

California MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Adopted Motion 6: Recommendation for the MLPA North Coast Study Region to Retain Three Existing MPAs with Modifications

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At its October 25-26, 2010 meeting, the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) adopted seven motions with recommendations related to marine protected areas (MPAs) and special closures in the MLPA North Coast Study Region. The sixth of these motions is a recommendation to retain with modifications three existing MPAs (MacKerricher State Marine Conservation Area, Russian Gulch State Marine Conservation Area and Van Damme State Marine Conservation Area).

Specifically, the BRTF recommends that 1) two state agencies, the California Department of Fish and Game and California Department of Parks and Recreation, work together and modify the boundaries so that feasibility concerns are addressed, 2) existing commercial and recreational take regulations be retained, and 3) proposed allowed uses intended to accommodate tribes and tribal communities be added to the proposed allowed take.

Attached are maps that represent the three existing north coast MPAs as modified by the BRTF recommendation. The California Department of Fish and Game and California Department of Parks and Recreation worked together to modify the boundaries to address feasibility concerns, and MLPA staff developed proposed allowed uses intended to accommodate tribes based on input from California north coast tribes and tribal communities.

MacKerricher SMCA (modified)

Existing Allowed Uses (Take Regulations)

The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

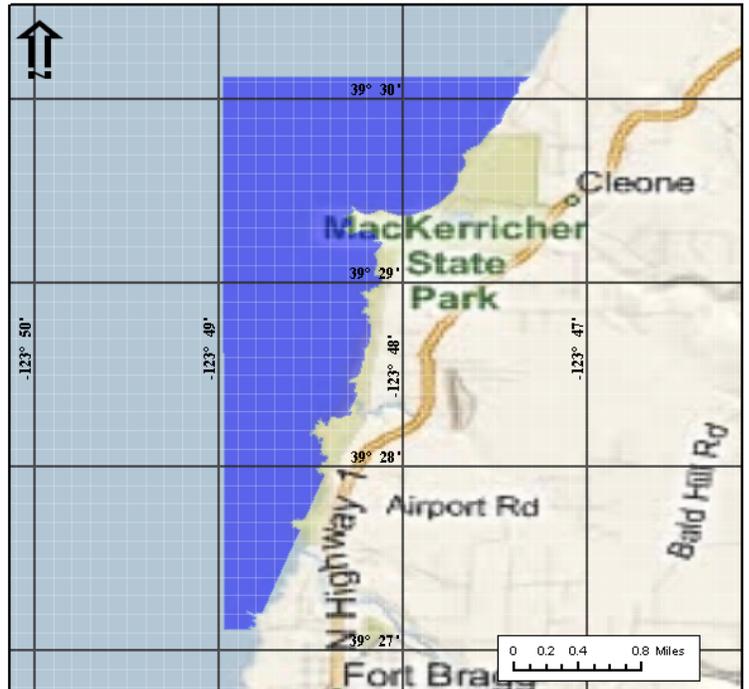
1. The recreational take of finfish, red abalone, chiones, clams, cockles, rock scallops, native oysters, crabs, lobster, ghost shrimp, sea urchins, mussels and marine worms except that no worms may be taken in any mussel bed unless taken incidentally to the take of mussels.
2. The commercial take of 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.

Proposed Additional Allowed Uses (Take Regulations)

3. The recreational take, intended to accommodate tribal uses, of:
 - rockfish, cabezon, sculpin, lingcod, greenling (2 species), stickleback, California halibut, Pacific halibut, Pacific lamprey and salmon (HOOK AND LINE);
 - Pacific lamprey (SPEARFISHING, HOOP NET OR BOW AND ARROW);
 - redbtail surfperch and other surfperch (HOOK AND LINE FROM SHORE);
 - shiner surfperch, surf smelt*, and herring (DIP NET OR CAST NET*);
 - eulachon and anchovy (DIP NET);
 - anchovy, sardine and mackerel (2 species) (HAND);
 - red abalone, black and brown turban snails, limpets (3 species), clams (10 species) and cockles (2 species), mussel, oyster, scallop, purple shore crab, octopus (3 species), bay and ghost shrimp and urchin (2 species) (HAND);
 - Dungeness crab and other crabs (yellow, rock, red, slender and purple shore) (TRAP OR HOOP NET);
 - market squid (DIP NET OR CAST NET);
 - coonstripe shrimp and spot prawn (TRAP); and
 - giant kelp, bull kelp, canopy-forming algae, and turf-forming and foliose algae (except for sea palm) (HAND).

