats and natural diversity, safeguarding the ocean's bounty for the economic and recreational opportunities of future generations.

How many MPAs are in California?

California was the first state in the nation to establish a statewide network of MPAs. There are now 124 MPAs from the border of Oregon down to the border of Mexico. The MPA network protects a variety of key habitats by linking MPAs along the coast.

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kelp bass (Steve Lonhart)



black rockfish (Chad King)



kayaking (Claire Fackler)



copper rockfish (Chad King)



crab pots (Bart Selby)



dungeness crab (Bart Selby)

Is Fishing Allowed in MPAs?

Fishing and the take of marine life such as shellfish or seaweed is not allowed in marine reserves and no-take marine conservation areas, which make up about half of California's marine protected areas. An inset map of local MPAs with their regulations is provided in this brochure.



Is Anchoring and Transit Allowed in MPAs?

Boats are allowed to anchor and transit through an MPA, however, fishing gear may not be deployed when in marine reserves or other MPAs that prohibit fishing for the species you have onboard. For additional information, scan the QR code on the right to visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's website.

MPAs & Fishing Regulations



Scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone or other internet enabled device to visit the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's MPA mobile website.

The website allows you to search for information about MPA boundaries and regulations. You can also use your GPS location to locate the closest MPA(s) and determine whether or not you are currently in an MPA.

Go Fishing

Recreational & Commercial Fishing Information:
phone: 831-649-2870
website: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/fishing

Recreational Groundfish "hotline"
831-649-2801
Recreational Salmon "hotline"
707-576-3429

