

UPDATE ON TRIBALLY-LED 2023 BIN 2 MPA PETITIONS

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CDFW Ongoing Tribal Outreach – 2023 MPA Bin 2 Petitions

- Initiated in May 2024
- Regularly provided email and mailed updates
- Distributed to CDFW Tribal Contact List (NAHC contact list and additional interested tribal contacts)
- All updates included offers for formal consultation
- Summary of outreach in Companion Document



Updates at CFGC Tribal Committee

- May 7, 2025
- August 12, 2025
- December 9, 2025



Tribally-led 2023 Bin 2 MPA Petitions

Tribally-led Petition: A petition that was submitted by a California Native American tribe, representative designated by a tribe or tribal organization, or has a tribal co-sponsor

- **Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation:**

- **2023-21MPA:** Remove Recreational Take of Smelt and Change the Boundary at Pyramid Point SMCA

- **Northern Chumash Tribal Council:**

- **2023-28MPA¹:** Designate a new SMCA at Point Sal

- **Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians:**

- **2023-19MPA:** Designate a new Chitqawi SMCA near Morro Rock with a Tribal Exemption
- **2023-20MPA:** Change the Take and Add a Tribal Exemption at Point Buchon SMCA, Change the Boundary at Point Buchon SMR
- **2023-29MPA:** Designate a new SMCA near Mishopshno/Carpinteria with a Tribal Exemption



1. This petition was not identified as tribally-led until December 2025

CDFW Engagement with Tribes on Tribally-led Petitions

- **Engagement with Tribally-led petitioners Sept 2025 – March 2026**
 - CDFW met with representatives from Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, and Northern Chumash Tribal Council
 - Purpose:
 - Better understand tribes' perspective and requests
 - Initiate discussions regarding requests for co-management
 - Clarify petition process and next steps
- **Today's Update:**
 - CDFW's understanding of proposed changes in each petition as received by March 2025
 - Direction needed from Tribal Committee/CFGC



2023-21MPA: Remove Recreational Take of Smelt and Change the Boundary at Pyramid Point SMCA

Submitted by: Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation

Summary of Proposed Actions:

1. Remove recreational take allowance for surf smelt in Pyramid Point SMCA so the MPA would become a No-take SMCA, and retain the existing tribal exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
2. Change northern boundary from the official CA/OR state line (42°N) to align with the landside surveyed border ($41^{\circ}59'55''\text{N}$)



2023-21MPA_1: Remove recreational take allowance of true smelt at Pyramid Point SMCA

Submitted by: Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation

Existing regulations:

- Recreational take of true smelt by dip net or Hawaiian-type throw net is allowed
- Take exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

Proposed Change:

