

In 1999, California's Marine Life Protection Act was passed into law with a clear mandate: to re-evaluate all existing marine protected areas (MPAs) and potentially design new MPAs with input from scientists, stakeholders, and others. Some of the benefits of MPAs include:

- Protecting and sustaining marine life, habitats, and ecosystems.
- Learning from and enjoying marine areas that are subject to reduced human disturbance.

MPAs offer varying levels of protection to marine life and habitats. **Only state marine reserves completely prohibit extractive activities, such as fishing.**

This brochure includes a map of MPAs along the North-Central Coast, along with basic regulations that affect recreational fishing. Most MPA boundaries use major onshore landmarks and simple due north/south or east/west lines of latitude and longitude for easy recognition. More information is available in the annual Ocean Sport Fishing regulations booklet. Site-specific MPA maps are available at your local DFG office, and on the DFG Web site at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/northcentralhome.asp

North-Central California Special Closures	
Area Name	Closure Details that Affect Recreational Fishing
Point Reyes Headlands Special Closure	No entry allowed within 1,000 feet of the south side of Point Reyes Headlands.
Point Resistance Rock Special Closure	No entry allowed within 300 feet of any shoreline of Point Resistance Rock.
Double Point/Stormy Stack Rock Special Closure	No entry allowed within 300 feet of any shoreline of Double Point.
North Farallon Islands Special Closure	No vessel operation or anchoring within 1,000 feet of any shoreline of North Farallon Island, and within 300 feet of any shoreline of the southern islets, including the Isle of St. James, except as needed due to hazardous weather.
Southeast Farallon Island Special Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No vessel operation or anchoring within 300 ft of shore, except at Fisherman's Bay and East Landing. • 5 nautical miles/hour speed limit within 1000 ft of shore. • Closures are year-round, except the south-east side of Saddle (Seal) Rock is closed from December 1 through September 14
Egg Rock (Devil's Slide) to Devil's Slide Special Closure	No entry allowed within 300 feet of any shoreline of Egg Rock. Transit between the rock and the mainland is prohibited.

* **Pelagic finfish**, as referenced in these tables, are defined as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), barracudas (*Sphyrna* spp.), billfishes (family Istiophoridae), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), salmon shark (*Lamna ditropis*), shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp.), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), tunas (family Scombridae), and yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*).

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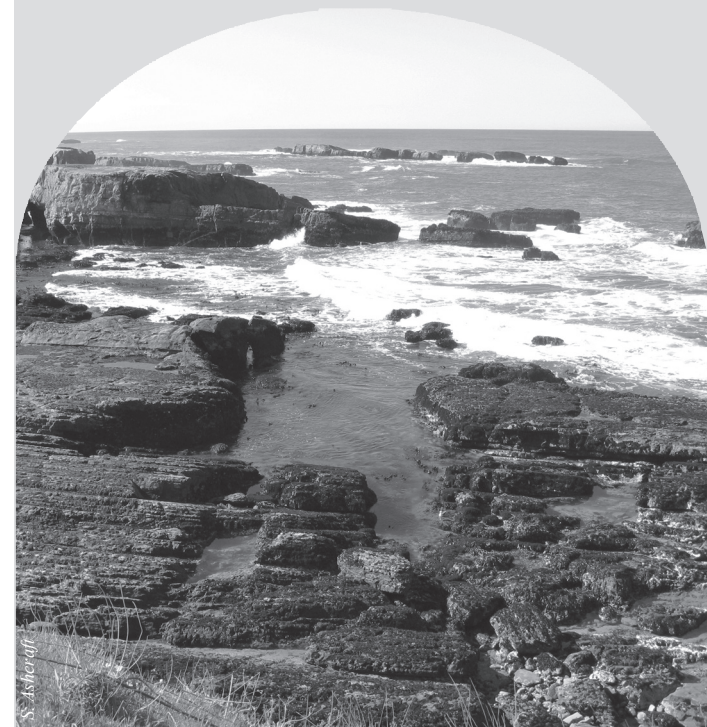


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Marine Protected Area Information for Recreational Fishermen