* Also received input requesting that the take of surf smelt by cast net not be allowed in MacKerricher SMCA.

MacKerricher SMCA Modified



 Proposed State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)

MPA Boundaries (These may be approximate)

This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points:

- 39° 30.100' N. lat. 123° 47.390' W. long.;
- 39° 30.100' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.;
- 39° 27.120' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; and
- 39° 27.120' N. lat. 123° 48.830' W. long.;

Russian Gulch SMCA (modified)**Existing Allowed Uses (Take Regulations)**

The take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

1. The recreational take of 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.
2. The commercial take of 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.

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 - shiner surfperch (CAST NET);
 - surf smelt and herring (DIP NET OR CAST NET);
 - eulachon and anchovy (DIP NET);
 - anchovy, sardine and mackerel (2 species) (HAND);
 - red abalone, black and brown turban snails, limpets (4 species), clams (10 species) and cockles (2 species), mussel, oyster, scallop, purple shore crab, octopus (3 species), bay and ghost shrimp and urchin (2 species) (HAND);
 - Dungeness crab and other crabs (yellow, rock, red, slender and purple shore) (TRAP OR HOOP NET);
 - market squid (DIP NET OR CAST NET);
 - coonstripe shrimp and spot prawn (TRAP); and
 - giant kelp, bull kelp, canopy-forming algae, and turf-forming and foliose algae (except for sea palm) (HAND).

Russian Gulch SMCA Modified

 Proposed State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)

MPA Boundaries (These may be approximate)

This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points:

39° 19.860' N. lat. 123° 48.840' W. long.;
 39° 19.860' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.;
 39° 19.470' N. lat. 123° 49.000' W. long.; and
 39° 19.470' N. lat. 123° 48.500' W. long.;

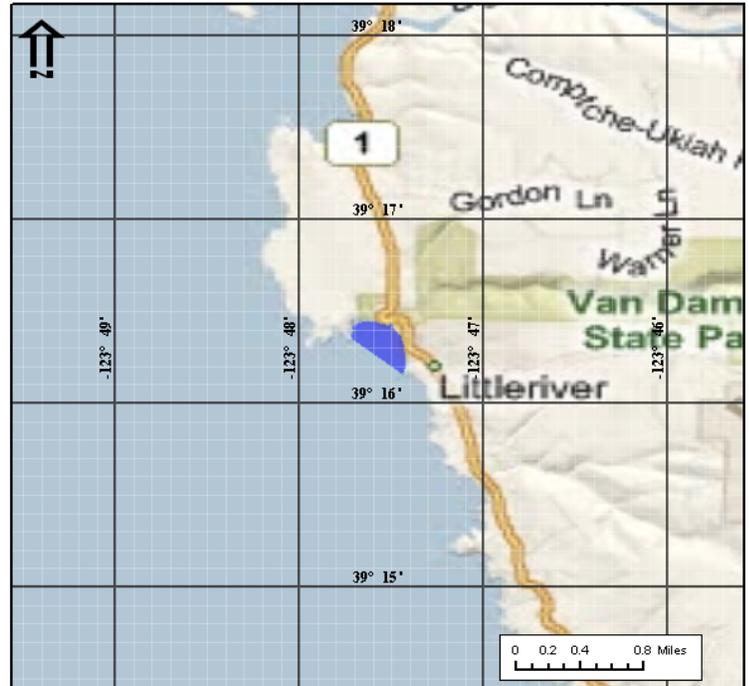
Van Damme SMCA (modified)**Existing Allowed Uses (Take Regulations)**

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2. The commercial take of 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.

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 - shiner surfperch (CAST NET);
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 - red abalone, black and brown turban snails, limpets (4 species), clams (10 species) and cockles (2 species), mussel, oyster, scallop, purple shore crab, octopus (3 species), bay and ghost shrimp and urchin (2 species) (HAND);
 - Dungeness crab and other crabs (yellow, rock, red, slender and purple shore) (TRAP OR HOOP NET);
 - market squid (DIP NET OR CAST NET);
 - coonstripe shrimp and spot prawn (TRAP); and
 - giant kelp, bull kelp, canopy-forming algae, and turf-forming and foliose algae (except for sea palm) (HAND).

Van Damme SMCA Modified

 Proposed State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)

MPA Boundaries (These may be approximate)

This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a straight line connecting the following points:

39° 16.335' N. lat. 123° 47.712' W. long.; and
39° 16.147' N. lat. 123° 47.429' W. long.