



Proposed Regulation Amendments for Marine Protected Areas



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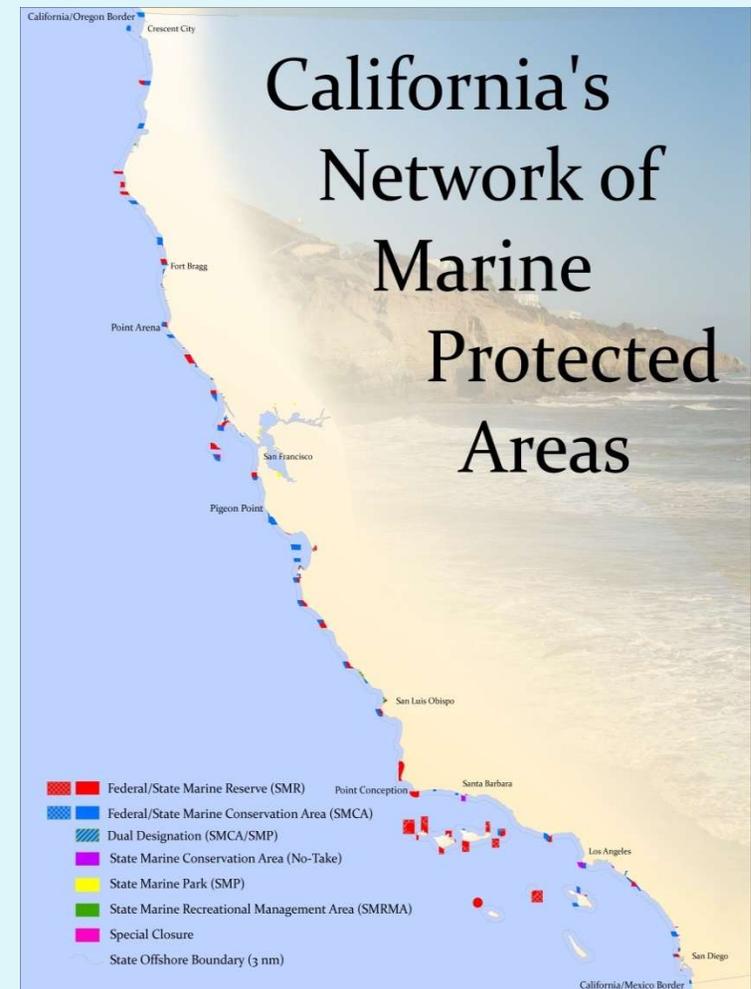
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Presentation Outline

1. Overview of Proposed Amendments
2. Review Regulatory Amendment Timeline





Overview of Proposed Amendments

- Amendment to All MPAs
 - Clarification of Take
- Amendments to 101 Individual MPAs
 - Aquaculture change: 2 MPAs
 - Designation change: 1 MPAs
 - Boundary refinement: 101 MPAs



Clarification of Take Amendment

1. Clarify the definition of “take” for all MPAs
 - **Current regulations:** “Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.”
 - **Proposal:** Rewrite regulations to streamline language and reduce redundancies

**SOUTH LA JOLLA
MARINE PROTECTED AREA**

YOU ARE HERE

Palomar Ave.
La Jolla
Bird Rock
P.B. Point
Pacific Beach
Diamond St
Garnet Ave

NO TAKE ALLOWED
Fishing/harvest of all living marine resources is prohibited.
**PROHIBIDA LA PESCA/RECOLECCIÓN
DE TODO RECURSO MARINO VIVO.**

For more information visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa

C.C.R. Title 14, Section 632. Report violations to 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258)
For detailed definitions, regulations and boundaries visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa

The image shows a sign for the South La Jolla Marine Protected Area. At the top, it reads "SOUTH LA JOLLA MARINE PROTECTED AREA" in white text on a dark blue background. Below this is a map of the coastline from Palomar Ave. to Garnet Ave. A red circle with a red dot and the text "YOU ARE HERE" is placed on the map near Palomar Ave. A large red circle with a diagonal slash is superimposed over a blue fish icon and a fishing hook icon. At the bottom, the sign reads "NO TAKE ALLOWED" in large red letters, followed by "Fishing/harvest of all living marine resources is prohibited." and "PROHIBIDA LA PESCA/RECOLECCIÓN DE TODO RECURSO MARINO VIVO." in red. At the very bottom, there is small text providing contact information and a website link.

