

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Central Coast Marine Protected Areas as Adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission on April 13, 2007

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Año Nuevo State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a distance of 200 feet seaward of mean lower low water between the following two points:

37° 10.00' N. lat. 122° 21.80' W. long.; and
37° 08.70' N. lat. 122° 21.00' W. long.

The area then continues southward bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

37° 08.70' N. lat. 122° 21.00' W. long.;
37° 04.70' N. lat. 122° 21.00' W. long.; and
37° 04.70' N. lat. 122° 16.20' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial take of giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) by hand harvest only.

Greyhound Rock State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line, the three nautical mile offshore boundary and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

37° 04.70' N. lat. 122° 16.20' W. long.;
37° 04.70' N. lat. 122° 21.00' W. long.;
37° 03.55' N. lat. 122° 21.00' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
37° 02.57' N. lat. 122° 19.10' W. long.; and
37° 02.57' N. lat. 122° 14.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

- Only the following species may be taken recreationally: giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) by hand harvest only, squid, salmon, and, by hook-and-line from shore only, other finfish.
 - Only the following species may be taken commercially: giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) by hand harvest only, salmon, and squid except that not more than five percent (5%) by landed weight of any commercial squid catch may be other species taken incidentally to squid.
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Natural Bridges State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and a distance of 200 feet seaward of mean lower low water between the following two points:

36° 57.90' N. lat. 122° 07.65' W. long.; and
36° 57.00' N. lat. 122° 03.50' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Elkhorn Slough State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area includes the waters below mean high tide within Elkhorn Slough lying east of longitude 121° 46.40' W. and south of latitude 36° 50.50' N.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Elkhorn Slough State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area includes the waters below mean high tide within Elkhorn Slough east of the Highway 1 Bridge and west of longitude 121° 46.40' W.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

- Only the following species may be taken recreationally: finfish by hook-and-line only and clams. Clams may only be taken on the north shore of the slough in the area adjacent to the Moss Landing State Wildlife Area [subsection 550(a)].
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Moro Cojo Slough State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area includes the waters within Moro Cojo Slough below mean high tide and east of the Highway 1 Bridge and west of the crossing of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Soquel Canyon State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

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36° 51.00' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.;
36° 51.00' N. lat. 122° 03.80' W. long.;
36° 48.00' N. lat. 122° 02.88' W. long.;
36° 48.00' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.; and
36° 51.00' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial and recreational take of pelagic finfish [subsection 632(a)(3)].

Portuguese Ledge State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 43.00' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.;
36° 43.00' N. lat. 122° 01.30' W. long.;
36° 41.00' N. lat. 122° 00.80' W. long.;
36° 41.00' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.; and
36° 43.00' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial and recreational take of pelagic finfish [subsection 632(a)(3)].

Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 36.50' N. lat. 121° 53.37' W. long.;
36° 37.25' N. lat. 121° 53.78' W. long.; and
36° 37.10' N. lat. 121° 54.09' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

- The recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line is allowed.
 - The commercial take of giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) and bull kelp (*Nereocystis spp.*) is allowed by hand in the area defined by subsection 165(c)(4)(D) under the following conditions:
 - Any individual kelp harvester with a valid permit issued pursuant to Section 165 may take no more than 12 tons of kelp from the portion of Administrative Kelp Bed 220 within the Edward F. Ricketts State Marine Conservation Area in any calendar month.
 - Duplicate landing records must be kept on board the harvest vessel in accordance with the requirements of Section 165.
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Lovers Point State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 37.10' N. lat. 121° 54.09' W. long.;
36° 37.25' N. lat. 121° 53.78' W. long.;
36° 37.38' N. lat. 121° 53.85' W. long.;
36° 37.60' N. lat. 121° 54.75' W. long.; and
36° 37.60' N. lat. 121° 54.91' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 37.60' N. lat. 121° 54.91' W. long.;
36° 37.60' N. lat. 121° 54.75' W. long.;
36° 38.70' N. lat. 121° 55.40' W. long.;
36° 38.90' N. lat. 121° 56.60' W. long.; and
36° 38.22' N. lat. 121° 56.15' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

