

Fisherman's Information Committee supporting the Fisherman's Information Network

**FIC/FIN EXTERNAL PROPOSAL FORMLPA, SOUTH COAST STUDY REGION**

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Please note: Contributors mentioned above served as liaison in their local communities, clubs, and organizations. Through several harbor, community, organization, and stakeholder meetings, the voices of many stakeholders, including county/local governments, club members, organizations and individuals, were considered in drafting this proposal.

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**Name of MPA Proposal:** FIC/FIN External Proposal

**Number and type of MPAs in MPA array:** 20 SMR 4 SMP 14 SMCA 38 Total

**Narrative Rationale:** This external proposal was developed in a collaborative process by the Fisheries Information Committee, representing the Fisheries Information Network (FIC/FIN), with extensive input from a wide cross section of fishing interests from ports and harbors across southern California. This proposal aims to meet the goals and objectives of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA), including protecting key and unique habitats, and address guidance received from the Science Advisory Team, California Department of Fish and Game and MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force, while also attempting to reduce socio-economic impacts on south coast fishing communities. This proposal builds a strong 'backbone' network of State Marine Reserves and high protection State Marine Conservation Areas, allowing for ease of enforcement and public understanding. Also included in this proposal are retained or modified existing MPAs that serve local educational, scientific, and recreational objectives. This proposal builds on input and cross-community support from many users including commercial, recreational, and diving interests as well as harbor and south coast community representatives.

Please note that all existing North Channel Islands MPAs, although not listed here, are included in this network unchanged, as recommended by the California Fish and Game Commission. Table 1 below includes only the additional MPAs this proposal adds (new), retains or substantially modifies. A complete list of existing MPAs and recommended actions regarding their disposition (i.e. retain as is, modify, or eliminate) follows in Table 2 of this submittal.