

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON CORRECTIONS TO
THE 125 FM RCA LINE BETWEEN 40°10' AND 34°27' N LATITUDE

At the April Council meeting, California Department of Wildlife (CDFW) proposed corrections to the 125 fm RCA line to eliminate crossovers with the 150 fm RCA line at five areas: Delgada Canyon, Usal Canyon, Noyo Canyon, Point Ano Nuevo, and Cordell Bank ([Agenda Item F.7.a CDFW Report, April 2017](#)). The Council recommended forwarding only the proposed modifications at Usal and Noyo Canyons for public review (Table 1, Figures 1 and 2). Of the five proposed area changes, the Council moved forward with the two involving a crossover where utilizing the new 125 fm RCA line resulted in closing important fishing areas that were previously open under the old 150 fm line.

In light of the three problem areas described above that were not forwarded for public review in this action, CDFW acknowledges the need for additional review of these three RCA lines. CDFW also notes there were other modifications to these lines that could have been proposed that were clearly beyond the scope of the noticed action. Therefore, as part of the 2019-2020 harvest specifications and management measures process, CDFW will conduct a thorough review of the 100 fm, 125 fm and 150 fm RCA lines from 40°10' N lat. to 34°27' N lat. including areas around Delgada Canyon, Point Ano Nuevo, and Cordell Bank. At that time, CDFW will consider a full range of waypoint alternatives to ensure that the RCA lines do not contain crossovers while best approximating the actual depth contours.

Table 1. Coordinates for proposed modifications to 125 fm RCA line between 40°10' and 34°27' N latitude.

Waypoint Number	Action	LatDeg Old	LatMin Old	LongDeg Old	LongMin Old	LatDeg New	LatMin New	LongDeg New	LongMin New
USAL CANYON									
213	No change	39	52.42	124	8.18				
New #1	Add					39	49.64	124	6.05
New #2	Add					39	49.30	124	4.60
New #3	Add					39	48.49	124	3.86
New #4	Add					39	47.73	124	4.59
214	No change	39	42.50	124	0.60				
NOYO CANYON									
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				
251	No change	37	0.54	122	24.74				