- The recreational take of finfish is allowed.
 - The commercial take of giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) and bull kelp (*Nereocystis spp.*) by hand is allowed under the following conditions:
 - Any individual kelp harvester with a valid permit issued pursuant to Section 165 may take no more than 44 tons of kelp from the portion of Administrative Kelp Bed 220 within the Pacific Grove Marine Gardens State Marine Conservation Area in any calendar month.
 - Duplicate landing records must be kept on board the harvest vessel in accordance with the requirements of Section 165.
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Asilomar State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 38.22' N. lat. 121° 56.15' W. long.;
36° 38.90' N. lat. 121° 56.60' W. long.; and
36° 36.60' N. lat. 121° 57.50' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

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Carmel Pinnacles State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 33.65' N. lat. 121° 57.60' W. long.;
36° 33.65' N. lat. 121° 58.50' W. long.;
36° 33.10' N. lat. 121° 58.50' W. long.;
36° 33.10' N. lat. 121° 57.60' W. long.; and
36° 33.65' N. lat. 121° 57.60' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 33.65' N. lat. 121° 57.10' W. long.;
36° 31.70' N. lat. 121° 56.30' W. long.; and
36° 31.70' N. lat. 121° 55.55' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

- The recreational take of finfish is allowed.
 - The commercial take of giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) and bull kelp (*Nereocystis spp.*) by hand is allowed under the following conditions:
 - Any individual kelp harvester with a valid permit issued pursuant to Section 165 may take no more than 44 tons of kelp from the portion of Administrative Kelp Bed 219 within the Carmel Bay State Marine Conservation Area in any calendar month.
 - Duplicate landing records must be kept on board the harvest vessel in accordance with the requirements of Section 165.
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Point Lobos State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 31.70' N. lat. 121° 55.55' W. long.;
36° 31.70' N. lat. 121° 58.25' W. long.;
36° 28.88' N. lat. 121° 58.25' W. long.; and
36° 28.88' N. lat. 121° 56.30' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

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Additional Restrictions: Within the portion of the Point Lobos State Marine Reserve which also falls within the boundary of the Point Lobos State Reserve (State Park Unit), restrictions on boating and diving activities exist. Contact the California Department of Parks and Recreation for current restrictions.

Point Lobos State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

36° 31.70' N. lat. 121° 58.25' W. long.;
36° 31.70' N. lat. 122° 01.30' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
36° 28.88' N. lat. 122° 00.55' W. long.;
36° 28.88' N. lat. 121° 58.25' W. long.; and
36° 31.70' N. lat. 121° 58.25' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the recreational and commercial take of salmon, albacore, and the commercial take of spot prawn.

Point Sur State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

36° 18.40' N. lat. 121° 54.10' W. long.;
36° 18.40' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.;
36° 15.00' N. lat. 121° 52.50' W. long.; and
36° 15.00' N. lat. 121° 50.25' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Point Sur State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

36° 18.40' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.;
36° 18.40' N. lat. 121° 58.33' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
36° 15.00' N. lat. 121° 55.10' W. long.;
36° 15.00' N. lat. 121° 52.50' W. long.; and
36° 18.40' N. lat. 121° 56.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial and recreational take of salmon and albacore.

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Big Creek State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

36° 07.20' N. lat. 121° 38.00' W. long.;
36° 07.20' N. lat. 121° 39.00' W. long.;
36° 05.20' N. lat. 121° 38.00' W. long.;
36° 05.20' N. lat. 121° 41.25' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
36° 02.65' N. lat. 121° 39.70' W. long.; and
36° 02.65' N. lat. 121° 35.13' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Anchoring: Except as pursuant to Federal law or emergency caused by hazardous weather, it is unlawful to anchor or moor a vessel in waters shallower than 10 fathoms in the Big Creek State Marine Reserve.

Big Creek State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the three nautical mile offshore boundary and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

36° 07.20' N. lat. 121° 39.00' W. long.;
36° 07.20' N. lat. 121° 42.90' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
36° 05.20' N. lat. 121° 41.25' W. long.;
36° 05.20' N. lat. 121° 38.00' W. long.; and
36° 07.20' N. lat. 121° 39.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial and recreational take of salmon, albacore, and the commercial take of spot prawn.

