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# De Minimis Fishery *DRAFT* Proposal

Red Abalone FMP Project Team Webinar

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# Streamlined *De Minimis* Proposal

- Scope: Northern California Recreational Red Abalone Fishery
- Objectives:
  - Maximize fishing opportunities while ensure recovery and long-term productivity of the stock
  - Engage stakeholders in cost effective and reliable data collection
  - Optimize economic support to local communities

# Streamlined *De Minimis* Proposal

- This proposal has been developed based on ongoing discussions at previous Project Team meetings, as well as email submissions from Project Team members
- Proposal provides a framework for a *de minimis* fishery and outlines management tools available to inform FMP and implementing regulation development
- An attempt to narrow the scope of ideas based on areas of group consensus, where possible (shown in **red**)
- It is still in draft form and should not be considered final

# ***De Minimis* Proposal Structure**

- Season Length
- Daily Bag Limit
- Number of Permits
- Size Limit
- Management Area
- Data Collection Scheme
- Permit Allocation Scheme
- Special Conditions

# Season Length

- Year Round
- Condensed Season (July – October)

# Bag Limits/ Individual Take Limits

- 1 to 2 abalone per person per season (minimum)
- 3 abalone per person per season
- 5 abalone per person per season
- (To be determined based on final *de minimis* TAC)

# Size Limits

- Maintain at 7"
- Increase to 8"
- Increase to 9"
- Increase to 10"

# Management Zones

- Two Zones

- 1) Marin, Sonoma Counties
- 2) Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte Counties

- Three Zones

- 1) Marin, Sonoma Counties
- 2) Mendocino County
- 3) Humboldt, Del Norte Counties

- Four Zones

- 1) Marin and Southern Sonoma County
- 2) Northern Sonoma County
- 3) Southern Mendocino County
- 4) Northern Mendocino, Del Norte, Humboldt County

**Oregon Border**



**Zone #1**

**Mendocino/Sonoma  
County Line**

**Zone #2**

**Marin County Line**

Oregon Border



Humboldt/Mendocino  
County Line

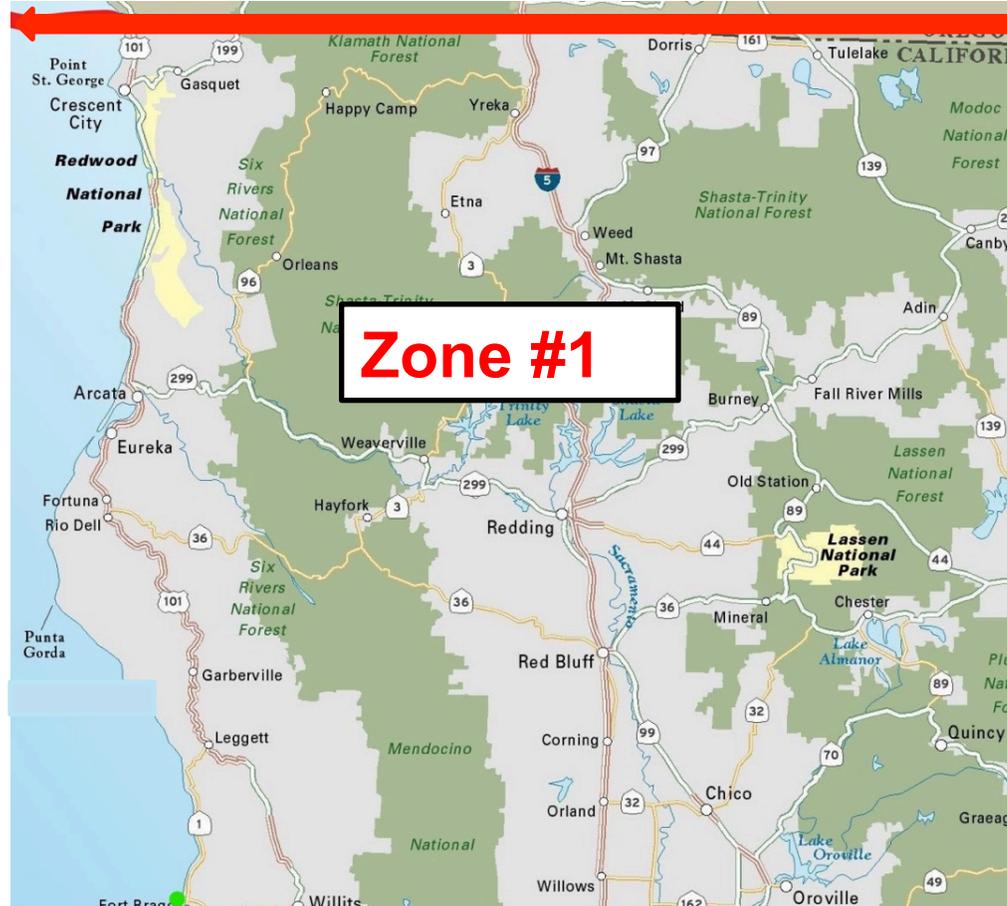


Mendocino/Sonoma  
County Line



Marin County Line

**Oregon Border**



**Zone #1**

**Cabrillo Lighthouse**



**Zone #2**

**Mendocino/Sonoma County Line**

**Southern Salt Point**



**Zone #3**

**Marin County Line**



**Zone #4**

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- 2) Mendocino County
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# Allocation: Options To Distribute Opportunities

- Allocation scheme needs to provide opportunities for all user groups – recreational fishermen, Tribes and Tribal Communities
- If allocations are made for specific user groups, should be based on an objective and fair basis (demand)

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- Random Draw
  - Everyone has equal chance every year (Wildlife Area Hunts)
- Preference Points
  - Those who have waited the longest get preference (Big Game Draw)
- Pay to Play
  - Those who are willing to pay more get preference (You name it)

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# Allocation: Streamlined Options

- **Preference Points**
  - Those who have waited the longest get preference (Big Game Draw)
  - Consideration of party tags (e.g., up to 6 individuals). If group gets drawn all members get a tag.
- **Consideration of subsistence fishing allocation by Commission**