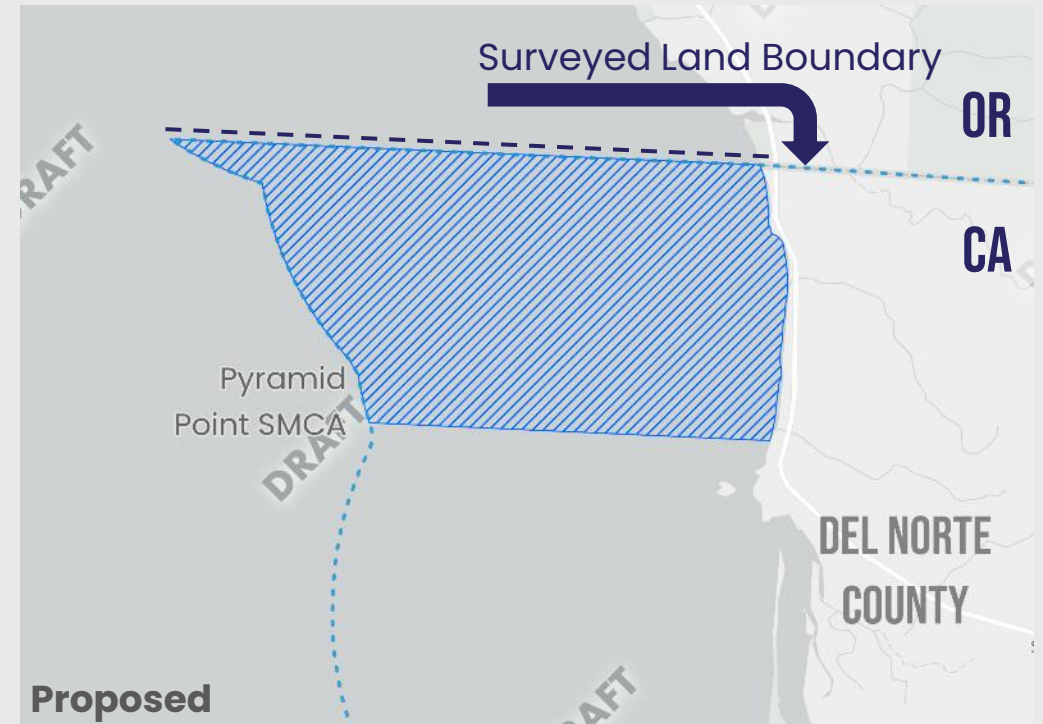
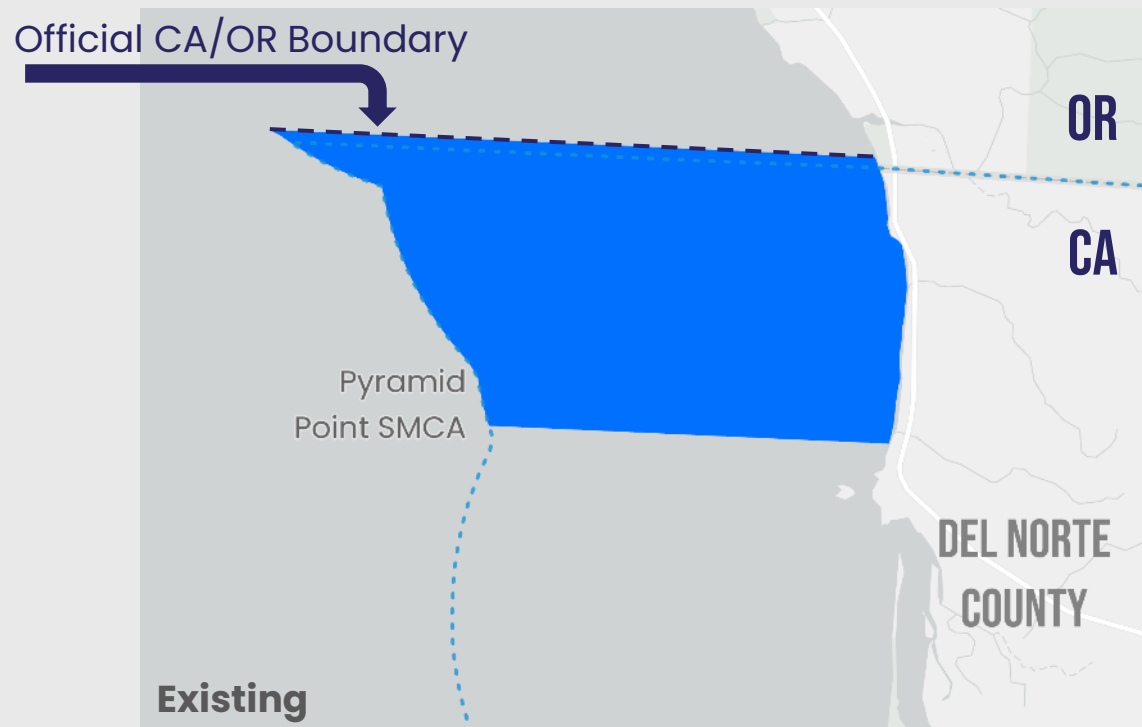
- Remove recreational take allowance for *surf* smelt making it a No-take SMCA
- Retain existing tribal exemption for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation



2023-21MPA_2: Boundary change at Pyramid Point SMCA

Submitted by: Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation

Change northern boundary from the official California/Oregon state line (42°N) to align with the landside surveyed border ($41^{\circ}59'55''\text{N}$)



