



MPA Designations – SMR, SMP & SMCA

- Help define the intent of the MMA
- Define authority for the managing agencies
 - What is prohibited
 - What may be protected
 - What may be managed
 - What may be permitted
- Influences the management of any terrestrial managed area




Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act §36601



(c) Due to the interrelationship between land and sea, benefits can be gained from siting a portion of the state's marine managed areas adjacent to, or in close proximity to, terrestrial protected areas, whenever an MMA is adjacent to a terrestrial protected area, the managing agencies shall coordinate their activities to the greatest extent possible to achieve the objectives of both areas.



State Park units cover almost 30% of the mainland coast line



MMA is adjacent to a terrestrial protected area

Proposed SMP designation not inconsistent but missing the rationale for State Parks Management




Proposed MPA designation does not include underwater park unit

A satellite map showing a coastal area. A large green polygon represents the proposed MPA. A blue line indicates the coastline. The map includes a 'Google' logo and a small 'Image © 2008 DigitalGlobe' watermark. The California State Parks logo is in the bottom right corner.

Does not align with State Park underwater lease

A satellite map showing a coastal area. A large blue polygon represents the proposed MPA. An orange polygon represents a State Park underwater lease. A red line with a yellow square at the end points to the intersection of the two areas. The California State Parks logo is in the bottom right corner.

Creation of potential management/enforcement issues

A diagram showing two overlapping areas. A light green area is partially overlapped by a darker green area. Below them is a light blue area. The California State Parks logo is in the bottom right corner.

Summary

- Most of the proposed MPAs were not inconsistent with State Park units, but where they exist they must be remedied.
- State Parks urges the SCRSG to use park boundaries and/or discernable landmarks.
- Secondary considerations do not outweigh Parks guidance.
- State Parks urges the SCRSG to consider the designation purpose and to not just focus solely on allowed/prohibited uses, but on the overall management objective.
- Many of the proposed arrays would reduce State Parks management and protection capabilities.

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