

Dear Boater,

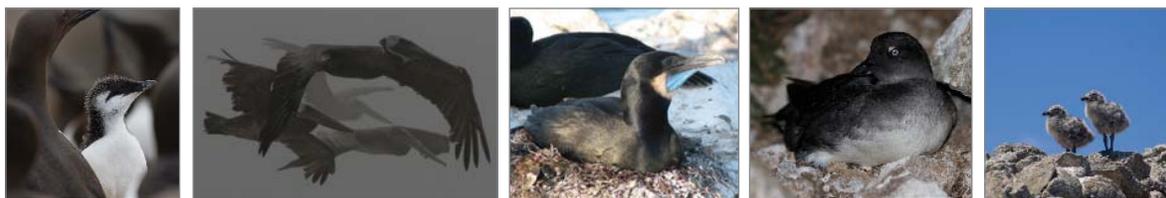
California is the first state in the nation to establish a system of marine protected areas (MPAs). Similar to national parks on land, MPAs are designed to help protect and restore ocean habitats, and improve the health, productivity and resilience of ocean ecosystems.

Under the Marine Life Protection Act passed in 1999, California took a regional approach to the design and implementation of MPAs along its 1,100 mile coastline. The state's outercoast was divided into regions: 1) North, 2) North-Central, 3) Central, and 4) South coast. In 2012, the state completed a network of over 120 MPAs along California's coast, extending from Oregon to Mexico.

Marine protected areas are areas of the ocean where human activities are limited or restricted in order to conserve marine life and habitats. In addition to MPAs, some places have been designated as Special Closures. These Special Closures are no-entry zones established to protect seabirds and marine mammals from disturbance from close approaching watercraft. Special Closures may be year round or seasonal.

**See enclosed map and table for more details on Special Closures and MPAs**

For more information and boundary coordinates, visit <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/mpa>



What happens when boats approach too close to seabird breeding areas?

One close approach or repeated disturbances during the seabird breeding season can:

- Scare birds off their nests, allowing predators access to eggs and chicks;
- Force abandonment of eggs and chicks or exposure to adverse weather, which may cause death; or
- Dislodge eggs or chicks from their nest sites.

What can you do to prevent seabird disturbance?

- Steer around rafts and feeding flocks of seabirds.
- Stay 1,000 feet from rocks, reefs and islands where seabirds rest, feed and nest.
- Watch for signs that you are too close: head bobbing, calling or fluttering; if you see this, move away.
- Cover food and bait, do not throw fishing line overboard and use barbless hooks or artificial lures.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING CALIFORNIA'S SEABIRDS!**

