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Mr. Donald K. Hansen
Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

To enhance the coordination of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the United States, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of the Interior—in collaboration with federal, state, territorial/tribal agencies; the MPA Federal Advisory Committee; and the public—have been working to establish a national system of MPAs. This national system is a key requirement of Executive Order 13158, and is described in the *Framework for the National System of Marine Protected Areas of the United States of America* (www.mpa.gov).

The national system will provide regional coordination to help address local and regional MPA priorities through federal ocean management initiatives, raise awareness of MPAs and the ocean resources they conserve, and support targeted regional science and stewardship initiatives.

I would like to invite the Pacific Fishery Management Council to participate in this initiative by working with NMFS to nominate eligible sites. The attached list of potential sites has been provided by the National Marine Protected Areas Center to facilitate your response. In addition, Dr. Charles Wahle from the Center is scheduled to brief the Council and take questions during your September meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Lockhart at frank.lockhart@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Barry Thom
Acting Regional Administrator

Attachment



Program Summary Sheet - National Marine Fisheries Service Sites

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Site Name	Management Agency	Level of Protection	Permanence	Constancy	Protection Focus	Primary Conservation Focus	Fishing Restriction	Management Plan Type	GIS Data	Vessel Traffic	Anchoring
1 Anacapa Island Marine Conservation Area / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 Anacapa Island Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Astoria Canyon Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
4 Bandon High Spot Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Big Sur/Port San Luis Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
6 Biogenic 1 Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
7 Biogenic 2 Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
8 Biogenic 3 Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
9 Blunt's Reef Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
10 Carrington Point Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
11 Catalina Island Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes

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12 Cherry Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
13 Cordell Bank (50 fm (91m) isobath) Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
14 Cordell Bank/Biogenic Area Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
15 Cowcod Conservation Area East Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
16 Daisy Bank/Nelson Island Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
17 Davidson Seamount Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
18 Deepwater off Coos Bay Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
19 Delgada Canyon Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
20 East San Lucia Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
21 Eel River Canyon Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
22 Farallon Islands/Fanny Shoal Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes

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23 Footprint Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
24 Gray's Canyon Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
25 Gull Island Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
26 Half Moon Bay Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
27 Harris Point Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
28 Heceta Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
29 Hidden Reef/Kidney Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
30 Judith Rock Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
31 Mendocino Ridge Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
32 Monterey Bay/Canyon Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
33 Nahalem Bank/Shale Pile Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes

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34 Newport Rockpile/Stonewall Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
35 Olympic 2 Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
36 Painted Cave Marine Conservation Area / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
37 Point Arena North Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
38 Point Arena South Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
39 Point Conception Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
40 Point Sur Deep Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
41 Polato Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
42 President Jackson Seamount Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
43 Richardson Rock Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
44 Rogue Canyon Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes

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45 Santa Barbara Island Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
46 Scorpion Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
47 Seaward of the 700 fm to 1094 fm Bottom Trawl Closed Area (1280m to 3500 m depth contour)	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
48 Siletz Deepwater Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
49 Skunk Point Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
50 South Point State Marine Reserve / Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
51 Thompson Seamount Bottom Contact Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes
52 Tolo Bank Bottom Trawl Closed Area	National Marine Fisheries Service	Uniform Multiple Use	Permanent	Year-round	Focal Resource	Sustainable Production	Commercial Fishing Restricted	Non-MPA Programmatic Fisheries Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes

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