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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

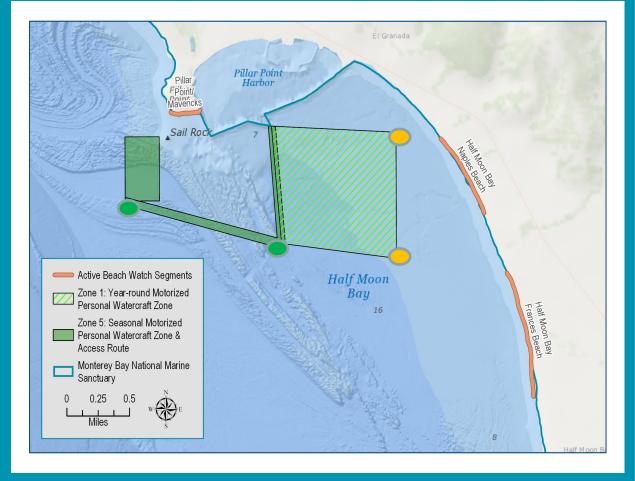
## **Beach Watch Monitoring**



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**



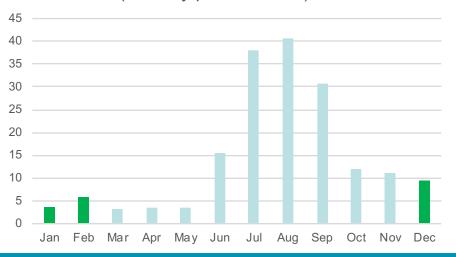
- MBNMS SAC members (MPWC subcommittee)
- Pillar Point Harbor Commission
- World Surf League
- Pillar Point Harbor District
- Local Foilboard Company

# Beach Watch Monitoring at Mavericks (Zone 5)





Harbor Seal Observations (monthly per kilometer)

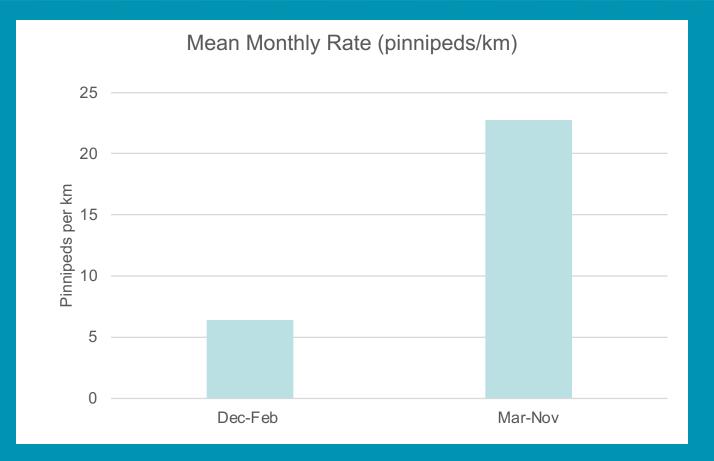


Harbor Seal Observations (seasonal)



# Beach Watch Monitoring at Mavericks (Zone 5)





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

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