Proposed boundary is ~560 ft south of existing

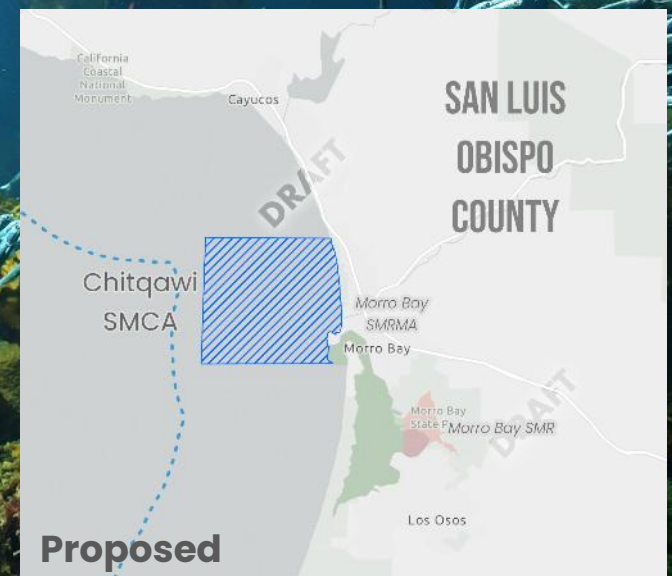
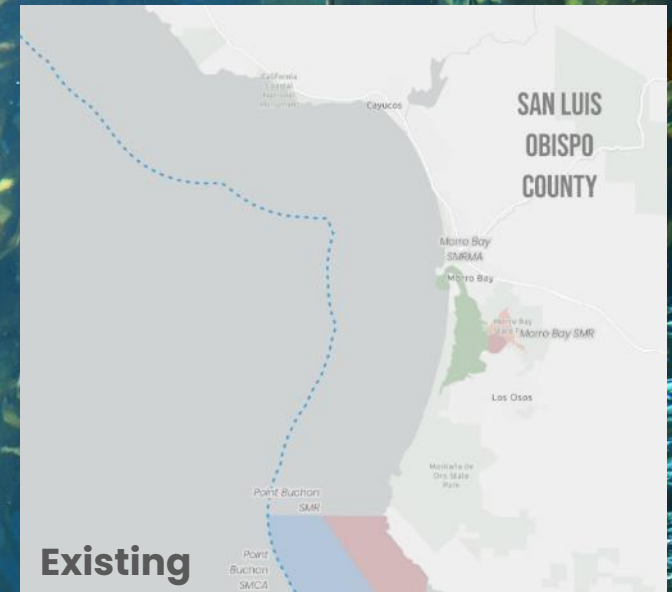
2023-19MPA: Designate a new Chitqawi SMCA in Morro Bay with a Tribal Exemption for SYBCI

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Summary of Proposed Actions:

Designate new co-management SMCA in Morro Bay named Chitqawi SMCA

1. The recreational take of finfish, invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels by hand harvest is allowed
2. Take pursuant to activities authorized under subsection 632(b)(97)(C) is allowed [existing infrastructure]
3. Tribal take exemption for SYBCI

