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Klamath River Basin and Central Valley Sport Fishing and Regional Marine Protected Area Petitions (San Luis Obispo through Santa Barbara Counties, including Northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Island)

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***This document has been corrected to remove the word ‘red’ from the description of Agenda Item 13 – Petition 2023-14MPA: Request to allow commercial take of sea urchins in Double Cone Rock SMCA, and Stewart’s Point SMCA**

May 5, 2026

1. Consider Approving Agenda and Order of Items

Marine Protected Area (MPA) Petitions (San Luis Obispo County through mainland Santa Barbara County)

- **[Introduction to MPA Petitions and Evaluations](#)**
Includes links to key documents.

- *MPA petitions and compiled public comments to date are available to view through the Commission’s website at [California Marine Protected Areas - Initial Webpage](#) or [Status of MPA Petitions for Reg Change](#) (with the exception of Petition 2022-04).*
 - *Department petition evaluations with recommendations are available to view through the Department’s [Bin 2 MPA Petition Evaluations StoryMap](#).*
 - *A recording of the Department’s presentation of MPA petition evaluations and recommendations, given during the April 15-16, 2026 Commission meeting, can be viewed by visiting the [CAL-SPAN Network for April 15](#).*
 - *California Ocean Protection Council petition policy letter (see Latest News dated March 20, 2026) and evaluations (date in June TBD) are available to view through OPC’s website at [California Ocean Protection Council](#).*
2. **[Petition 2023-28MPA AM2 \(Tribally Co-led\)](#)**
Request to designate a new state marine conservation area (SMCA) near Point Sal — using boundaries proposed in November 2025 — that allows recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore and take during mission-critical operations at Vandenberg Space Force Base, and to consult with tribes to identify a tribal name for the SMCA.
 3. **[Petition 2023-29 MPA AM1 \(Tribally Co-led\)](#)**
Request to designate a new MPA near Carpinteria as “Mishopshno SMCA” — using the slightly larger proposed boundaries — that allows recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore, and includes a tribal take exemption for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.
 4. **[Petition 2023-19MPA \(Tribally Led\)](#)**
Request to designate a new MPA near Morro Bay as “Chitqawi SMCA” that only includes a tribal take exemption for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.
 5. **[Petition 2023-20MPA \(Tribally Led\)](#)**
Request to expand a boundary at Point Buchon State Marine Reserve (SMR), and to re-name Point Buchon SMCA as the Chumash Co-Managed SMCA and add a tribal take exemption for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.
 6. **[Petition 2023-34MPA](#)**
Request to change the classification of Point Buchon SMCA to an SMR.
 7. **[Petition 2023-33MPA AM1 \(30MB\)](#)**
Request to expand a boundary at Point Conception SMR.
 8. **[Petition 2023-18MPA and Petition 2022-04](#)**
 - (A) **Petition 2023-18MPA**
Request to change the classification of a portion of Vandenberg SMR by creating a narrow, nearshore “ribbon” SMCA, along the entire SMR length, to allow recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore; make non-regulatory changes at two MPAs; and simplify take regulations at Kashtayit SMCA
 - (B) **Petition 2022-04**

Request to change the classification of a portion of Vandenberg SMR by creating a narrow, nearshore “ribbon” SMCA along the half-mile stretch of beach known as Surf Beach, to allow recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore.

Note: Petition 2022-04 was submitted prior to the 2023 MPA petitions process. The Commission referred the petition to the Department for review in 2022 and subsequently requested it be included in the Department’s MPA petitions evaluations, which were presented at the Commission’s April 2026 meeting. The petition is included here to ensure opportunity for public input within the context of the current MPA petition process.

May 6, 2026

Discussion and Action Items – Sport Fishing

9. [Central Valley Sport Fishing](#)
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MPA Petitions (northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Island)

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11. [Petition 2023-18MPA](#)
Request to remove San Miguel Island Special Closure; remove the area of Frenchy's Cove from the brown pelican Anacapa Island Special Closure, and consider removing the 20-foot net-and-trap depth closure at Anacapa Island Special Closure.
 12. [Petition 2023-27MPA AM1](#)
Request to modify Anacapa Island SMCA or Anacapa Island Special Closure to protect eelgrass meadows through one of three options related to disallowing deployment of lobster traps in part or all of the SMCA or increasing the special closure depth restriction.
 13. [Petition 2023-14MPA](#)
Request to allow commercial take of red sea urchins in Naples SMCA and Anacapa Island SMCA.
 14. [Petition 2023-15MPA AM2](#)
Request to change the classification of Footprint SMR, Santa Barbara Island SMR, and Gull Island SMR to SMCAs to allow take of pelagic finfish species through one of several options.
 15. [Petition 2023-33MPA AM1 \(28MB\)](#)
Request to expand the boundaries of Gull Island SMR and South Point SMR.

16. Future Meetings and New Business

Review logistics and agenda items for the next Commission meeting (May 19). Consider any changes to previously approved meeting dates or locations and introduce any new business for inclusion on a future meeting agenda.

17. General Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda