

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON UPDATED COORDINATES FOR  
THE 125 FATHOM ROCKFISH CONSERVATION AREA LINE IN CALIFORNIA

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received some information from Groundfish Management Team (GMT) members Andre Klein and Melissa Mandrup, from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), regarding changes to the 125 fathom fixed gear Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) lines in California.

Prior the April Council meeting, fixed gear fishermen met with Dan Platt in Fort Bragg, California, and requested additions to the CDFW requested line changes under this agenda item. CDFW assisted fishermen with coordinates, which are included in this statement.

Near the end of the April Council meeting, it became apparent only two of the areas in [Agenda Item F.7.a, CDFW Report](#) would be able to be completed at this time, and the remainder will be considered under the 2019-2020 harvest specifications and management measures process.

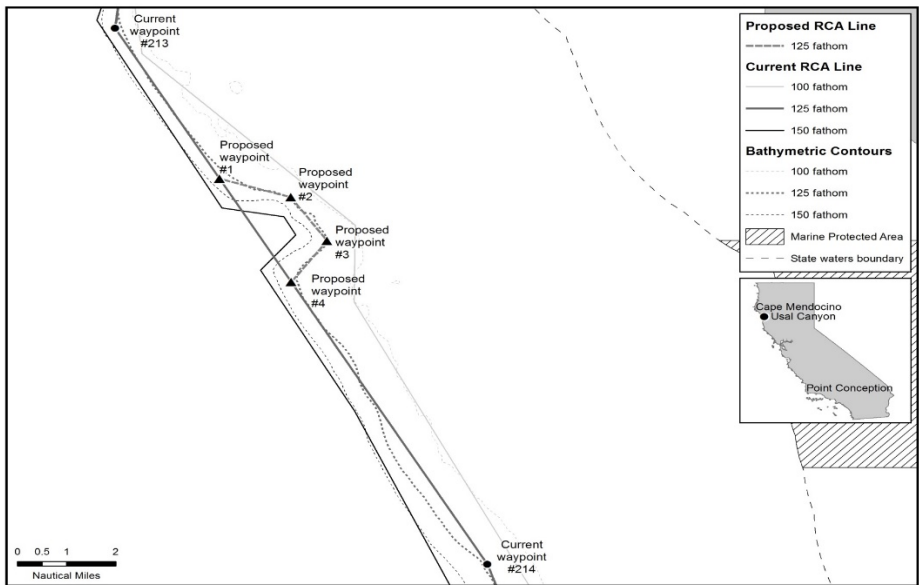
Thus, the GAP requests the following two RCA line adjustments from the CDFW Report be completed since the industry lost a significant amount of fishing grounds in these areas. As a reminder, these areas were open and available under the previous 150-fathom RCA line.

1. Figure 2 (page 5) of [Agenda Item F.7.a, CDFW Report](#) (Usal Canyon). This would return the allowable fishing area by 4.52 km<sup>2</sup>.
2. Figure 3 (page 6) of [Agenda Item F.7.a, CDFW Report](#) (Noyo Canyon). This would return the allowable fishing area by 0.28 km<sup>2</sup>.

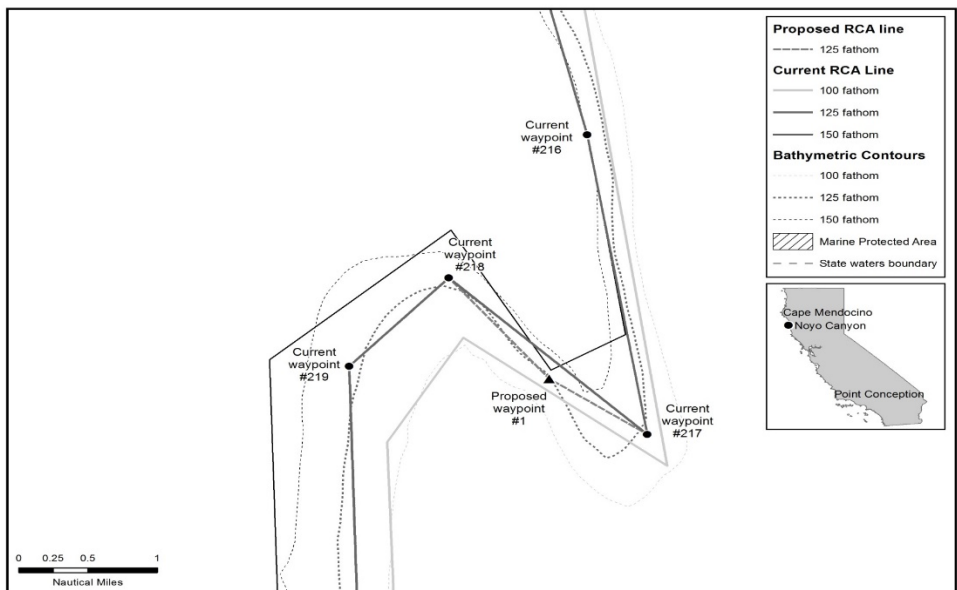
*(These figures are reduced from the CDFW report and reproduced on the next page for quick reference.)*

