

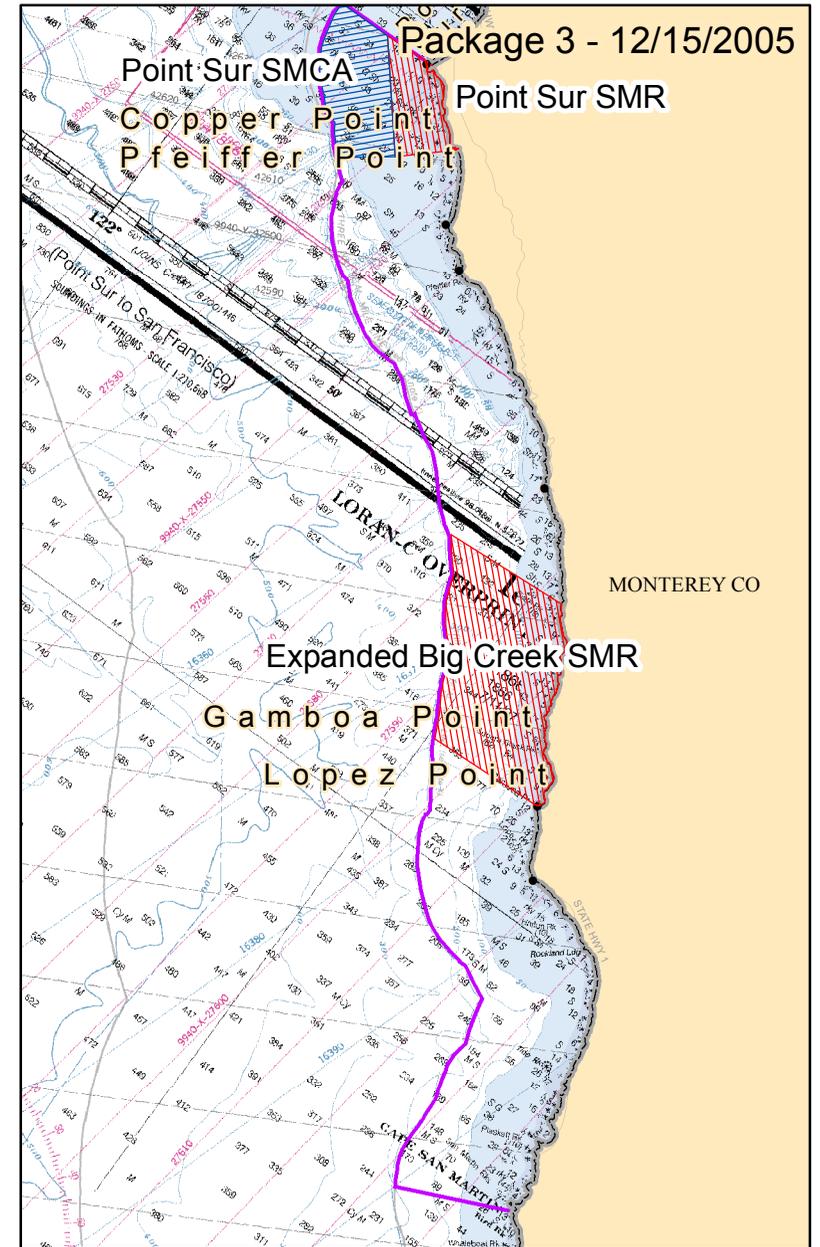
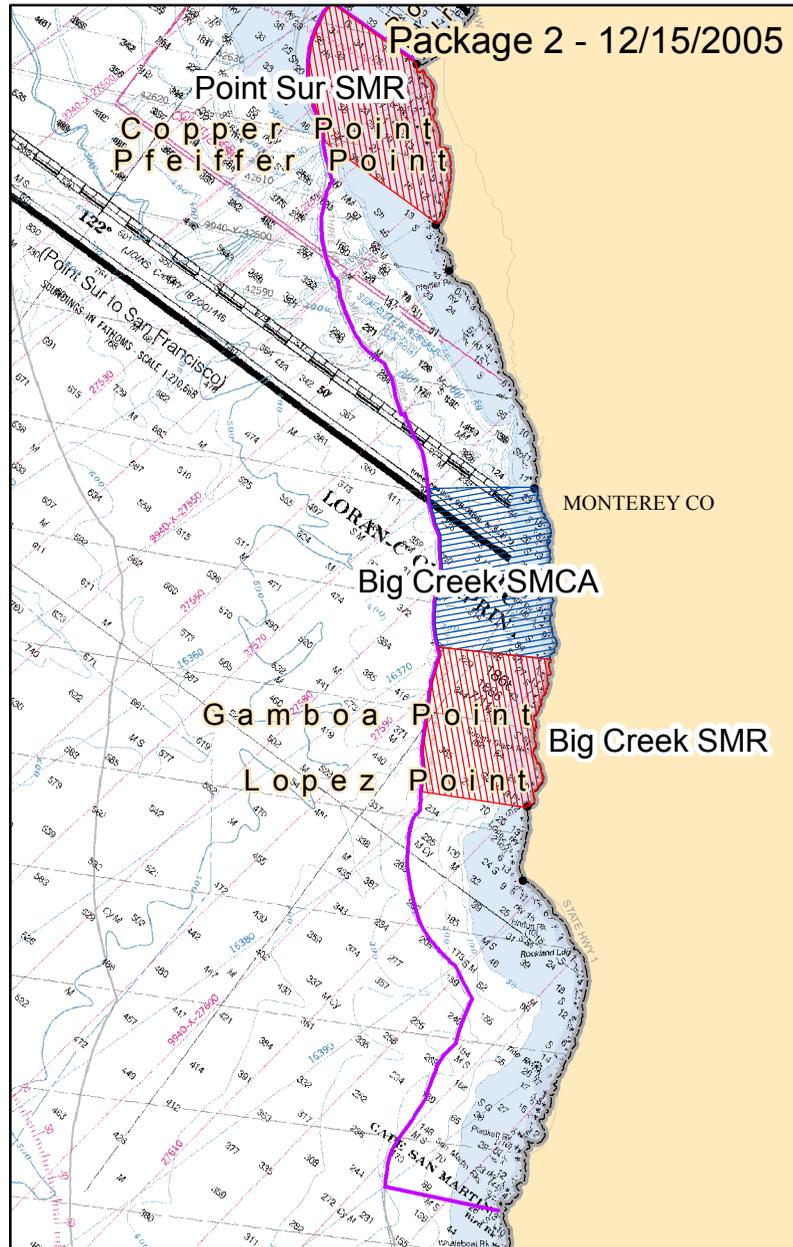
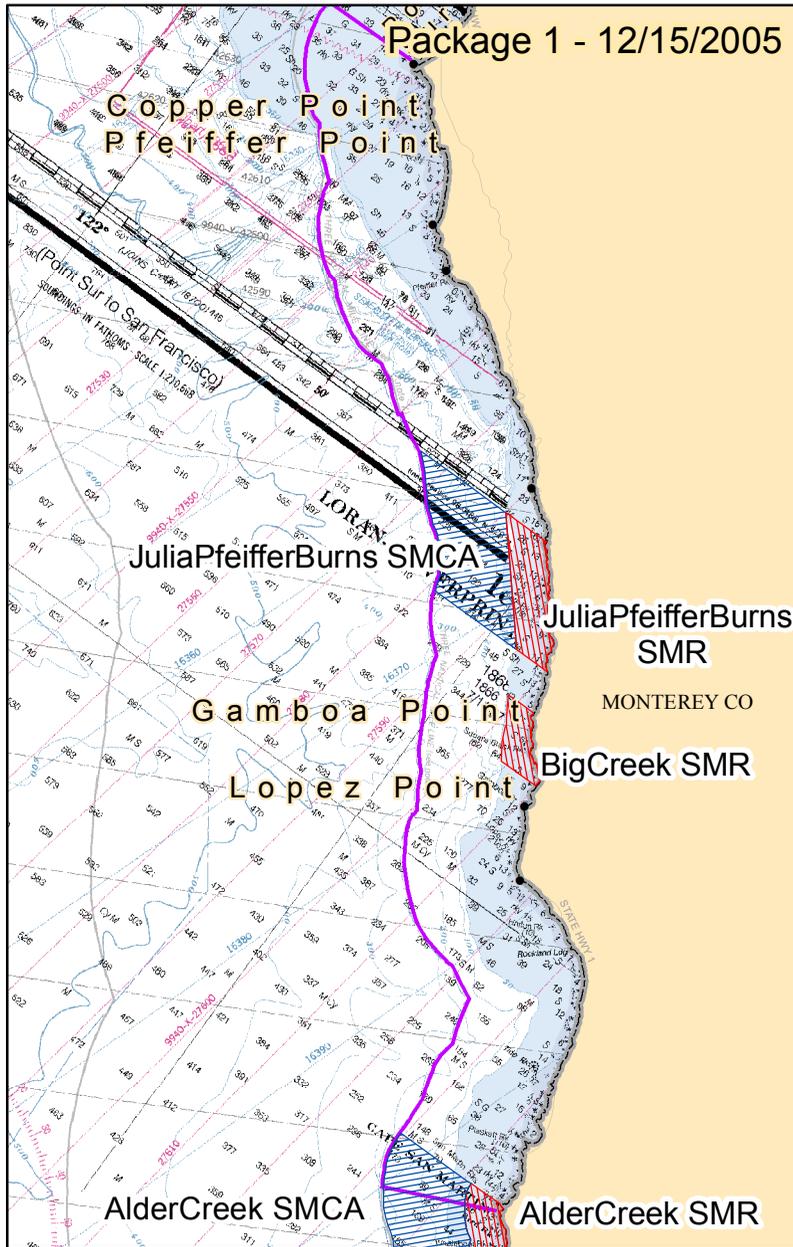
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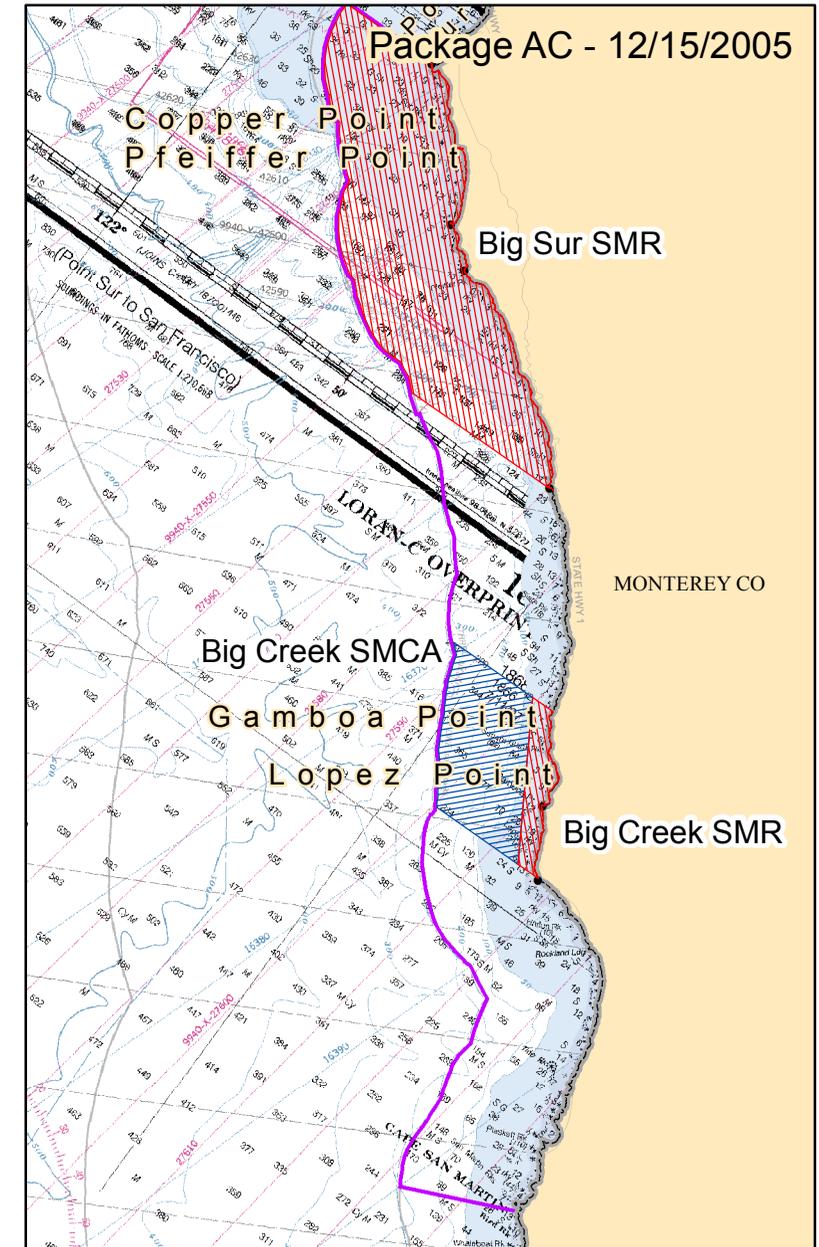
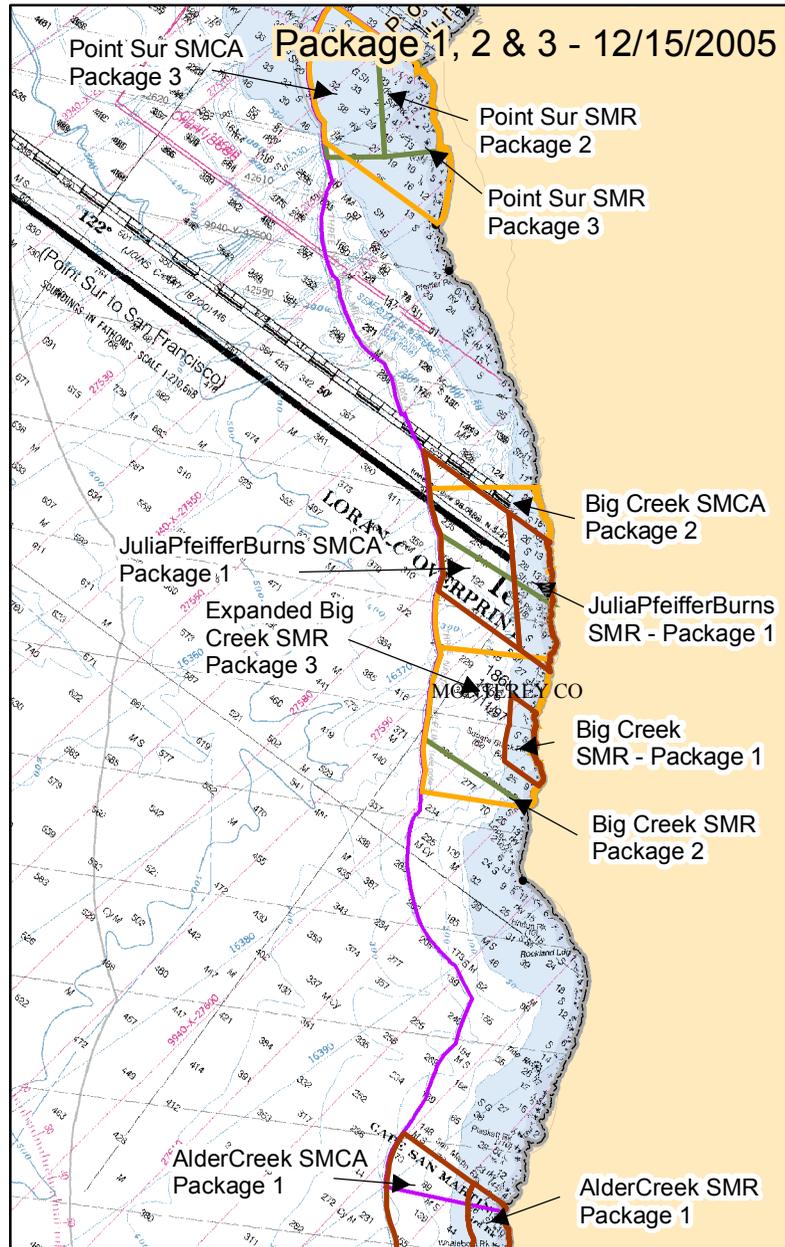
#### Areas of Convergence and Divergence among Packages 1, 2 and 3

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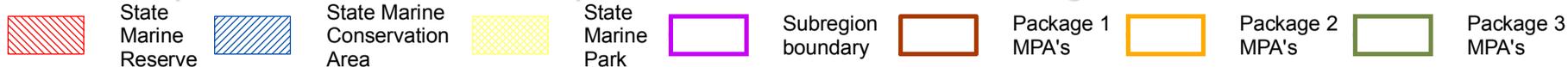
- **Divergence:** At Point Sur, two of the three packages propose either a large SMR or a smaller nearshore SMR with a contiguous SMCA offshore; boundaries differ between those two packages. The issue at Point Sur is the tradeoff between ecological values (marine area off headland with upwelling center and larval retention area with kelp forests and rocky reef; small estuary at