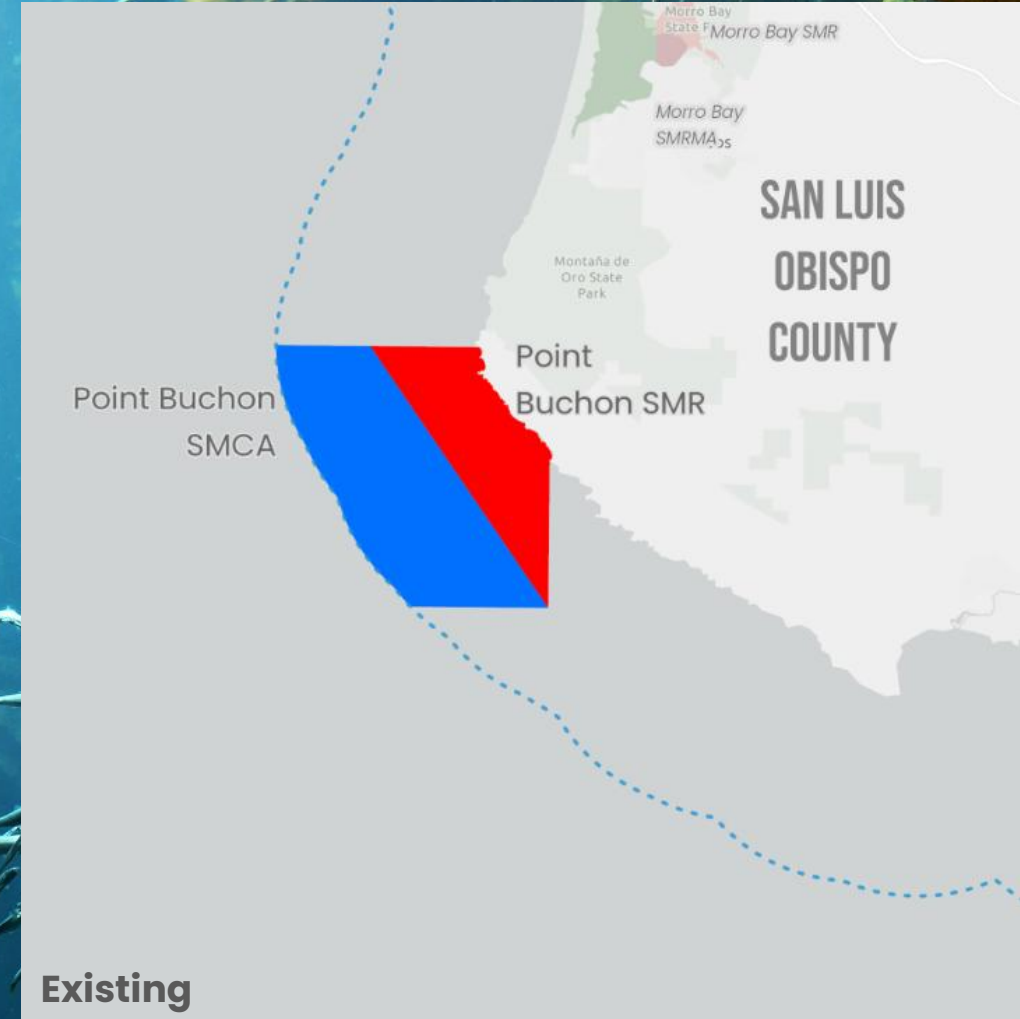


2023-20MPA: Change the Take and Add a Tribal Exemption at Point Buchon SMCA, Change the Boundary at Point Buchon SMR

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Summary of Proposed Actions:

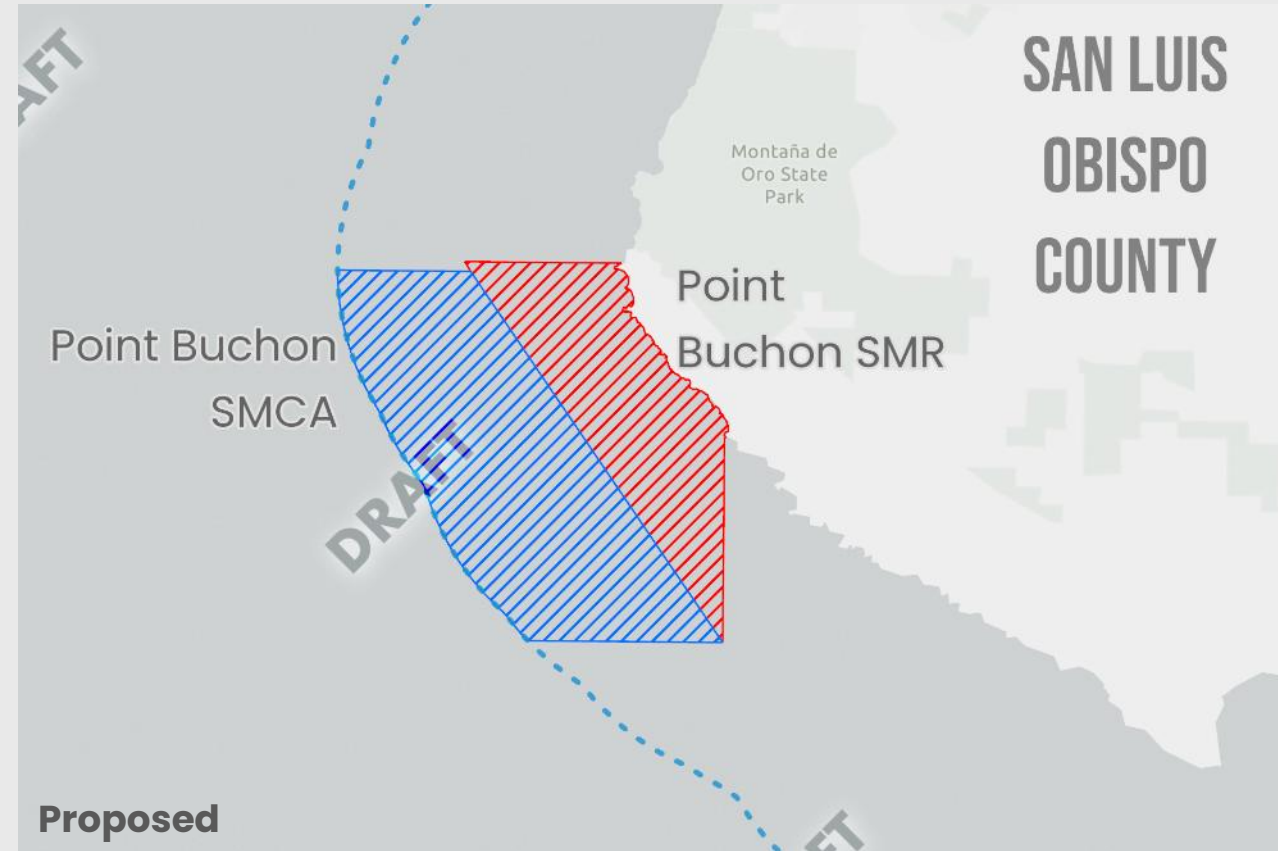
1. Establish co-management with SYBCI at Point Buchon SMCA
2. Adjust the northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR to align with Point Buchon
3. Rename Point Buchon SMCA to Point Buchon Chumash-California SMCA
4. Replace take allowance with recreational take of finfish, and invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels, by hand harvest; and add tribal take exemption for SYBCI



