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California Department of Parks and Recreation



## California State Parks Guidelines for Marine Protected Area Planning

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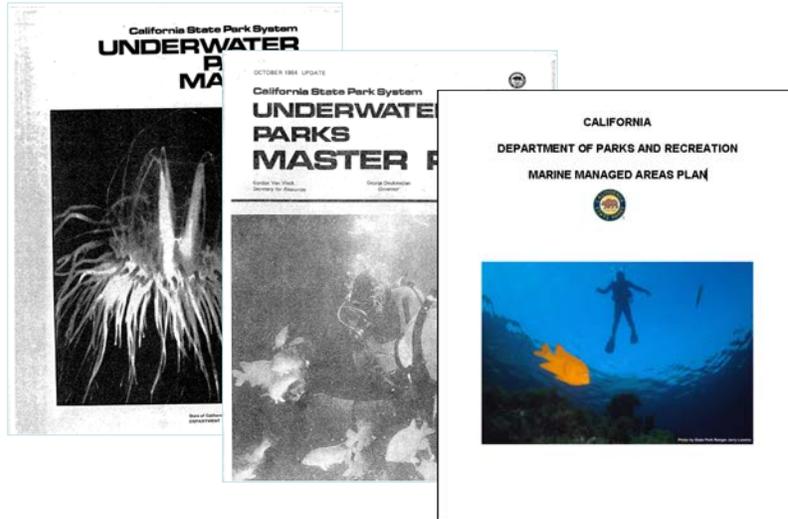
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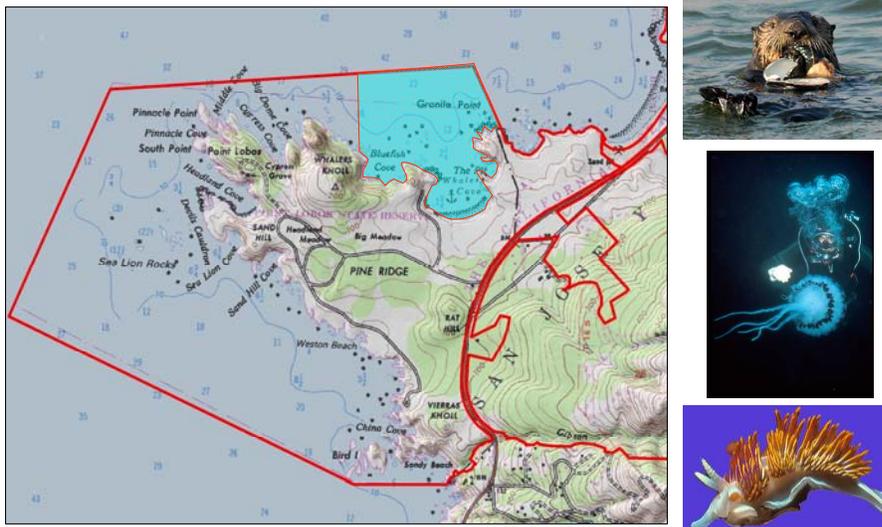
***To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.***



# State Parks Planning Efforts: 1960 - Present



# Management of Marine Managed Areas



## Cultural and Educational Resources



## Common Goals with MLPA

- (1) To **protect the natural diversity** and abundance of marine life, and the **structure, function, and integrity of marine ecosystems**.
- (2) To help sustain, conserve, and **protect marine life populations**, including those of economic value, and rebuild those that are depleted.
- (3) **To improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities** provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance, and to **manage these uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity**.
- (4) To **protect marine natural heritage**, including protection of **representative and unique marine life habitats** in California waters for their **intrinsic value**.
- (5) To ensure that California's MPAs have clearly defined objectives, **effective management measures**, and **adequate enforcement**, and are based on sound scientific guidelines.
- (6) To ensure that the state's MPAs are **designed and managed**, to the extent possible, **as a network**.

## Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act

	Marine Managed Area	FGC	PRC	SWRCB
MPA {	State Marine Reserve			
	State Marine Conservation Area			
	State Marine Park			
	State Marine Recreational Managed Area	 *		
	State Marine Cultural Preservation Area			
	State Water Quality Protection Area** (e.g.- ASBS)			 or 

\* SMRMA designated for the purpose of hunting  
 \*\* Designated by the SWRCB may request either agency to take appropriate management action  
 MMAIA, Public Resources Code §36725  
 FGC = California Fish and Game Commission      PRC = State Park and Recreation Commission

## State Parks Guidelines

- Provide opportunities for the public to visit, experience, and learn about California’s exceptional marine resources.
- Help protect representative examples of marine habitats and species across biogeographical regions.
- Provide special protection for intertidal species and habitats.
- Provide important venues for special marine interpretation and education programs, such as the State Parks PORTS program.
- Facilitate law enforcement needed to protect and perpetuate important natural and cultural resource values.
- MPA proposals should have clear management goals and objectives
- Align designation and regulations with the goals and objectives of the individual Park Unit

# Existing State Parks Underwater Leases



Van Damme SMCA

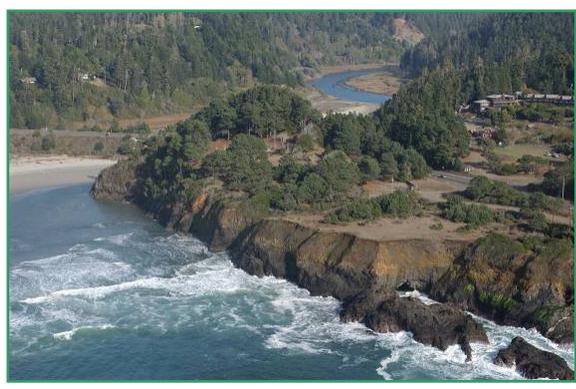


Russian Gulch SMCA

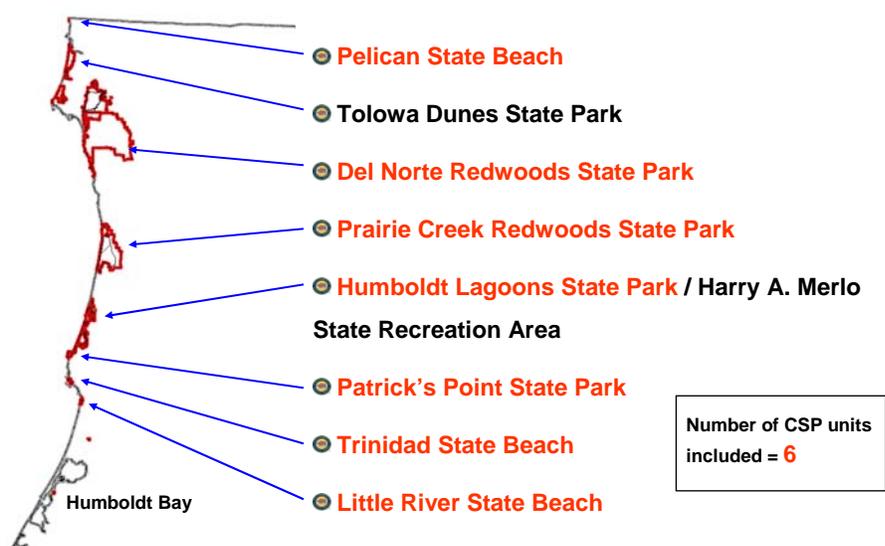


MacKerricher SMCA

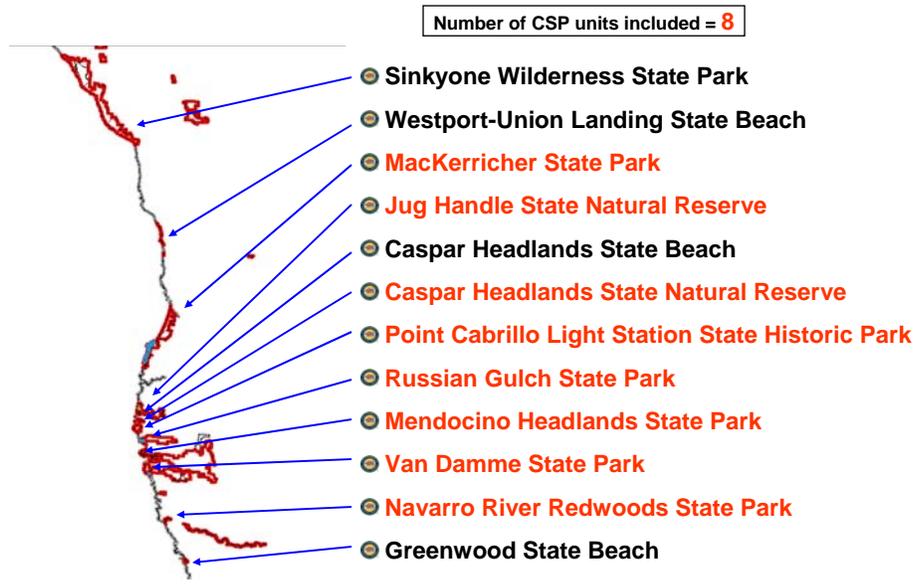