Piedras Blancas State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

35° 42.85' N. lat. 121° 18.95' W. long.;
35° 42.85' N. lat. 121° 21.00' W. long.;
35° 39.15' N. lat. 121° 18.50' W. long.; and
35° 39.15' N. lat. 121° 14.45' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

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Piedras Blancas State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

35° 42.85' N. lat. 121° 21.00' W. long.;
35° 42.85' N. lat. 121° 22.85' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
35° 39.15' N. lat. 121° 20.90' W. long.;
35° 39.15' N. lat. 121° 18.50' W. long.; and
35° 42.85' N. lat. 121° 21.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial and recreational take of salmon and albacore.

Cambria State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

35° 37.10' N. lat. 121° 09.20' W. long.;
35° 37.10' N. lat. 121° 10.70' W. long.;
35° 32.85' N. lat. 121° 06.70' W. long.; and
35° 32.85' N. lat. 121° 05.85' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: The commercial take of all living marine resources is prohibited. Recreational take is allowed.

White Rock (Cambria) State Marine Conservation Area

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

35° 32.85' N. lat. 121° 05.85' W. long.;
35° 32.85' N. lat. 121° 06.70' W. long.;
35° 30.50' N. lat. 121° 05.00' W. long.; and
35° 30.50' N. lat. 121° 03.40' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial take of giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) and bull kelp (*Nereocystis spp.*) under the following conditions:

- Any individual kelp harvester with a valid permit issued pursuant to Section 165 and holding a valid lease to Administrative Kelp Bed 208 may take no more than 125 tons of kelp from the portion of Administrative Kelp Bed 208 within the White Rock (Cambria) State Marine Conservation Area in any calendar month.
- Duplicate landing records must be kept on board the harvest vessel in accordance with the requirements of Section 165.

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Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area

Boundary: This area includes the area below mean high tide within Morro Bay east of the Morro Bay entrance breakwater and west of longitude 120° 50.34' W.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Recreational hunting of waterfowl is allowed unless otherwise restricted by hunting regulations (sections 502, 550, 551, and 552). Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the following activities are allowed north of latitude 35° 19.70' N:

- The recreational take of finfish
 - Aquaculture of oysters, pursuant to a valid State water bottom lease and permit
 - Storing finfish taken outside the Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area in a receiver for bait purposes.
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Morro Bay State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 54.00' W. long.;
35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 56.00' W. long.;
35° 11.00' N. lat. 120° 52.40' W. long.; and
35° 13.30' N. lat. 120° 52.40' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Point Buchon State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 54.00' W. long.;
35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 56.00' W. long.;
35° 11.00' N. lat. 120° 52.40' W. long.; and
35° 13.30' N. lat. 120° 52.40' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

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35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 56.00' W. long.;
35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 57.80' W. long.; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
35° 11.00' N. lat. 120° 55.20' W. long.;
35° 11.00' N. lat. 120° 52.40' W. long.; and
35° 15.25' N. lat. 120° 56.00' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial and recreational take of salmon and albacore.

Vandenberg State Marine Reserve

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

34° 44.65' N. lat. 120° 37.75' W. long.;
34° 44.65' N. lat. 120° 40.00' W. long.;
34° 33.25' N. lat. 120° 40.00' W. long.; and
34° 33.25' N. lat. 120° 37.25' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except take incidental to base operations and commercial space launch operations identified by the Vandenberg Air Force Base Commander as mission critical.

Public Entry: Public entry into the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve may be restricted at the discretion of the department to protect wildlife, aquatic life, or habitat or by the Commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base to protect and provide safety for base operations.

Memorandum of Understanding: The Department shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base for the mutually beneficial management and administration of the Vandenberg State Marine Reserve. The MOU shall include, but not be limited to, the identification of Vandenberg Air Force Base's national defense mission activities that are unrestricted by the subject regulations and details on management and administrative roles and responsibilities.

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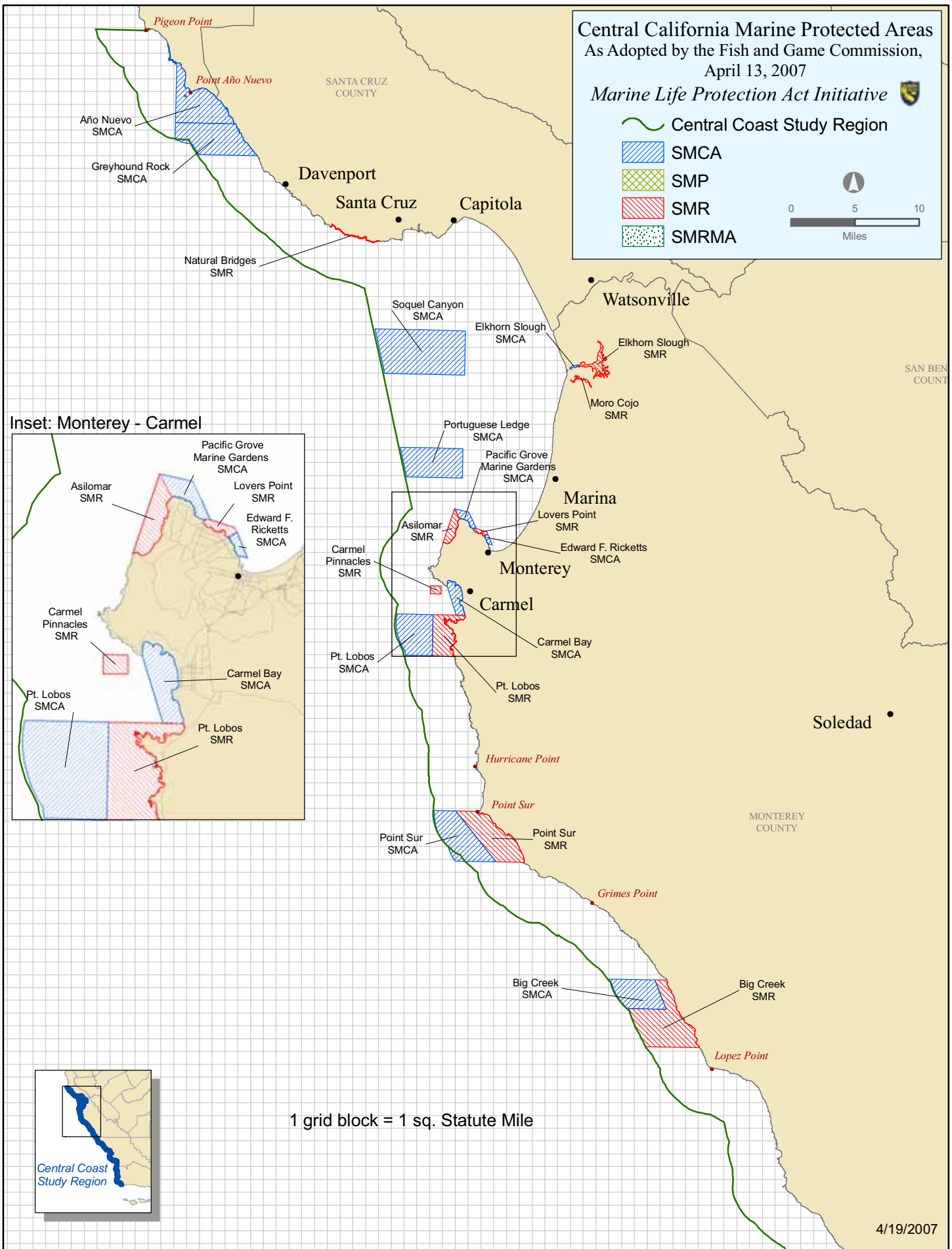
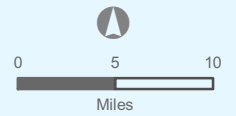
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SMR = state marine reserve SMRMA = state marine recreational management area