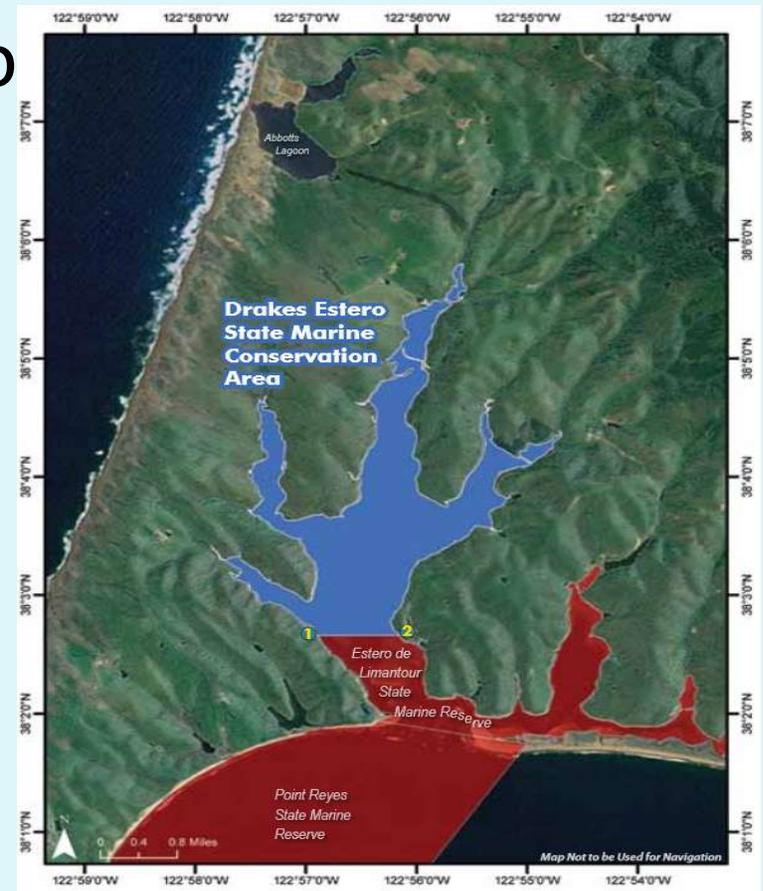


Proposed Take Amendment cont...

2. Remove aquaculture allowance from Drakes Estero state marine conservation area (SMCA)

➤ **Background:** Drakes Estero aquaculture business closed by National Parks Service (1/1/2015)

➤ **Proposal:** Remove aquaculture allowance from Drakes Estero SMCA

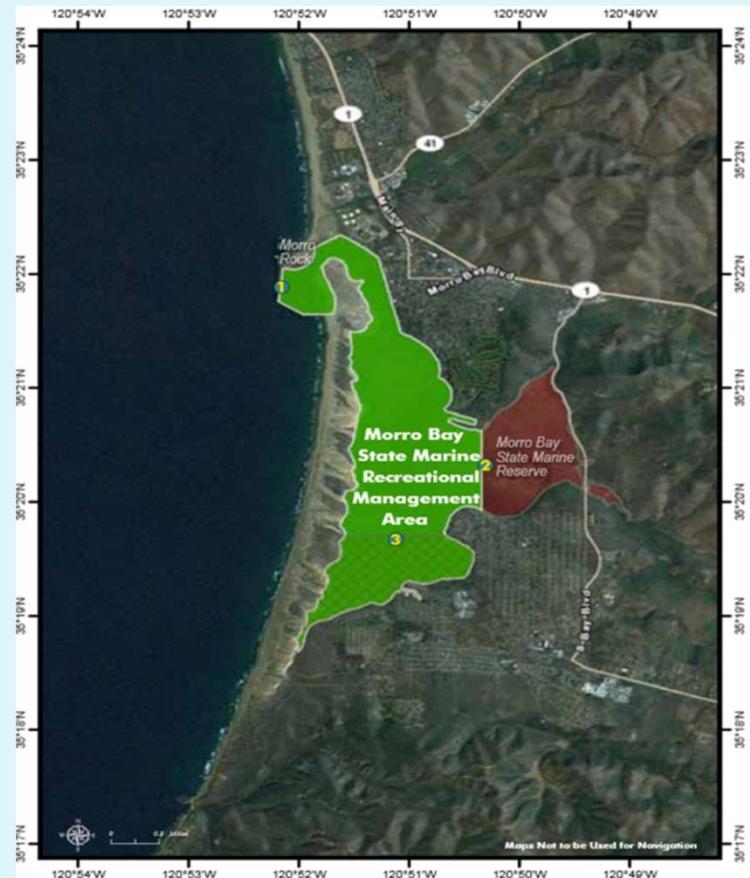




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3. Clarify aquaculture use in Morro Bay state marine recreational management area

- **Background:** Aquaculture leases were issued to companies for species not allowed under current regulations
- **Proposal:** Generalize take language





Proposed Designation Amendment

4. Change the MPA designation of Año Nuevo state marine conservation area (SMCA)

➤ **Background:** Originally intended to be a state marine reserve (SMR) by central coast regional stakeholder group

➤ **Proposal:** Change Año Nuevo SMCA to an SMR





Proposed Boundary Amendments

5. Multiple MPA boundary changes

- **Background:** Regulatory coordinates were analyzed for their accuracy
- **Proposal:**
 - Coordinates proposed to end at 1/1000th of a minute
 - Boundaries moved closer to their intended point of reference
 - Replace current Goleta Slough SMCA boundary with the mean high tide line