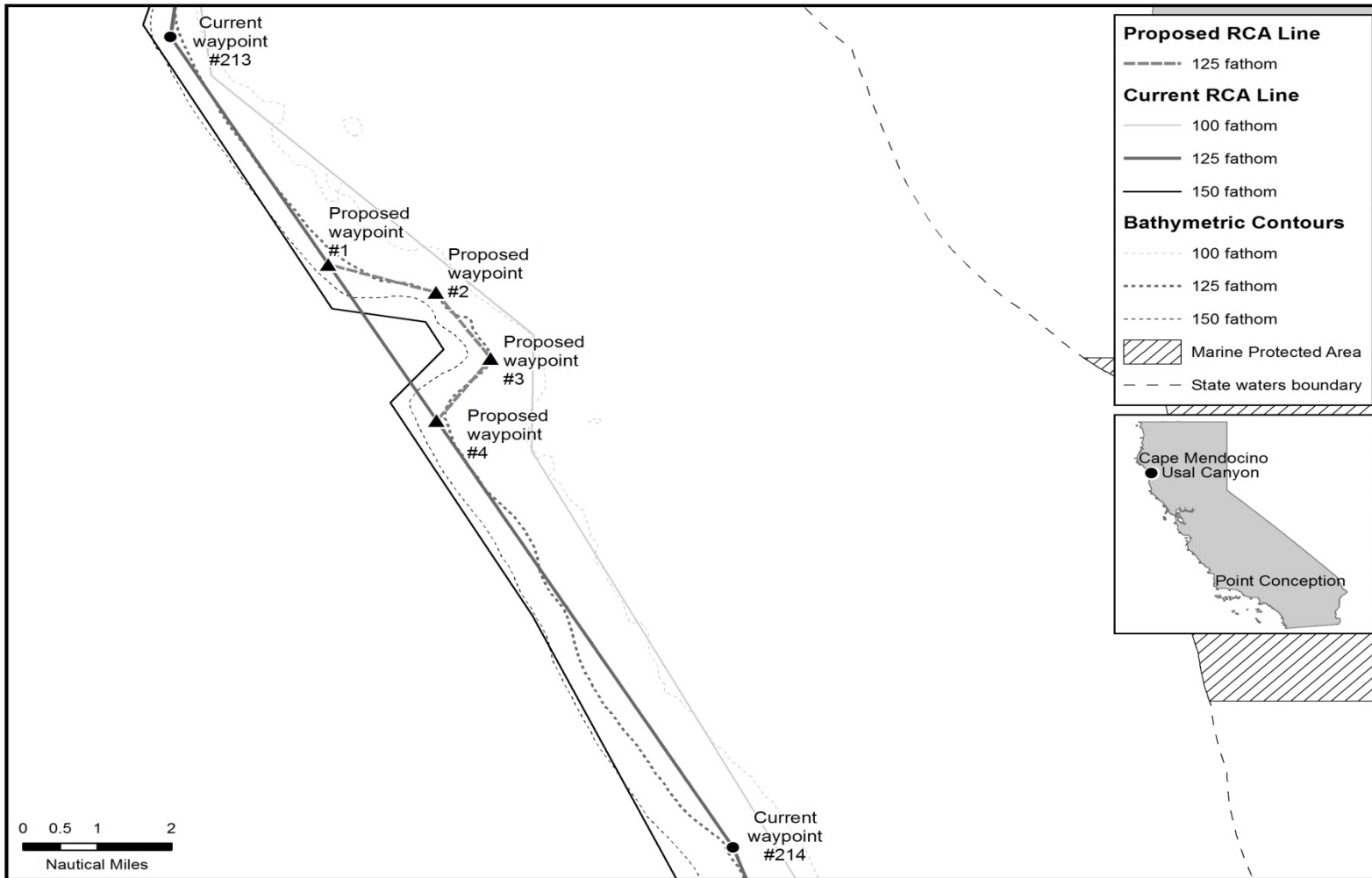


Figure 1. Proposed modification to 125 fm RCA line at Usal Canyon. The proposed change would increase the allowable fishing area by 4.52 km².

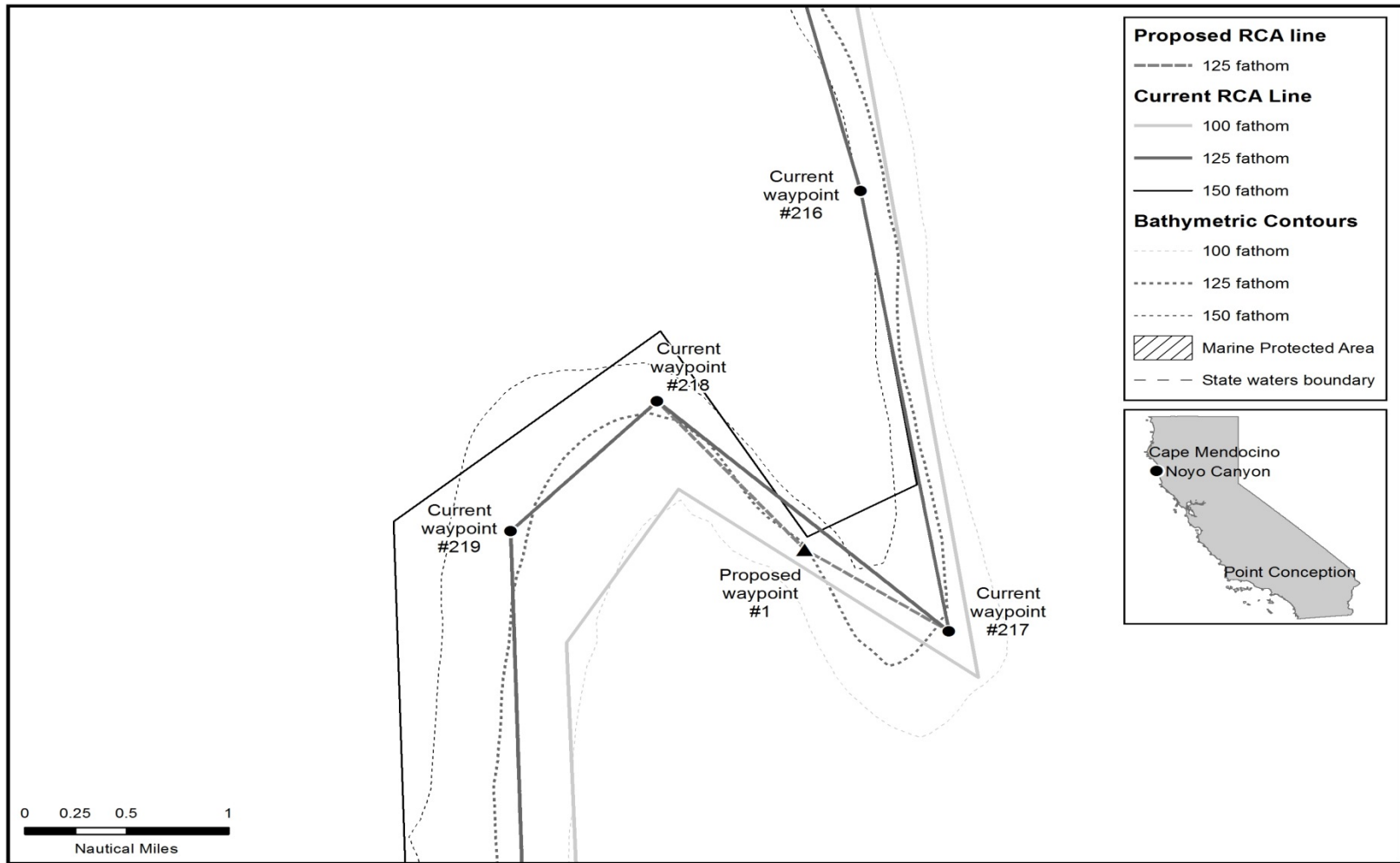


Figure 2. Proposed modification to 125 fm RCA line at Noyo Canyon. The proposed change would increase the allowable fishing area by 0.28 km².