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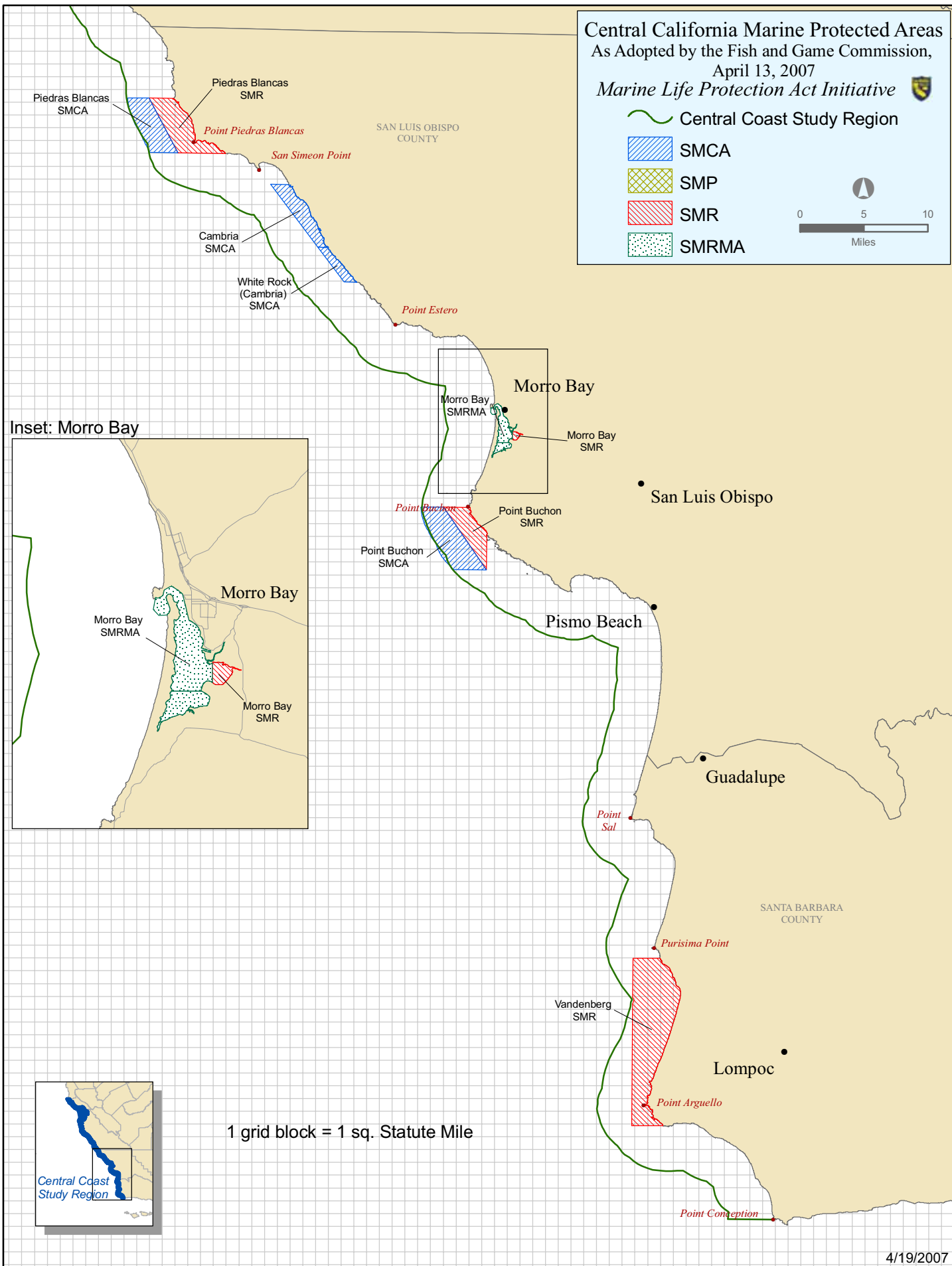
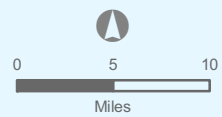
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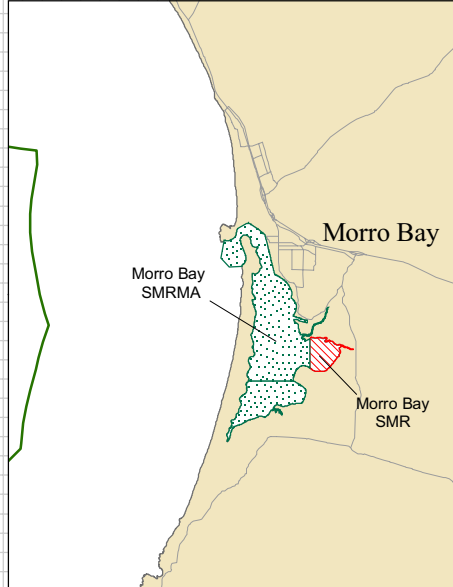
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