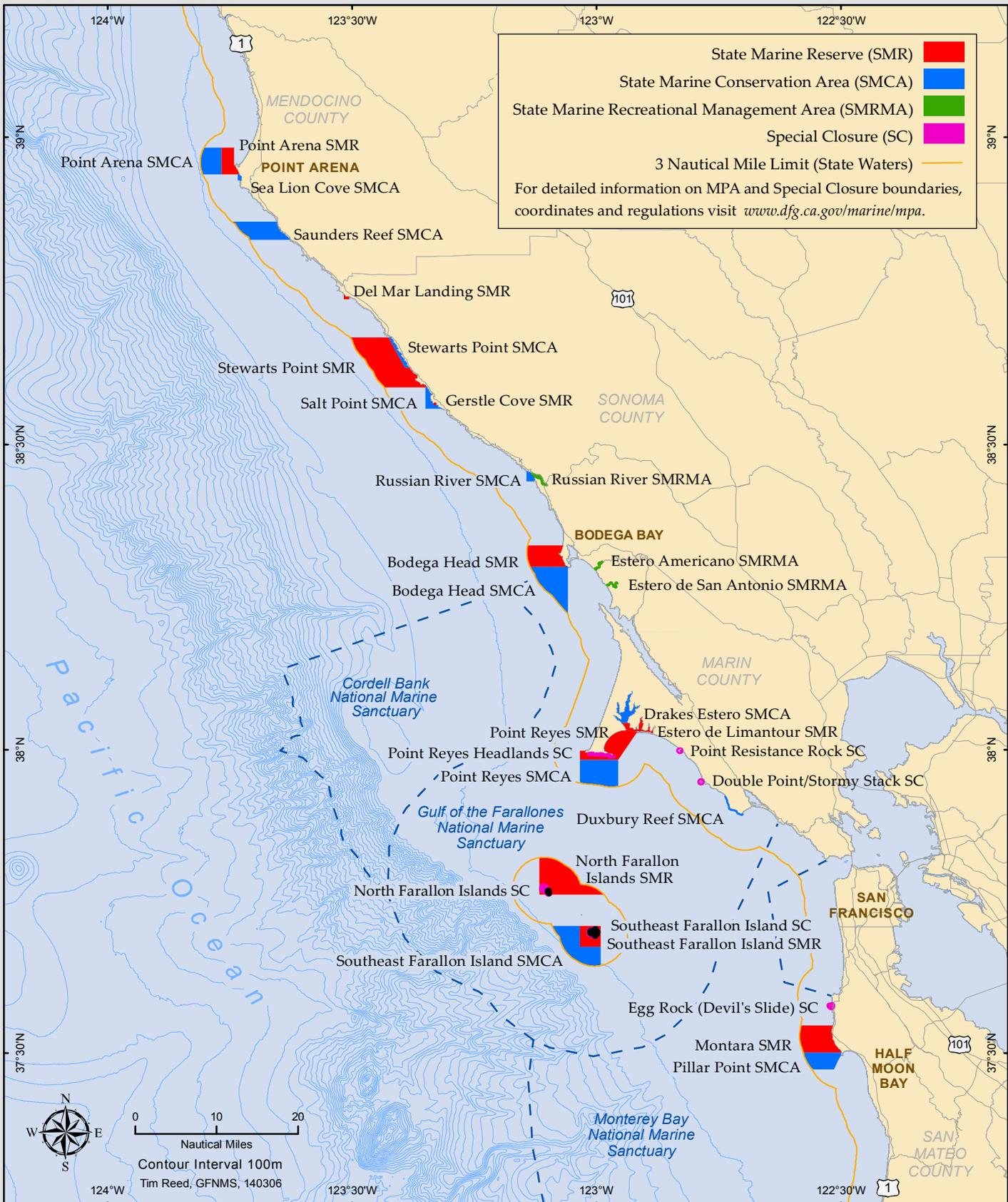
For free maps, tide books, posters, or more information  
phone (415) 970-5244 or email [info@SeabirdProtectionNetwork.org](mailto:info@SeabirdProtectionNetwork.org).

Sincerely,  
The Seabird Protection Network  
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# California State Designated MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

## Point Arena to Pigeon Point



**Marine Protected Area**

**Regulations**

**Special Closures (No-Entry Zones) – NO PERSON... shall enter this area at any time.**

No person except California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) employees or employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, or United States Coast Guard, in performing their official duties, or unless permission is granted by the CDFW, shall enter this area at any time.

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| Point Reyes Headlands Special Closure                     | No entry from the mean high tide line to a distance of <b>1,000 ft.</b> seaward of the mean lower low tide line on the south side  |
| Point Resistance Rock Special Closure                     | No entry from mean high tide line to a distance of <b>300 ft.</b> seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Pt. Resistance Rock  |
| Double Point/Stormy Stack Special Closure                 | No entry from mean high tide line to a distance of <b>300 ft.</b> seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of Stormy Stack Rock  |
| Egg (Devil’s Slide) Rock to Devil’s Slide Special Closure | No entry from mean high tide line to a distance of <b>300 ft.</b> seaward of the mean lower low tide line of any shoreline of any of the three rocks comprising Egg (Devil’s Slide) Rock; Transit between the rock & the mainland is prohibited  |
| North Farallon Islands Special Closure                    | No vessel operation or anchoring within <b>1,000 ft.</b> of any shoreline of North Farallon Island, & within <b>300 ft.</b> of any shoreline of the southern islets, including the Isle of St. James, except as needed due to hazardous weather. Five nautical miles/hour speed limit within <b>1,000 ft.</b> of any shoreline of the 3 southern islets.   |
| Southeast Farallon Island Special Closure                 | No vessel operation or anchoring within <b>300 ft.</b> of shore, except at Fisherman’s Bay & East Landing. Closures are year-round, except the southeast side of Saddle (Seal) Rock and between Fisherman’s Bay & East Landing, which are closed from Dec. 1 to Sept. 14. Year-round 5 nautical miles/hour speed limit within <b>1,000 ft.</b> of shore. Other restrictions apply. See CCR T14 Section 632(b)(55). |

