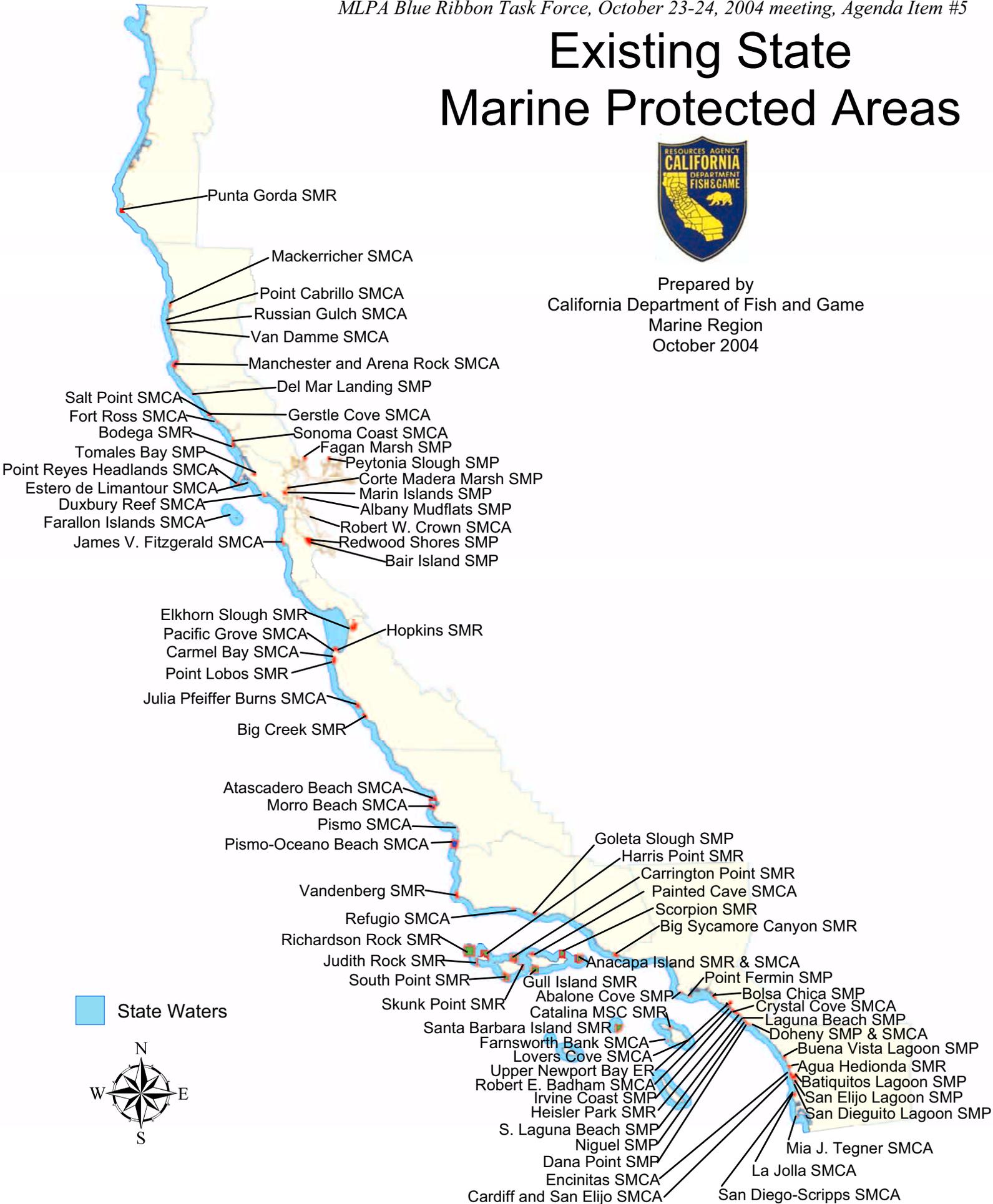


# Existing State Marine Protected Areas



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**State Marine Reserves (SMR)** – where it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource, except under a permit or specific authorization from the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) for research, restoration, or monitoring purposes.

**State Marine Parks (SMP)** – where it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living or nonliving marine resource for commercial exploitation purposes. Any human use that would compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community or habitat, or geological, cultural, or recreational features, may be restricted by the Commission. The Commission may permit research, monitoring, and educational activities and certain recreational harvest in a manner consistent with protecting resource values.

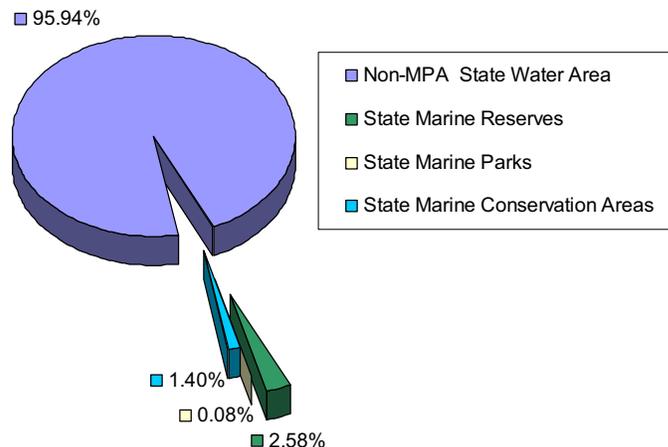
**State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCA)** – where it is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for commercial or recreational purposes, or a combination of commercial and recreational purposes except as specified. The Commission may permit research, education, and recreational activities, and certain commercial and recreational harvest of marine resources, provided that these uses do not compromise protection of the species of interest, natural community, habitat, or geological features.

#### Coverage of Existing MPAs

Total State Waters Area é 3,974 Square Nautical Miles (sq. nmi.)

##### Ocean Areas

Type	Number	Area (sq. nmi.)	Percent State Waters
State Marine Reserve	19	102	2.58 %
State Marine Park	11	3	0.08 %
State Marine Conservation Area	31	55	1.40 %
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>4.06 %</b>



##### Estuarine Areas

Type	Number	Area (sq. nmi.)
State Marine Reserve	2	2
State Marine Park	15	9
State Marine Conservation Area	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>



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# Existing MPAs Examples of Scale

Sonoma Coast  
State Marine Conservation Area

Bodega State Marine Reserve

 State Waters



 Nautical Miles  
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Pacific Grove  
State Marine Conservation Area

Hopkins State Marine Reserve

 State Waters

 Nautical Miles  
0 0.5 1 2