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(Fig. 2 from the CDFW report; Proposed modification to 125 fm RCA line at Usal Canyon. The proposed change would return the allowable fishing area by 4.52 km<sup>2</sup>)



(Fig. 3 from the CDFW report; Proposed modification to 125 fm RCA line at Noyo Canyon. The proposed change would return the allowable fishing area by 0.28 km<sup>2</sup>)



## GAP Recommendation

At this time, the GAP supports the inclusion of the remaining areas in the existing [CDFW report](#) and the addition of the following (Table 1 and Figures 1 and 2) waypoints and areas to the 2019-2020 harvest specifications process.

Table 1.

Waypoint Number	Action	LatDeg Old	LatMin Old	LongDeg Old	LongMin Old	LatDeg New	LatMin New	LongDeg New	LongMin New
<b>DELGADA CANYON</b>									
204	No change	40	2	124	12.97				
New #1	Add					40	2.67	124	11.83
205	No change	40	2.6	124	10.61				
New #2	Add					40	4.08	124	10.09
206	Move	40	3.63	124	9.12	40	4.08	124	9.1
207	Move	40	2.18	124	9.07	40	1.23	124	8.91
208	Move	40	1.26	124	9.86	40	1.18	124	9.92
<b>NOYO CANYON</b>									
215	No change	39	34.23	123	56.82				
216	Move	39	33.00	123	56.44	39	33.01	123	56.32
217	No change	39	30.96	123	56.00				
New #1	Add					39	31.34	123	56.71
218	No change	39	32.03	123	57.44				
215	No change	39	34.23	123	56.82				

