

# F.2 Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Coral Research and Restoration Closures – Fishery Management Plan Amendment Final Action

## Council Action:

Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative and FMP Amendment

### **CDFW Motion:**

I move the Council adopt the following recommendations as the Final Preferred Alternative for Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary coral research and restoration closures, to be implemented as an amendment to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and regulations:

1. Create the following Groundfish Exclusion Area (GEA) closures to commercial groundfish bottom contact gears, for the purpose of deep-sea coral research and restoration, as described in F.2 Attachment 1:
  - A. Alternative 1 Option a: Año Nuevo Canyon (Shown in Figure 1, Coordinates defined in Table 1)
  - B. Alternative 1 Option b: Ascension Canyon (Shown in Figure 2, Coordinates defined in Table 2)
  - C. Alternative 2, Sur Ridge (Shown in Figure 3, Coordinates defined in Table 3)
2. Adopt the proposed FMP Amendment Language as shown in Agenda Item F.2 Attachment 2.

Moved by Marci Yaremko  
Seconded by Corey Ridings

**Amendment to the original motion:**

I move we strike 1A and B from the motion. Keeping Alternative 2, Sur Ridge as defined in the motion.

Moved by Bob Dooley

Seconded by Butch Smith

Amendment to the motion passes. 7 yes, 6 no (Mattes, Ridings, Yaremko, Niles, Gorelnik, Kent), Hassemer Abstained.

**Motion as Amended:**

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Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Corey Ridings

Amended by Bob Dooley / Butch Smith

Motion Passes, Corey Ridings voted no.