

California Marine Life Protection Act North Coast Project
Consideration of Existing Marine Protected Areas in the North Coast
Enhanced Compliance Alternative MPA Proposal
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Existing MPA	Retain (no changes to boundaries or regulations)	Modify (included with boundary or regulation change)	Remove (not included)	Rationale for Decision
Punta Gorda SMR			Remove	The BRTF removed Punta Gorda SMR because this MPA was removed by the NCRSG in the Revised Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal because two SMRs were proposed nearby.
MacKerricher SMCA			Remove	The BRTF removed MacKerricher SMCA because this MPA was removed by the NCRSG in the Revised Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal; however, upon receiving a commitment from the California Department of Fish and Game and the California Department of Parks and Recreation that the two agencies would work together to propose revised boundaries, the BRTF adopted a separate motion recommending that MacKerricher SMCA be retained ¹ .
Point Cabrillo SMCA		Modify boundaries and regulations. Replace with Point Cabrillo SMR.		The BRTF retained Point Cabrillo as an SMR because this MPA was retained with modifications by the NCRSG in the Revised Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal to maintain the area for study opportunities.
Russian Gulch SMCA			Remove	The BRTF removed Russian Gulch SMCA because this MPA was removed by the NCRSG in the Revised Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal; however, upon receiving a commitment from California Department of Fish and Game and the California Department of Parks and Recreation that the two agencies would work together to propose revised boundaries, the BRTF adopted a separate motion recommending that Russian Gulch SMCA be retained ² .

¹ See the document, Motions Adopted by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on October 26, 2010 Regarding Recommendations for the MLPA North Coast Study Region, dated November 16, 2010 on the MLPA website (www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa)

² Ibid.

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Van Damme SMCA			Remove	The BRTF removed Van Damme SMCA because this MPA was removed by the NCRSG in the Revised Round 3 NCRSG MPA Proposal; however, upon receiving a commitment from California Department of Fish and Game and the California Department of Parks and Recreation that the two agencies would work together to propose revised boundaries, the BRTF adopted a separate motion recommending that VanDamme SMCA be retained ³ .

BRTF = MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, MPA = marine protected area, NCRSG = MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group, SMCA = state marine conservation area, SMP= state marine park, SMR = state marine reserve

³ Ibid.

Reference Table 1. Regulation summary for existing state MPAs in the north coast study region.

MPA Name	Allowed Take: Recreational	Allowed Take: Commercial	Other Restrictions
Punta Gorda SMR	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.	Other restrictions exist regarding: swimming, boating, firearms, public entry, pesticides, herbicides and other regulated chemicals, litter, aircraft, pets, potential memorandums of understanding, and scientific research.
MacKerricher SMCA	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.	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 SMCA	None	Finfish and marine aquatic plants.	None
Russian Gulch SMCA	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.	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
Van Damme SMCA	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.	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

Reference Table 2. Boundaries for existing state MPAs in the north coast study region.

MPA Name	Boundaries
Punta Gorda SMR	This area is bounded by the three-fathom inshore depth contour, the 30- fathom depth contour and the following points: 40o 16.43' N. lat. 124o 22.00' W. long.; 40o 16.43' N. lat. 124o 23.50' W. long.; 40o 14.83' N. lat. 124o 23.18' W. long.; and 40o 15.23' N. lat. 124o 21.62' W. long.
MacKerricher SMCA	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.
Point Cabrillo SMCA	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, a distance of 1000 feet seaward of mean lower low water, and the following points: 39o 21.24' N. lat. 123o 49.25' W. long.; 39o 21.33' N. lat. 123o 49.64' W. long.; 39o 20.66' N. lat. 123o 49.68' W. long.; and 39o 20.57' N. lat. 123o 49.27' W. long.
Russian Gulch SMCA	This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the 3-fathom depth contour and the following points: 39o 19.86' N. lat. 123o 48.84' W. long.; 39o 19.85' N. lat. 123o 48.89' W. long.; 39o 19.52' N. lat. 123o 48.46' W. long.; and 39o 19.52' N. lat. 123o 48.23' W. long.
Van Damme SMCA	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.