Proposed Boundary Amendments

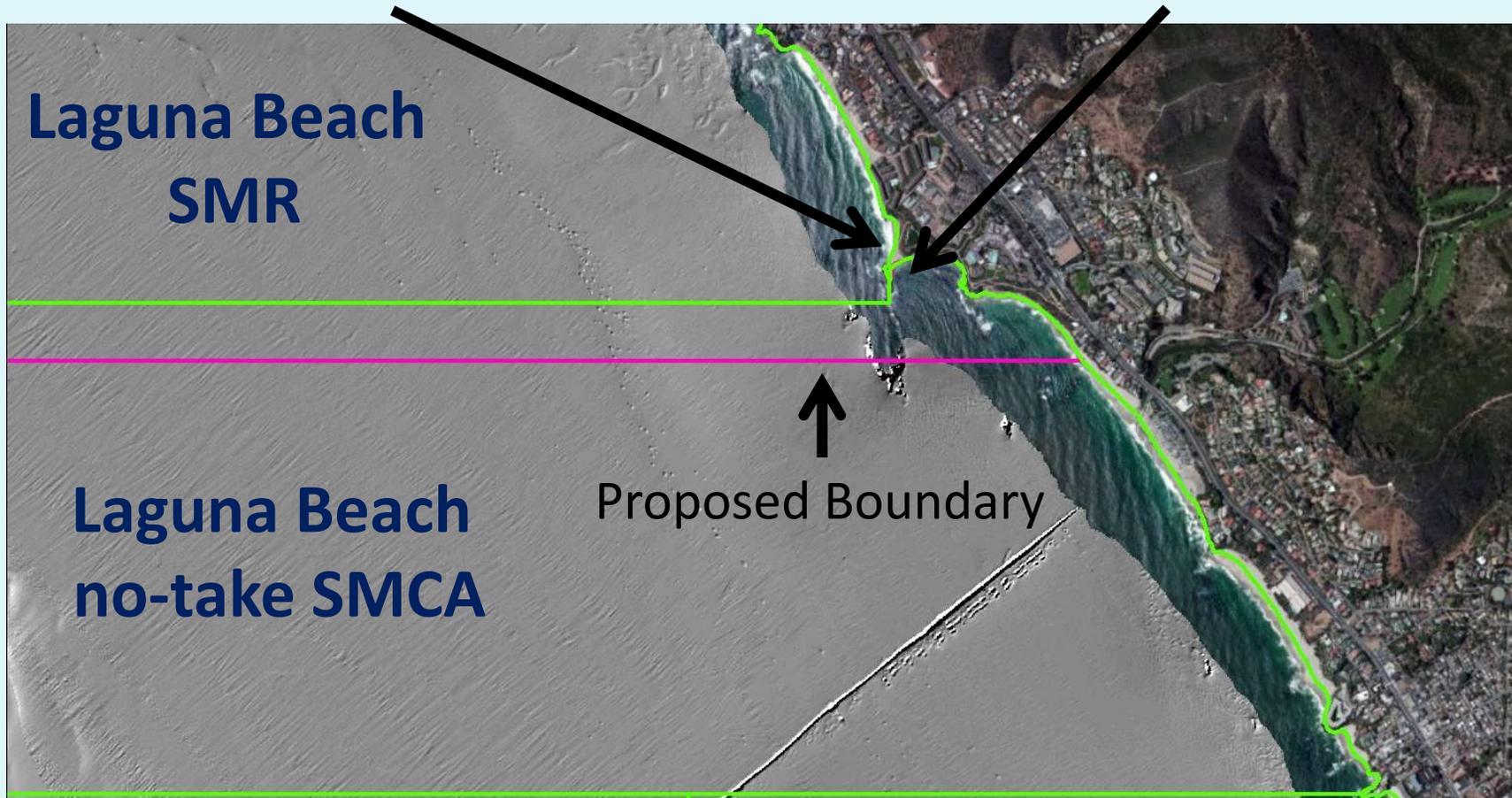
6. Adjust shared boundary between Laguna Beach SMR and Laguna Beach no-take SMCA
 - **Background:** Shared boundary splits Treasure Island Beach
 - **Proposal:** Move the shared boundary south to the city/county beach (943 feet)



Laguna Beach Proposed Boundary Change

Treasure Island within
Laguna Beach SMR

Treasure Island within
Laguna Beach no-take SMCA



Laguna Beach
SMR

Laguna Beach
no-take SMCA

Proposed Boundary



Regulatory Timeline

- Contacted California Tribal Governments: February, 2015
- Update to Marine Resources Committee: March 4, 2015
- Presentation of proposed changes: April 8, 2015
- Notice Hearing: August, 2015
- Discussion Hearing: October, 2015
- Adoption Hearing: December, 2015



Summary

- One general provision addressing “take” for all MPAs
- Amending aquaculture regulations for Drakes Estero and Morro Bay
- Changing the MPA designation of Año Nuevo from SMCA to SMR
- Refining MPA boundaries



Thank You Questions



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