

Subject: Fwd: Proposed Marine Reserve

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Subject: Proposed Marine Reserve

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The California DFG is considering turning a stretch of local coastline (essentially Torrance beach to Point Vincente) into a Marine Protected Area (MPA). No commercial or recreational fishing would be permitted within 1000 feet of the shoreline. This proposal is absurd. I have to say that this beautiful stretch of coastline is doing just fine with existing DFG regulations. It is adjacent to one of the most heavily populated urban areas in the country and if you are a local boater, commercial or sport fisherman, it is quite obvious the area is healthier than ever. The kelp beds are huge and extend far from shore, the fish population is diverse and healthy, already aided by DFG size/bag limit regulations and reduced fishing pressure (ask any local sportfishing landing if business has been booming the last ten years and you'll get a grim look). Lobster and urchin fisheries are also well maintained due to existing DFG regulations and compliance by local commercial fishermen.

The DFG claims that: "Studies in this region and elsewhere have documented negative impacts of collecting on intertidal populations".

Strangely enough, this extremely vague quote is listed on the documentation for almost every proposed MPA along the California coastline. I haven't physically seen a DFG boat or officer in years, though I do hear they appear from time to time to check sportfishing licenses. It boggles my mind how detailed studies could be made by a department with such a weak local presence.

The DFG also states that: "Several intertidal sites, including those at Lunada Bay and Flat Rock, are easily accessible and are popular locations for visitor exploration and educational field trips".

It seems very odd to lock up a 1000 foot stretch of water from the beach along 4 miles of coast because of shoreline visitation by elementary school field trips. Also anyone who lives here knows that most of the shoreline south of Torrance beach through to Point Vincente is not "easily accessible".

Turning this area into an MPA would have a negative impact on all of us. Local lobster and urchin fishermen who can only fish from Rocky Point Southward would be out of jobs because Santa Monica Bay is off limits to commercial fishing, Sportfishing landings from Long Beach to Marina Del Rey would take a financial hit because a large, productive fishing area would be off limits and lastly we locals, who enjoy the use of the area for sport and recreation, would lose another nearby escape from increased urban pressure and development. I worry that the DFG, in order to conform to a larger state or federal agenda - perhaps a shoreline preserve percentage quota, are recklessly blocking off large coastal areas without true thought to the commercial and recreational impact these sites have on local communities.

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