**State Marine Reserves** **Take of all living marine resources is prohibited**

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| Point Arena State Marine Reserve<br>Del Mar Landing State Marine Reserve<br>Stewarts Point State Marine Reserve<br>Gerstle Cove State Marine Reserve<br>Bodega Head State Marine Reserve<br>Point Reyes State Marine Reserve<br>Estero de Limantour State Marine Reserve<br>Montara State Marine Reserve<br>North Farallon Islands State Marine Reserve<br>Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Reserve | <b>Take of all living marine resources is prohibited</b> |
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**State Marine Conservation Areas** **Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:**

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| Point Arena State Marine Conservation Area               | Recreational take of salmon by trolling; Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear  |
| Sea Lion Cove State Marine Conservation Area             | Recreational and commercial take of marine invertebrates and marine aquatic plants is prohibited. Take of all other species is allowed.   |
| Saunders Reef State Marine Conservation Area             | Recreational take of salmon by trolling; Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear, and urchin.   |
| Stewarts Point State Marine Conservation Area            | Recreational take (from shore only) of marine aquatic plants other than sea palm, marine invertebrates, finfish by hook & line, surf smelt by beach net, species authorized in Section 28.80 by handheld dip net                                    |
| Salt Point State Marine Conservation Area                | Recreational take of abalone & finfish  |
| Russian River State Marine Conservation Area             | Recreational take of Dungeness crab by trap & surf smelt by hand-held dip nets or beach nets; Commercial take of Dungeness crab by trap   |
| Bodega Head State Marine Conservation Area               | Recreational take of pelagic finfish by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap & market squid by hand-held dip net; Commercial take of pelagic finfish with troll fishing gear or round haul net, Dungeness crab by trap & market squid by round haul net |
| Point Reyes State Marine Conservation Area               | Recreational take of salmon by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap; Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear & Dungeness crab by trap   |
| Drakes Estero State Marine Conservation Area             | Recreational take of clams; or commercial aquaculture of shellfish pursuant to a valid State water bottom lease & stocking permit   |
| Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area              | Recreational take of finfish from shore only and abalone  |
| Pillar Point State Marine Conservation Area              | Recreational take of pelagic finfish by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap & market squid by hand-held dip net; Commercial take of pelagic finfish with troll fishing gear or round haul net, Dungeness crab by trap & market squid by round haul net |
| Southeast Farallon Island State Marine Conservation Area | Recreational take of salmon by trolling; Commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear  |

**State Marine Recreational Management Areas** **Take of all living marine resources is prohibited, EXCEPT:**

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| Russian River State Marine Recreational Management Area<br>Estero Americano State Marine Recreational Management Area<br>Estero de San Antonio State Marine Recreational Management Area | Recreational take of waterfowl is allowed unless otherwise restricted by hunting regulations (sections 502, 550, 551 & 552) |
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**Finfish** are defined in subsection 632(a)(2) as: any species of bony fish or cartilaginous fish (sharks, skates & rays). Finfish do not include amphibians, invertebrates, plants or algae. The definition of finfish provided in Section 159 does not apply to this Section. **Pelagic Finfish** are defined in subsection 632(a)(3) as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), barracudas (*Sphyraena* spp.), billfishes\* (family *Istiophoridae*), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), salmon shark (*Lamna ditropis*), shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp.), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), tunas (family *Scobridae*), and yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*). \*Marlin is not allowed for commercial take.

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