

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**  
**Commonly Used Acronyms and Abbreviated Terms**  
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**Most Commonly Used**

APA	Administrative Procedures Act
BRTF	MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
CCRSG	MLPA Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
CCSR	MLPA Central Coast Study Region
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
DFG (or CDFG)	California Department of Fish and Game
DPR (or State Parks)	California Department of Parks and Recreation
F&GC	California Fish and Game Commission
GIS	geographic information system
I-Team	MLPA Initiative Team (consists of initiate staff, CDFG staff and contractors)
LOP	level of protection
MLPA	Marine Life Protection Act
MLPAI	Marine Life Protection Act Initiative (established through MOU among California Resources Agency, DFG and RLFF)
MLMA	Marine Life Management Act
MMA	marine managed area
MMAIA	Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	marine protected area
NCCRSG	(MLPA) North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
NCCSR	North Central Coast Study Region
RLFF	Resources Legacy Fund Foundation
RSG	MLPA Regional Stakeholder Group
SAT	MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team
SIG	MLPA Statewide Interests Group
SMCA	state marine conservation area
SMP	state marine park
SMR	state marine reserve
SMRMA	state marine recreational management area

**Other Commonly Used**

ARMP	(California) Abalone Recovery and Management Plan
ASBS	area of special biological significance
Bay-Delta`	San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta estuary
BCDC	San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Cal/EPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
CBNMS	Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
CCMP	California Coastal Management Program
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CERES	California Environmental Resources Evaluation System
CINMS	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
CNPCP	California Nonpoint Pollution Control Program
CORMA	California Ocean Resources Management Act
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CPUE	catch per unit of effort
CRANE	Cooperative Research and Assessment of Nearshore Ecosystems Program
CSU	California State University
DWR	(California) Department of Water Resources
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EIR	environmental impact report
EIS	environmental impact statement
ELPF	Environmental License Plate Fund (California)
ESA	Endangered Species Act (CESA = California, FESA = federal)
FGC	(California) Fish and Game Code
FMP	fishery management plan
GFNMS	Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary
MARINe	Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network
Marine Region	Marine Region of the California Department of Fish and Game
MBARI	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute
MBNMS	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
NCEAS	National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis
NCSR	MLPA North Coast Study Region

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NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (also known as NOAA Fisheries)
NMSP	National Marine Sanctuary Program
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
OPC	Ocean Protection Council
OSPR	Office of Spill Prevention and Response
PISCO	Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans
PFMC	Pacific Fisheries Management Council
PRC	Public Resources Code
PSFMC	Pacific States Fishery Management Commission
ROV	remotely operated vehicle
RWQCB	regional water quality control board
SCCWRP	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
SCSR	MLPA South Coast Study Region
SFRSG	MLPA San Francisco Bay Regional Stakeholder Group
SFSR	MLPA San Francisco Bay Study Region
SLC	California State Lands Commission
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
Title 14	Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations
UC	University of California
UC Sea Grant	California Sea Grant College Program
USC Sea Grant	University of Southern California Sea Grant Institutional Program
U.S.C.	United States Code
U.S.C.A.	United States Code Annotated
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USGS	United States Geological Survey