

California MLPA North Central Coast Project
Initial External Proposal A
October 4, 2007

PROPOSAL NAME: *Initial External Proposal A: FMABB Plan*

PROPOSAL CONTRIBUTORS: *Fishermen's Marketing Association of Bodega Bay*

FORMAT IN WHICH PROPOSED MPA BOUNDARIES WERE SUBMITTED:

MPA ARRAY IN DORIS HARDCOPY MAP TO STAFF GIS FORMAT

NUMBER AND TYPE OF MPAS IN INITIAL MPA PROPOSAL:

7 SMR 1 SMP 8 SMCA 16 Total # MPAs

NARRATIVE RATIONALE:

See cover letter (appended to the end of this document)

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Provide ALL the information listed below for each individual MPA included in the initial proposal.

MPA Name	Type (SMCA, SMP, SMR)	GIS ID #	General MPA Boundaries	Allowed or Disallowed Uses	Goals/Objectives/ Design Criteria this MPA Contributes Toward	Comments, Questions or Important Information
Arena Rock SMR	SMR	10	Point Arena to South Pirates Cove	No Take SMR	This is a diverse habitat at the northern boundary of Phase 2	
Arena Rock SMCA	SMCA	9	Point Arena to South Pirates Cove	No Take groundfish SMCA	This is a diverse habitat at the northern boundary of Phase 2	
Richardson's Ranch SMR	SMR	6	Black Point to South Salt Point	No Take SMR	This area incorporates both soft and hard substrates.	Very inaccessible to public
Richardson's Ranch SMCA	SMCA	5	Black Point to South Salt Point	No Take groundfish SMCA	This area incorporates both soft and hard substrates.	Very inaccessible to public
Gerstle Cove SMCA	SMCA	15	Existing MPA boundaries	Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except the commercial take of finfish and algae (except giant kelp and bull kelp).		Retains the existing Gerstle Cove SMCA without boundary or regulation changes.
Bodega Head	SMR	12	Salmon Creek to the Bodega	No Take SMR		Very popular

SMR			Bell Buoy			recreational area close to Bodega Bay. High protection SMCA is Safety Hazard
Bodega Head SMCA	SMCA	11	Salmon Creek to the Bodega Bell Buoy	No Take for commercial groundfish but limited recreational groundfish SMCA		Very popular recreational area close to Bodega Bay. High protection SMCA is Safety Hazard
Tomales Bay SMP	SMP	14	Existing SMP boundaries Headwaters of Tomales Bay	No commercial Take SMP	Protects shallow estuarine marine environment	
Point Reyes SMR	SMR	16	Point Reyes to the southern entrance of Limantour Bay	No Take SMR		
Point Reyes SMCA	SMCA	13		No Take rockfish SMCA		SMCA is Bodega's most important crab zone. If closed for crabs, compaction of gear disastrous
Duxbury Reef SMR	SMR	2	North Double Point to Bolinas Point	No Take SMR	Protects diverse habitat Area of important biological significance	
Duxbury Reef SMCA	SMCA	1	North Double Point to Bolinas Point	No Take groundfish SMCA	Protects diverse habitat Area of important biological	

					significance	
Pillar Point SMR	SMR	4	SMR out 1 mile from mean high tide line Montara Pt 37'32.190' Pillar Pt 37'29.512'	No Take SMR		
Pillar Point SMCA	SMCA	3	SMCA out 3 miles from mean high tide line Montara Pt 37'32.190' Pillar Pt 37'29.512'	No Take groundfish SMCA		
Farallon Islands SMR	SMR	8	Southeast Farallon Island	No Take SMR	SMR provides protection for pinniped and seabird populations as well as forage food for same.	
Farallon Islands SMCA	SMCA	7	Southeast Farallon Island	No Take groundfish SMCA		

Consideration of Existing State MPAs

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Please indicate how each of the following existing MLPA North Central Coast MPAs is considered within your initial MPA proposal.