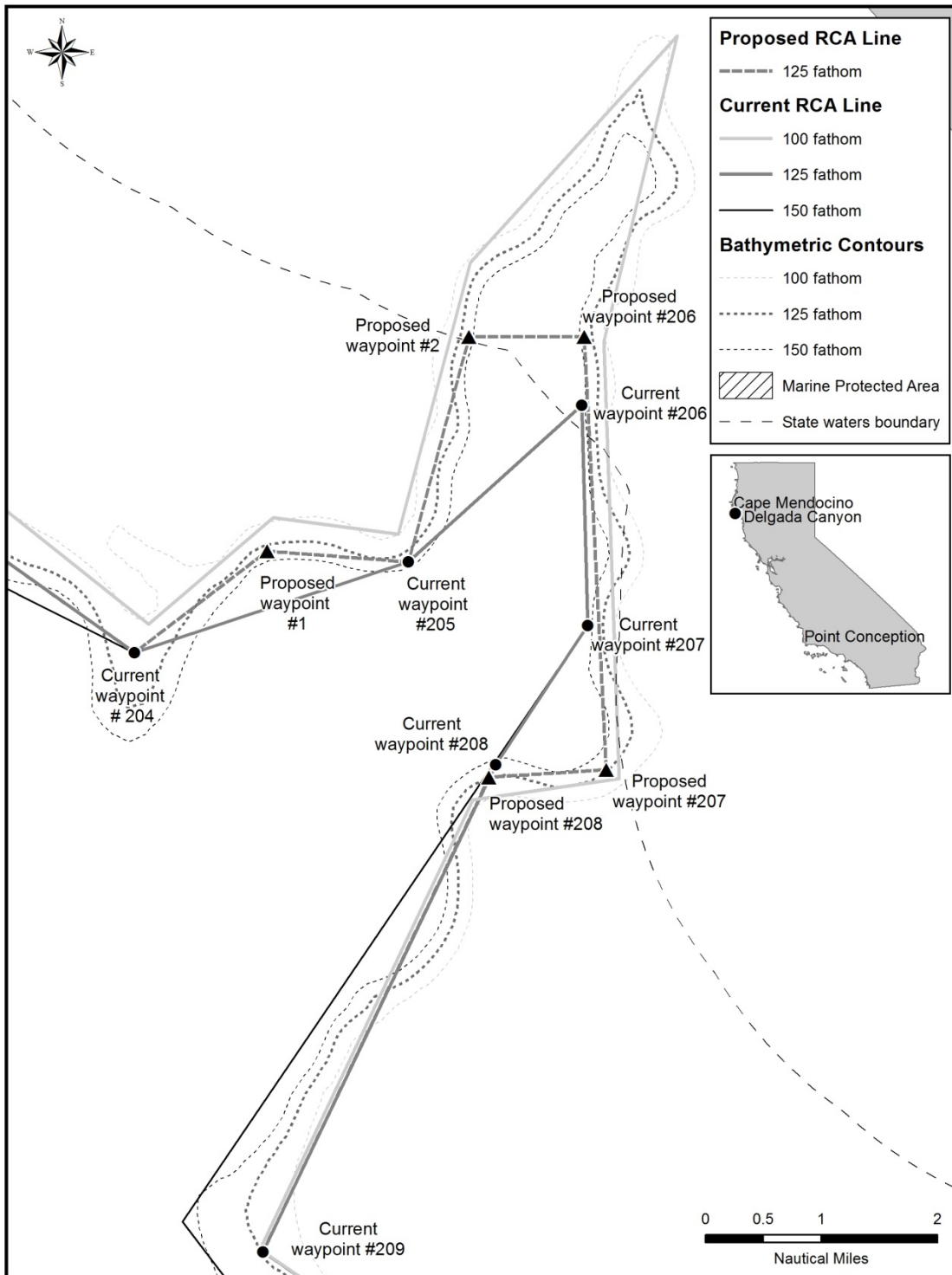


Figure 1.

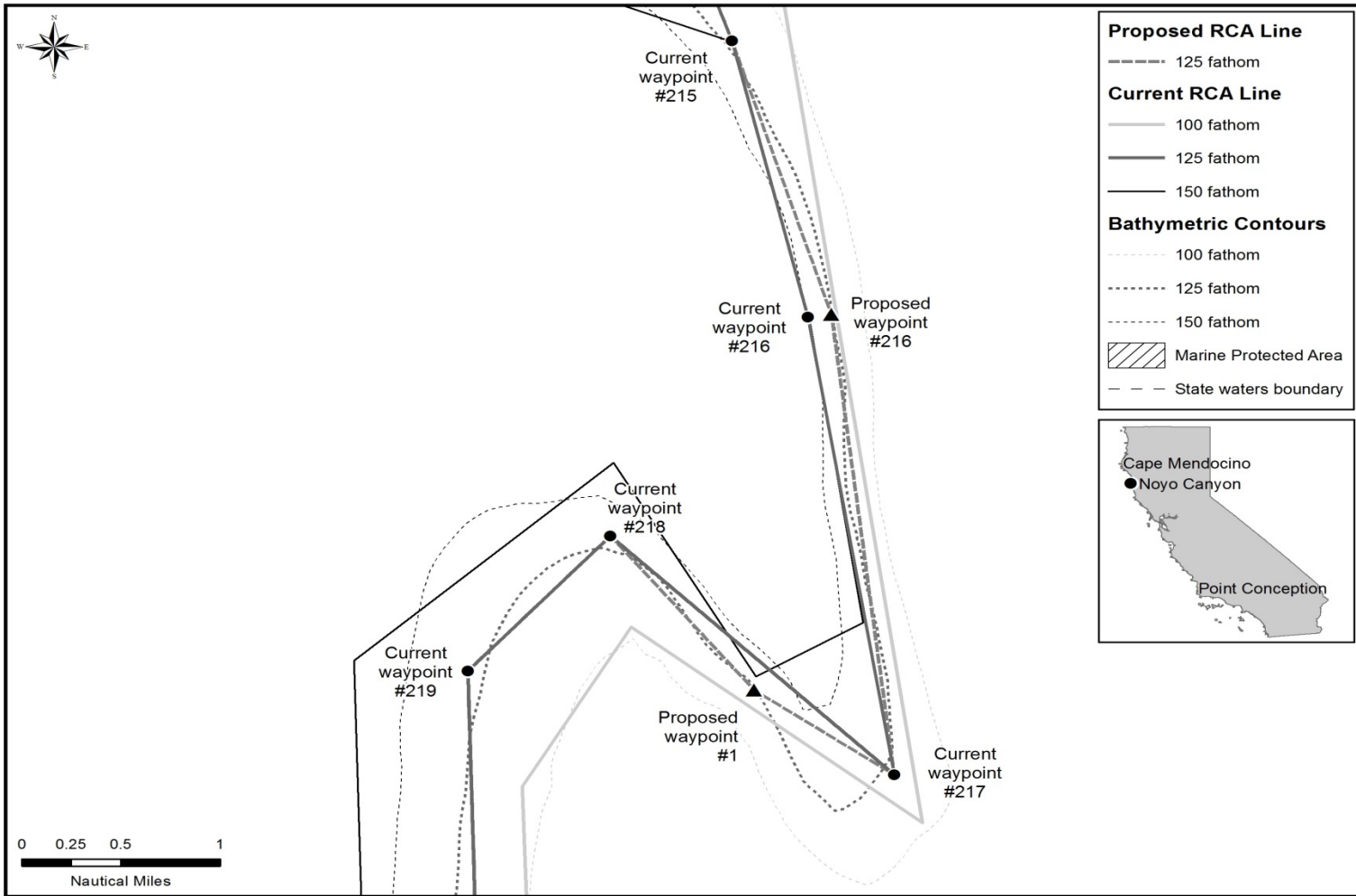


Figure 2.