

## Conserving California's Coastal Treasures



Maps not to be used for navigation.



**California's marine protected areas (MPAs) conserve, restore, and improve the health of our ocean, similar to national parks and forests on land. The California MPA network includes MPAs and other protected areas. Each area is unique in its purpose and allowed uses.**

**Protected areas around Noyo Harbor are:**

- **Ten Mile and Point Cabrillo State Marine Reserves (SMR)**  
No take, damage, injury, or possession of any living, geologic, or cultural marine resource is allowed.
- **Ten Mile Beach, Ten Mile Estuary, Mackerricher, and Russian Gulch State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCA)**  
Some recreational and/or commercial take of marine resources may be allowed.

**MPAs – Good for the Ocean; Good for You!  
Know the Rules Before You Head Out.**

For Ocean Fishing Laws and Regulations go to: [www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/regulations](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/regulations)

For MPA boundaries, maps, coordinates, and allowed uses, go to: [www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/MPA](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/MPA)

**Noyo Harbor District:**  
(707) 964-4719

**Report Violations:**  
(888) 334-CalTIP, (888) 334-2258

MPA Mobile Website



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**Montara State Marine Reserve (SMR)**  
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**Pillar Point State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)**  
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### Marine Protected Areas Safeguard Our Ocean's Bounty

A statewide network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) safeguards California's rich coastal resources. Point Montara Lighthouse is the northern sentinel to Montara State Marine Reserve. The cliffsides and hidden beaches are teeming with life and harbor some of the most spectacular tidepools in California. The surrounding sea is a diverse and rich marine habitat that enjoys added protection from the Montara SMR and Pillar Point SMCA.



Point Montara Lighthouse



Gray Whale

**California leads the nation and the world with its network of MPAs.**

These MPAs—

- Have varying levels of protection
- Conserve marine habitats and diversity
- Allow marine life to thrive
- Make great places for education, research, and fun

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These tidepools are home to numerous species of seaweed, sea stars, anemones, crabs, nudibranchs, and a multitude of other creatures.



A striking number of colorful nudibranchs seek cover in these tidepools. Please, do not disturb them.



Watch for the large colony of harbor seals that live here, basking in the sun onshore and diving for food among the waves.



Common murres can benefit from MPAs, nesting on rocks and beaches and feeding in the protected waters offshore.

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