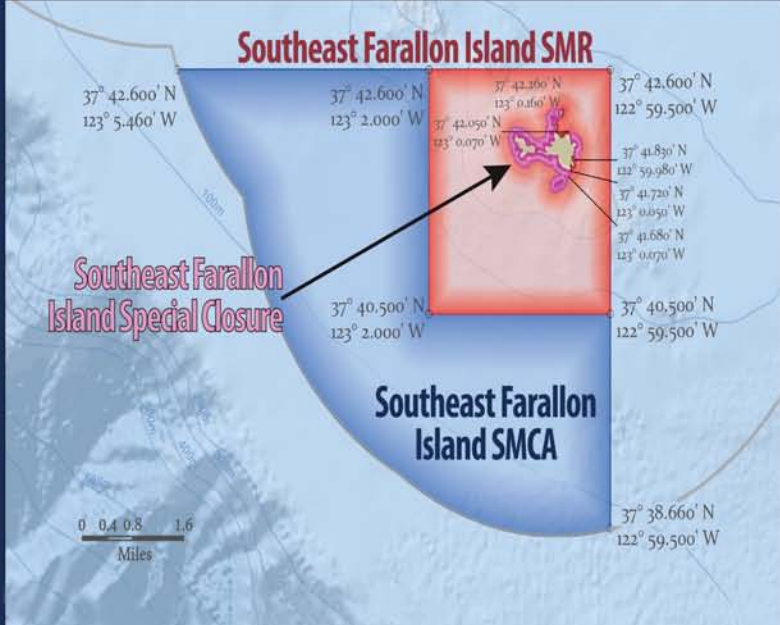
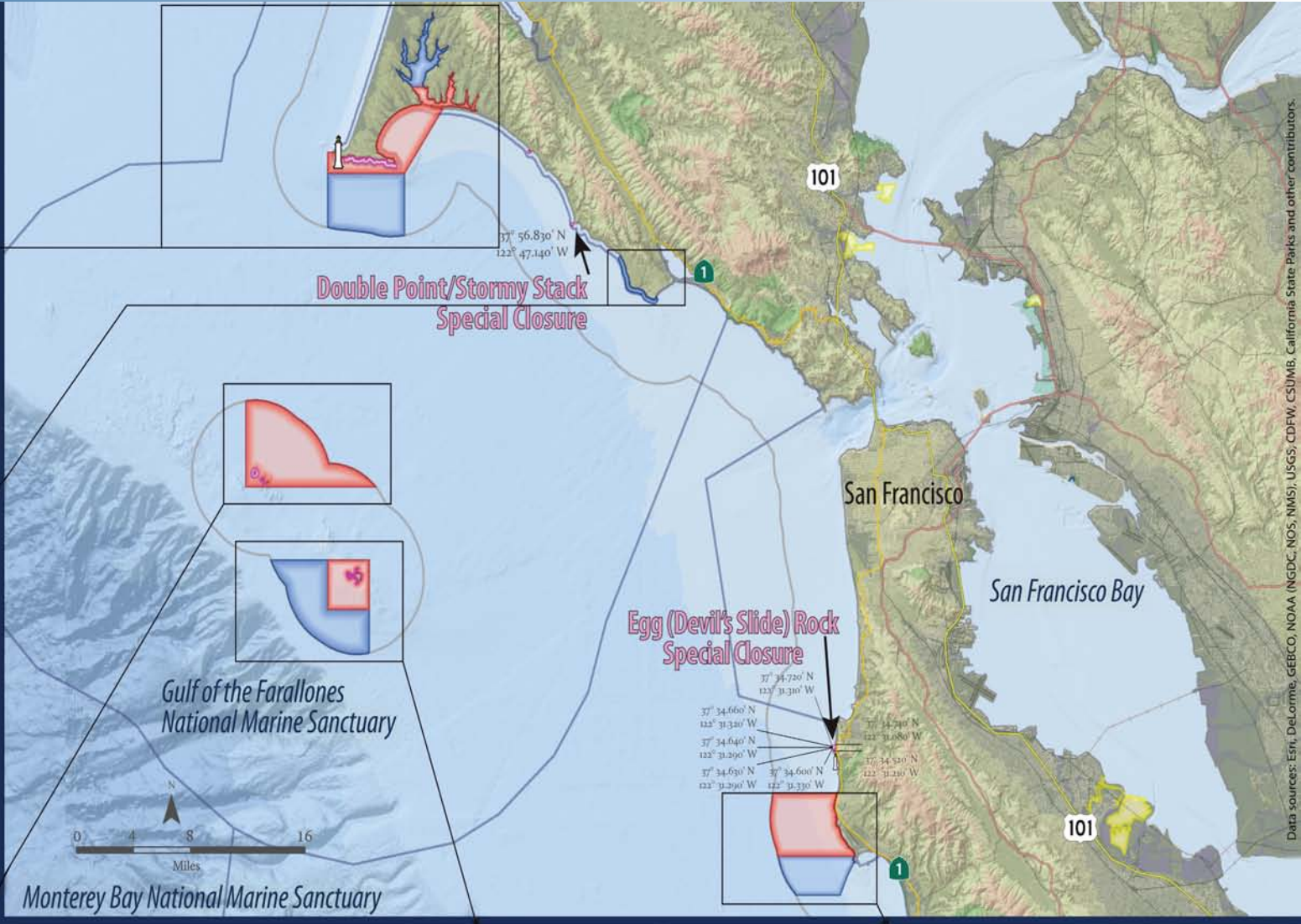
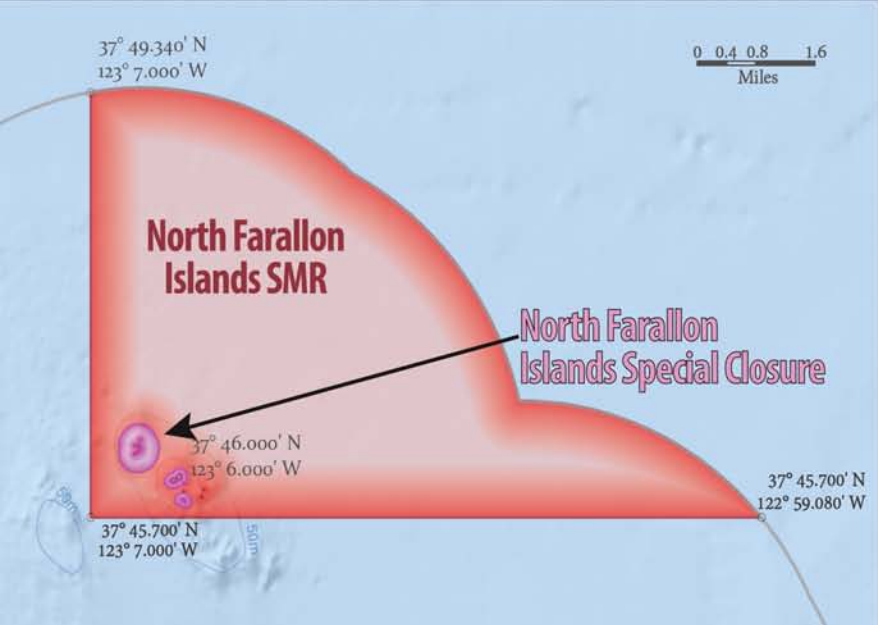
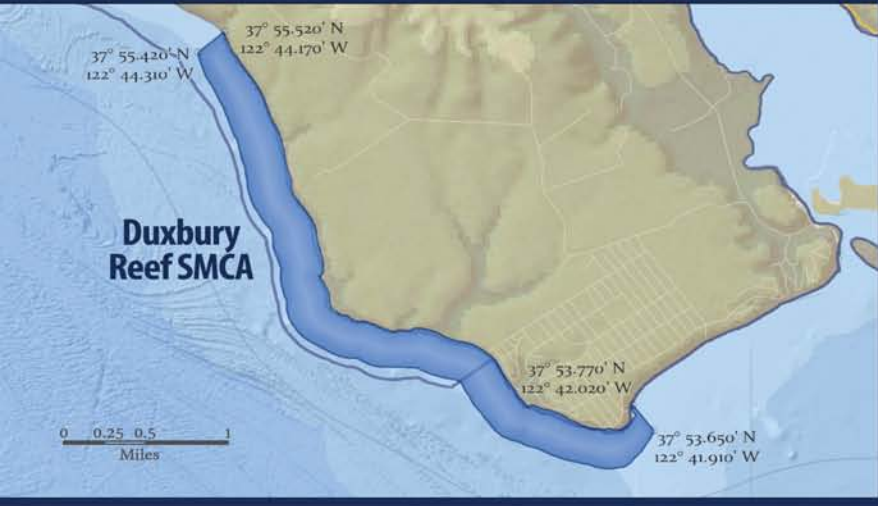
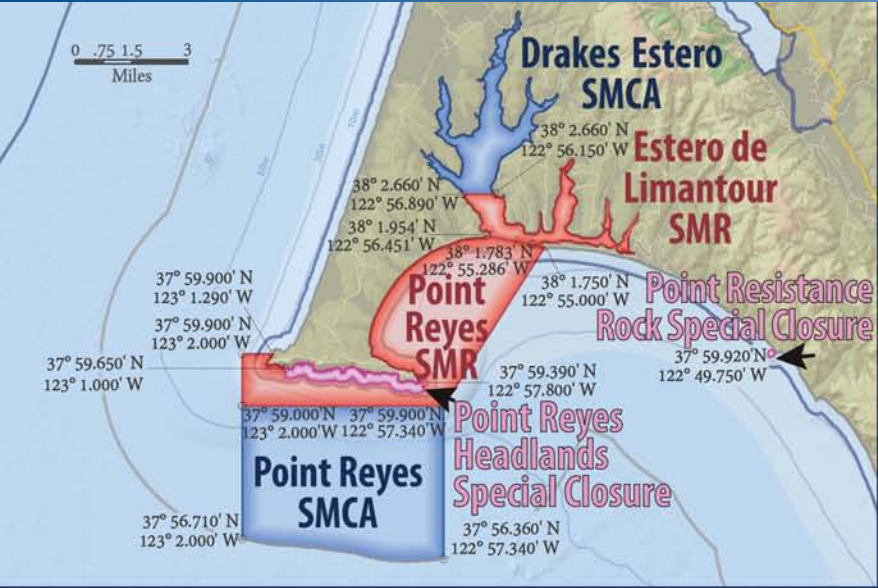
MPA	Allowed Uses
Estero de Liman-tour, Point Reyes, North Farallon Islands, Southeast Farallon Island, and Montara SMRs	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