Existing MPA	Included Without Changes (proposed to be retained)	Included with Boundary or Regulation Change (proposed to be modified)	Not Included (proposed for elimination)
Manchester and Arena Rock SMCA		X	
Del Mar Landing SMP			X
Salt Point SMCA		X	
Gerstle Cove SMCA	X		
Fort Ross SMCA			X
Tomales Bay SMP	X		
Point Reyes SMCA			
Estero de Limantour SMCA		X	
Duxbury Reef SMCA		X	
Sonoma Coast SMCA		X	
Bodega SMR		X	
Fitzgerald SMP		X	
Farallon Islands SMCA		X	



Fisherman's Marketing Association of Bodega Bay

Bodega Bay's commercial fisheries are essentially comprised of two species, Chinook Salmon and Dungeness Crab. These two fisheries have been proven sustainable through existing Fishery Management Plans and will see little benefit from a series of reserves. We, as an association, would like to see any State Marine Reserves created encompass predominantly hard substrate and all State Marine Conservation Areas endorsed by our association must be medium protection and allow fixed gear in the form of Dungeness Crab Traps and Salmon Trolling as allowed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. We have provided recommendations for a network of protected areas that meet the criteria of the MLPA with minimal fiscal impact to our commercial community.

#1 Arena Rock SMR- SMCA

A SMR could be created with a northern boundary on long 123'44.245 extending out 1 mile from mean high tide line, encompassing Arena Rock and continuing south holding 1 mile from shore to a southern boundary at lat 38'55.635'. A SMCA could extend out to 3 miles in compliment.

#2 Richardson's Ranch SMR-SMCA

A SMR could be created with a northern boundary on lat 38'40.859 extending out 1 mile from mean high tide line and continuing south to a southern boundary at lat 38'36.337'. A SMCA could extend out to 3 miles from the northern boundary to lat 38'33.934' and incorporating Gerstle Cove SMCA, which would retain its current status.

#3 Bodega Head SMR- SMCA

The existing Bodega SMR could maintain 1000' from mean high tide line and extend south to 38' 17.900. A SMCA out 3 miles from mean high tide line, bounded from 38'20.947 extending south to the Bell Buoy 38'17.257 and a southern inside boundary on a line connecting the Bell Buoy to the West Bodega Bay jetty.

#4 Tomales Bay SMP

Tomales Bay SMP could be retained under its current status as a SMP

#5 Point Reyes SMR-SMCA

The area from about 8 miles north of Point Reyes to San Francisco is our ports most productive and historic crab grounds and as such, any reserves chosen in this region must be done very carefully. We recommend designating the existing Pt Reyes SMCA into a reserve maintaining 1000' from mean high tide line and expanding it to the southern edge of Limantour Bay encompassing all of Limantour Bay. A SMCA could be established 3

miles from mean high tide line bounded by 123°01.336' and 122°55.883' but must provide a provision for the allowance of crab traps.

6 Duxbury Reef SMR-SMCA

A SMR could be created out 1000' from mean high tide line bounded by 122°47.000' and 122°42.000'. A SMCA could be established to 3 miles in compliment with the same boundaries.

#7 Farallon Island SMR-SMCA

A SMR could be created at the Southeast Farallon 1000' out from mean high tide line, encompassing the entire island. A SMCA could be created out 3 miles southeast from the confluence of 37°42.287 and 123°01.133, bounded by these same coordinates.

This network of SMR and SMCA meets all requirements pursuant to the Marine Life Protection Act, protecting all the diverse habitats endemic to Phase 2 of the MLPAL as well as many species of marine animals declared likely to benefit from full protection, while taking into consideration the broad range economic impacts to our commercial and recreational community.

We would like to express our concern regarding the tardiness of the Ecotrust socioeconomic impact report. Prior to our ports participation with Ecotrust we were assured by Astrid Scholtz this information was to be compiled and presented to the BRTF and NCCRSR by mid August. The fishermen in our port cooperated fully with this study and have all received our individual results yet two plenary meetings with the RSG have occurred and lines have been drawn on charts that will affect our port for generations without this crucial information being available to the RSG.

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