2023-20MPA_2: Boundary Change at Point Buchon SMR

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

- Adjust the northern boundary of Point Buchon SMR to align with Point Buchon
- Proposed boundary is ~690 ft north of the existing, and not aligned with SMCA
- Existing boundary is on a line of latitude and aligned with shore-side visual markers; and aligns with SMCA



2023-20MPA_3: Rename Point Buchon SMCA

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

- Referred to CDFW as renaming
- Petition, "Commission consider a new designation of this SMCA as a Chumash co-managed SMCA"



Michael Alyono, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

2023-20MPA_4: Change Take Allowance Point Buchon SMCA

Submitted by: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Existing regulations:

- Recreational and commercial take of salmon and albacore allowed



Proposed Change:

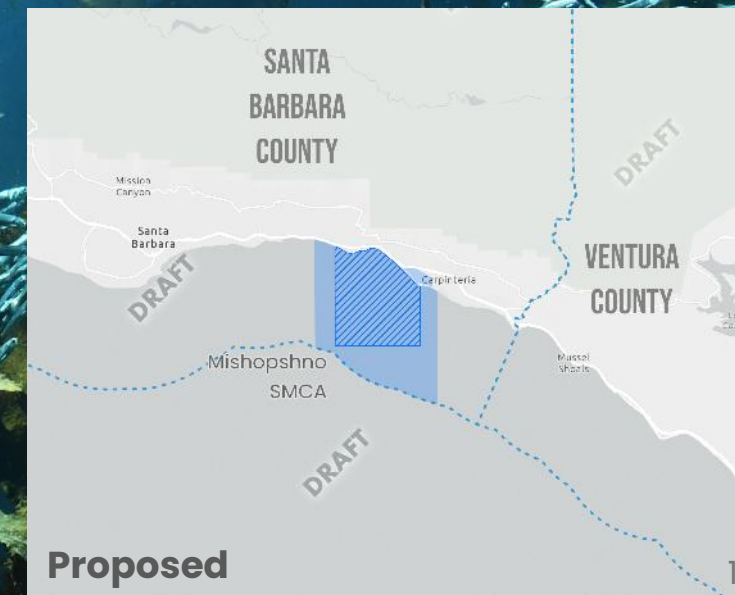
- **Change take to** recreational take of finfish, and invertebrates except rock scallops and mussels by hand harvest
- Exemption for existing infrastructure
- Add a tribal take exemption for SYBCI

2023-29MPA_AM: Designate a new SMCA near Mishopshno/ Carpinteria with a Tribal Exemption for SYBCI

Submitted by: Natural Resources Defense Council,
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians,
Environmental Defense Center

Summary of Proposed Actions:

1. Designate new tribal co-management SMCA that allows take by the members of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians using hand-based equipment for traditional, ceremonial, cultural, and subsistence purposes, and allow recreational take of finfish from shore by hook-and-line



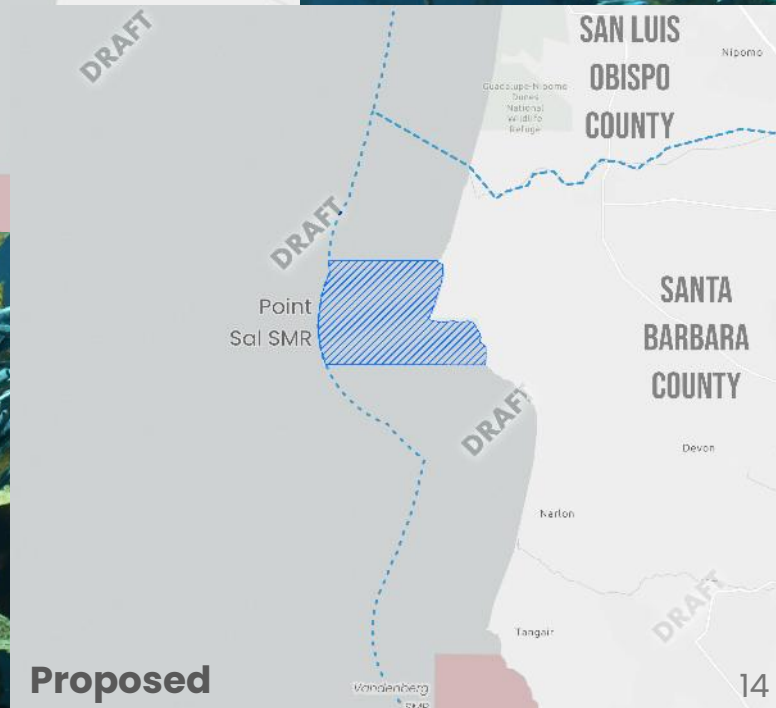
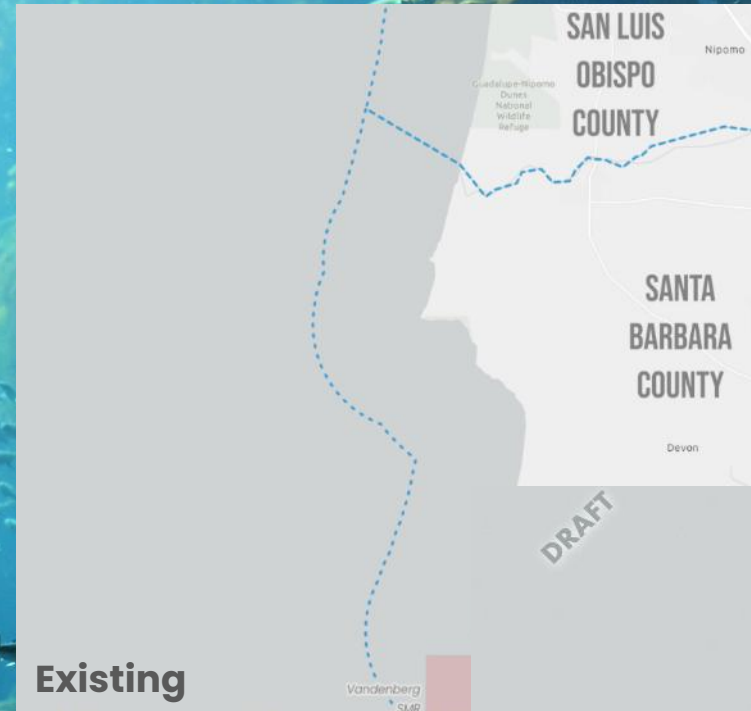
2023-28MPA: Designate a new SMCA at Point Sal

Co-sponsored by: Northern Chumash Tribal Council

Submitted by: Natural Resources Defense Council

Summary of Proposed Actions:

1. Create a new SMCA around Point Sal in central California; identify a traditional tribal name for the SMCA through consultation with Chumash people, and allow recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line from shore



Summary of Direction needed from CFGC Tribal Committee

- Should CDFW evaluate any amendments to tribally-led petitions submitted after March 2025?
- Other considerations or steps before completing the evaluations?
- Timeline/ Next Steps



Upcoming Regional Commission Meetings Discussion of 2023 MPA Bin 2 Petitions

- **April 21**, Elk's Lodge San Mateo
 - Del Norte through Monterey counties
- **May 5–6**, Goleta
 - San Luis Obispo through Santa Barbara counties, including the northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Island
- **May 19**, San Clemente
 - Los Angeles through San Diego counties, including Santa Catalina Island
- For more information about regional meetings, go to:
fgc.ca.gov/Meetings/2026

