Conserving California's Coastal Treasures

Marine Protected Areas

These waters are protected as a National Marine Sanctuary and by a state network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These MPAs include State Marine Reserves (SMR), State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCA), a State Marine Park (SMP) and a **State Marine Recreational** Management Area (SMRMA).

How to Respect Wildlife

- Lend a hand with trash removal
- Properly dispose of fishing line
- Keep your snacks to yourself
- Hang back and enjoy the view



MPAs are designed to enhance recreation, research, and educational opportunities in places where marine life is protected.



Cambria SMCA/SMP

Rockfish thrive in MPAs where no fishing is permitted.

35° 30.50′ N 121° 5.00′ W

Rockfish

Piedras Blancas

Cambria

You Are

SMCA

Here



Area Pictured

Area

Pictured

Morro Bay SMRMA SMR

Point Buchon

Shorebirds benefit from MPAs, feeding on tidepool invertebrates.

Safeguard Our Ocean's Bounty

Kelp forests, rocky reefs, sandy beaches, and deep water canyons are home to a rich variety of marine life and commercially important species.

Since time immemorial Salinan and Northern Chumash people have lived along this coast where the nearby village was known as **Stjahuayo**. Salinans used **ck'em** (ocean) for food and materials for cultural items like **sikara'na** (clothes), **ti'exa pape'ye** (money beads) and **tet'aut'ono** (rattles). Here they hunted **t'ma'cay** (seals) and **l'o'io** (otters) and collected **powa'tka** (seaweed), **c'maiyi'k'** (abalone), **naiyek'** (clam) and **xaii'k** (muscles) from the rocky intertidal zone.

The **yak tit^yu tit^yu yak tiłhini** Northern Chumash Tribe continues to honor their maritime culture balanced around **yak spasini** (ocean). Here they traditionally harvested an abundance of resources including tspete? (abalone), used for food, bowls, jewelry and fishhooks to catch **tška?** (fish). Today both tribes work to ensure their traditional gathering places like this are protected for generations to come.

Be aware of fishing regulations and take part in securing an ocean legacy for our children.

State MPA Regulations

- Cambria State Marine Conservation Area and State Marine Park (SMCA/SMP) Recreational fishing allowed; No commercial fishing allowed.
- White Rock (Cambria) State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) No recreational or commercial take of any marine resources allowed EXCEPT commercial take of bull kelp and giant kelp under specific conditions.

MPAs — Good for the Ocean; Good for You!



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MPA Mobile Website

To report violations call (888) 334-CalTIP, (888) 334-2250 For detailed maps and regulations go to www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs