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Possible Changes to Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Regulations For Zone 1 in the Northern Portion of MBNMS

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Zone 1 Pillar Point (Half Moon Bay)

(year-round) - accessed
through Pillar Point Harbor
(PPH) channel

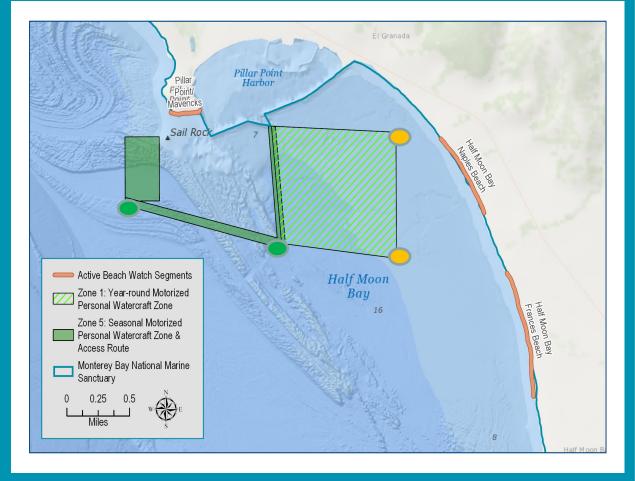
Beach Watch Monitoring



Beach Watch data was analyzed from 2 Beach Segments:

1) Francis Beach

2) Naples Beach



Beach Watch Monitoring



Beach Watch data collected since November 1, 2014

172 total survey days

TOTAL NUMBER OF MPWCS OBSERVED IN ZONE 1 = 1 MPWC

Frances Beach	No.Days
Sunday	14
Monday	6
Tuesday	1
Thursday	4
Friday	2
Saturday	61
Total No. Survey Days	88

Naples Beach	No. Days
Sunday	14
Monday	10
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	2
Thursday	4
Friday	8
Saturday	42
Total No. Survey Days	84

Total No. Survey Days (both beaches)

172

Regulatory Change Under Consideration



Possible Regulatory Changes to Zone 1:

Eliminate Zone 1 through the MBNMS Management Plan Review (MPR) process based on the following considerations:

1) Lack of MPWC use (Beach Watch data and stakeholder input)

- 2) Improved enforceability of Zone 5
- 3) Difficulty and cost of maintaining buoys

Actions to Date



GFNMS AC meeting (August 2018) ACTION ITEM:

GFNMS Advisory Council recommended the removal of Zone 1 through the Management Plan Review process

Issues Discussed at Oct 2018 MBNMS SAC Meeting



- Consensus That Zone 1 is Seldom Used
- Need for Additional Stakeholder Outreach
- Concerns About Removing Recreational Uses
- Support for Improved Enforcement of Zone 5
- Suggestions to Make Changes to Zone 1 Buoy Array (Remove or reconfigure them)

Additional Outreach



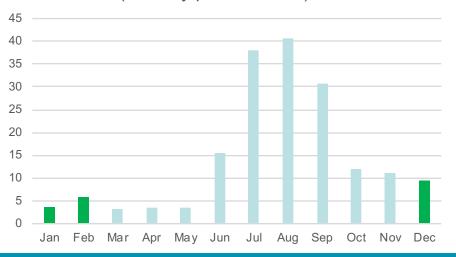
- MBNMS SAC members (MPWC subcommittee)
- Pillar Point Harbor Commission
- World Surf League
- Pillar Point Harbor District
- Local Foilboard Company

Beach Watch Monitoring at Mavericks (Zone 5)





Harbor Seal Observations (monthly per kilometer)

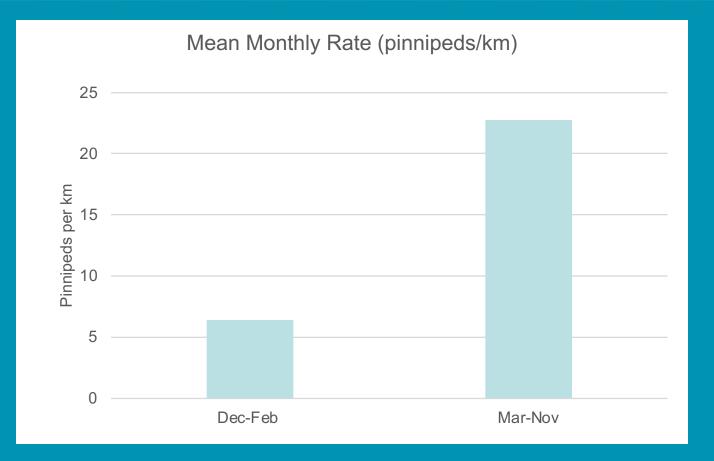


Harbor Seal Observations (seasonal)



Beach Watch Monitoring at Mavericks (Zone 5)





Includes Harbor Seals, CA Sea Lions, Stellar Sea Lions, and all unidentified pinnipeds)

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