# State Parks Evaluation of Round 1 MPAs



# North Coast Region State Parks



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## Examples of State Parks Concerns

- **Boundary Issues**

Example: Ten Mile River / MacKerricher State Park

Take advantage of landmarks to help orient enforcement officers and prevent public confusion about regulations.

All arrays need boundary corrections



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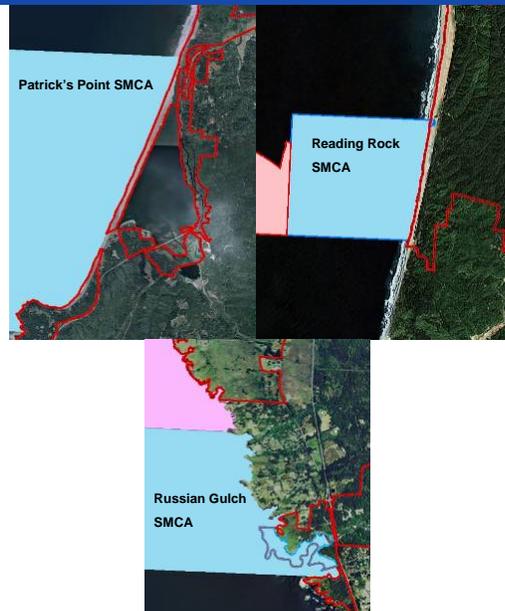
- **Consider terrestrial land management and uses**

Example: Prairie Creek Redwoods SP, Humboldt Lagoons SP, and Patrick's Point SP (Array D)

These parks have popular access points for shore anglers.

Point Cabrillo / Russian Gulch: (Array E)

SMCAs or SMPs connected to reserves can "increase recreational opportunities."



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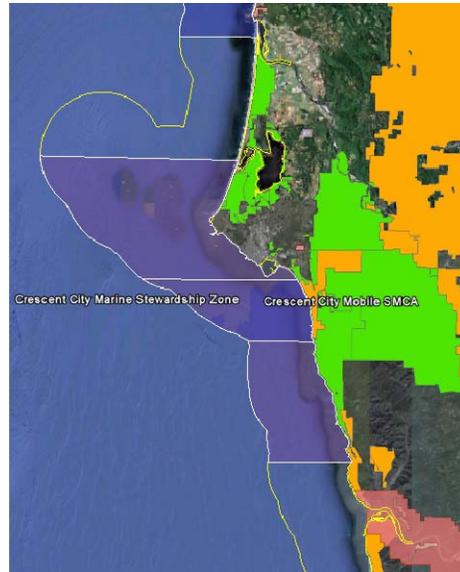
### “Stewardship Zones”

- Enforcement feasibility
- Not an MPA

Example: Array A

MLPA § 2852 (c): “Marine protected area” means a ...discrete geographic marine area.

MMAIA § 36602 (d): “does not include... geographic [fishing] closures...”



## Examples of State Parks Concerns

- SMPs off State Parks property

Example: Arrays C & D

Need to know plan for management, since it is not part of a State Parks unit.



## Summary

- **Have clearly stated goals and objectives**
- **Take into account park unit purpose and public use patterns**
- **Facilitate enforcement with recognizable boundaries**
- **When appropriate take into account existing California State Parks education and outreach opportunities**