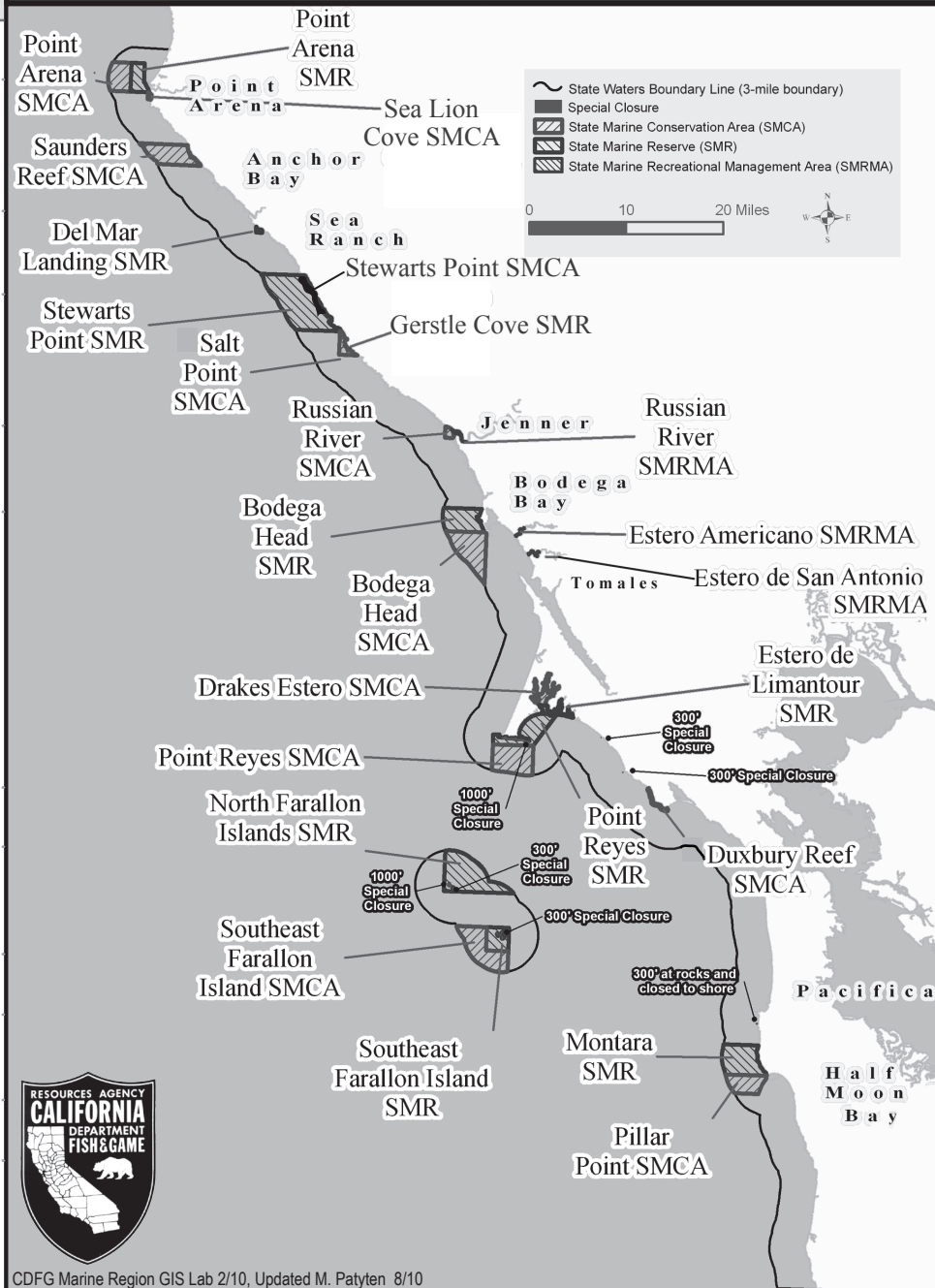
NORTH-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

**Alder Creek (near Point Arena),
Mendocino County
to
Pigeon Point, San Mateo County**

Area Name	Species ALLOWED for Recreational Take	Species PROHIBITED for Recreational Take
Pt. Arena SMR	None	All
Pt. Arena SMCA	Salmon by trolling	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates. All finfish EXCEPT salmon by trolling.
Sea Lion Cove SMCA	Finfish	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates.
Saunders Reef SMCA	Salmon by trolling	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates. All finfish EXCEPT salmon by trolling.
Del Mar Landing SMR	None	All
Stewarts Pt. SMCA	From shore only: marine aquatic plants (except sea palm), finfish by hook-and-line, finfish specified in Section 28.80 by handheld dip net, surf smelt by beach net. All invertebrates.	Sea palm. Finfish EXCEPT, from shore only, finfish by hook-and-line, finfish specified in Section 28.80 by handheld dip net, surf smelt by beach net.
Stewarts Pt. SMR	None	All
Salt Pt. SMCA	Red abalone. Finfish.	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates EXCEPT abalone.
Gerstle Cove SMR	None	All
Russian River SMRMA	Waterfowl (per hunting regulations)	All marine aquatic plants, invertebrates and finfish.
Bodega Head SMR	None	All
Bodega Head SMCA	Dungeness crab by trap, market squid by hand-held dip net. Pelagic finfish*.	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates EXCEPT Dungeness crab by trap and market squid by hand-held dip net. All finfish EXCEPT pelagic finfish*.

North-Central California Marine Protected Areas

effective May 1, 2010*



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SMR = State Marine Reserve SMCA = State Marine Conservation Area SMRMA = State Marine Recreational Management Area

*Stewarts Point SMCA established July 19, 2010

Area Name	Species ALLOWED for Recreational Take	Species PROHIBITED for Recreational Take
Estero Americano SMRMA	Waterfowl (per hunting regulations)	All marine aquatic plants, invertebrates and finfish
Estero de San Antonio SMRMA	Waterfowl (per hunting regulations)	All marine aquatic plants, invertebrates and finfish.
Pt. Reyes SMR	None	All
Pt. Reyes SMCA	Dungeness crab by trap. Salmon by trolling.	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates EXCEPT Dungeness crab by trap. All finfish EXCEPT salmon by trolling.
Estero de Limantour SMR	None	All
Drakes Estero SMCA	Clams	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates EXCEPT clams. All finfish.
Duxbury Reef SMCA	Red abalone. Finfish by hook-and-line.	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates EXCEPT red abalone.
North Farallon Island SMR	None	All
Southeast Farallon Island SMR	None	All
Southeast Farallon Island SMCA	Salmon by trolling.	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates. All finfish EXCEPT salmon by trolling.
Montara SMR	None	All
Pillar Point SMCA	Dungeness crab by trap. Market squid by hand-held dip net. Pelagic finfish*.	All marine aquatic plants. All invertebrates EXCEPT Dungeness crab by trap and market squid by hand-held dip net. All finfish EXCEPT pelagic finfish*.