Big Sur river, and head of Sur canyon) and fishery area impacts (nearshore rockfish and associated species, coastal pelagics, and salmon).

#### Julia Pfeiffer Burns to Big Creek:

- **Convergence:** All of the packages propose retention of the existing Big Creek SMR, although some propose expansion.
- **Divergence:** In the Julia Pfeiffer Burns to Big Creek area, the three packages have overlapping but divergent proposed MPAs ranging from one large expanded Big Creek SMR (Package 3), to an SMR/SMCA combination in the Big Creek area, to a SMR/SMCA combination in the Julia Pfeiffer Burns area while retaining the existing Big Creek SMR (Package 1). Most packages acknowledge the value of the existing Big Creek SMR – only packages 2 and 3 propose expanding the reserve as has been recommended in the scientific literature. The issue in this area is tradeoffs between ecological values (rocky reef and soft bottom across all depth ranges, kelp forest, sea grass beds, and the heads of submarine canyons) and fishing area impacts (nearshore rockfish and associated species, spot prawn, and salmon fisheries).



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MLPA Central Coast Project: Proposed MPAs and Regulations in Packages 1, 2, 3 and AC

Subregion 4 (Point Sur to San Martin)

Package 1		Package 2		Package 3		Package AC	
MPA Name (Level of Protection)	Allowed/ Disallowed Uses	MPA Name (Level of Protection)	Allowed/ Disallowed Uses	MPA Name (Level of Protection)	Allowed/ Disallowed Uses	MPA Name (Level of Protection)	Allowed/ Disallowed Uses
		Point Sur State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No take.	Point Sur State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No take.	Big Sur State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No take.
				Point Sur State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA High)	Salmon and albacore only		
Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No commercial or recreational fishing permitted, including no take of invertebrates.						
Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA Moderate)	Commercial and recreational salmon and spot prawn take only allowed.						
Big Creek State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No commercial or recreational fishing permitted, including no take of invertebrates. The area will retain its current no-entry regulations and exemptions.	Big Creek State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No take. Note: Current regulations applying to diver access at Big Creek do not apply to new areas covered by this proposal.	Expanded Big Creek State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No take.	Big Creek State Marine Reserve (SMR)	No take.
		Big Creek State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA Moderate)	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except: spot prawn by trap and take of salmon and albacore allowed in waters greater than one mile from shore.			Big Creek SMCA (SMCA-Moderate)	Allowed: recreational and commercial salmon trolling and commercial spot prawn trapping.

SC = special closure, SMR = state marine reserve, SMP = state marine park, SMCA = state marine conservation area