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	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited EXCEPT:
Drakes Estero SMCA	Recreational take of clams. Commercial aquaculture of shellfish.
Point Reyes SMCA	Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap.

MPA	Allowed Uses
	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited EXCEPT:
Duxbury Reef SMCA	Recreational take of abalone, and finfish from shore only.
Southeast Farallon Island SMCA	Recreational and commercial take of salmon by trolling.

MPA	Allowed Uses
	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited EXCEPT:
Pillar Point SMCA	Recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by hand-held dip net, and pelagic finfish ¹ by trolling. Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by round-haul net, and pelagic finfish ¹ by trolling or round-haul net.

Name	Special Closure Restrictions
Boating, access, and other specific activities are restricted as follows:	
Point Reyes Headlands, Point Resistance Rock, Double Point/Stormy Stack, North Farallon Islands, Southeast Farallon Island, and Egg (Devil's Slide) Rock to Devil's Slide Special Closures	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." www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/MPA/mpa_summary.asp	
Additional MPAs exist within San Francisco Bay (shown in yellow), for more information, visit: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/MPA/SanFranciscoBay.asp	



**MPAs - Good for the Ocean; Good for You!
Know the Rules Before You Head Out.**

For Ocean Fishing Laws & Regulations, go to:
www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/regulations.asp

For MPA boundaries, maps, coordinates, and allowed uses, go to: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/MPA/MPA_summary.asp

Regulations

This document is provided as a courtesy, and does not replace the official laws and regulations found in the California Fish and Game Code or the California Code of Regulation Title 14.

- A fishing license is required for any fishing.
- All existing take regulations still apply in addition to the ones listed above.
- Unless otherwise stated, all non-consumptive recreational activities are allowed.
- "Take" means to hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill fish, mollusks, or crustaceans or attempting to do so.

MPA Mobile Website

