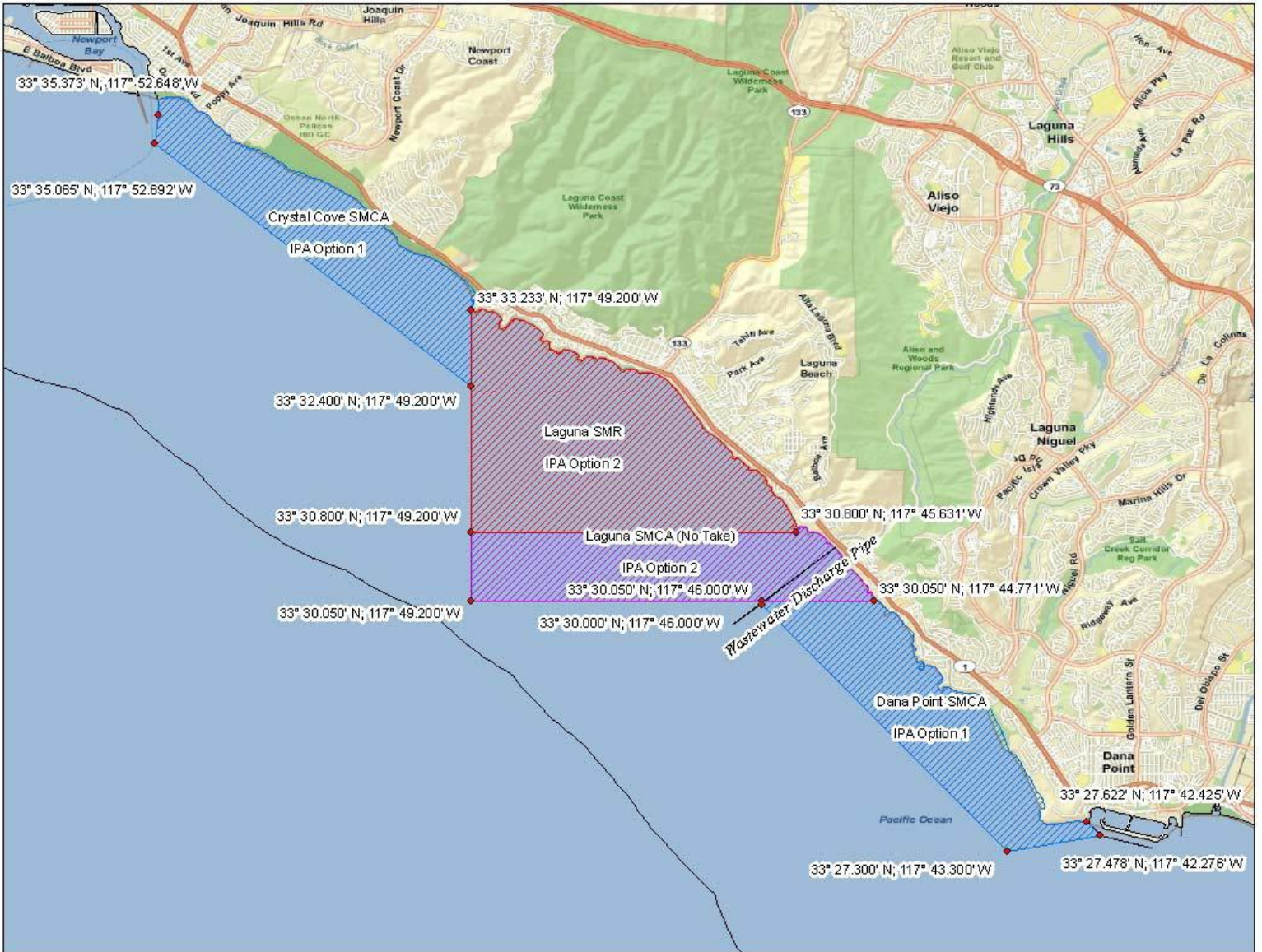




ORANGE COUNTY COASTKEEPER®

The Orange County MPA Cluster



Four Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) make up the Orange County MPA Cluster. These include the Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) the Laguna Reserve and the Dana Point SMCA. Together these MPAs provide critical protection to the marine resources of Orange County. The new regulations for each MPA are listed below.

Crystal Cove SMCA

This MPA was designed primarily to protect the tide pools and kelp habitat in Newport Beach.

The recreational take of finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and lobster and sea urchin is allowed.

The commercial take of coastal pelagic species [Section 1.39] by round haul net [Section 8750, Fish and Game Code], spiny lobster by trap, and sea urchin is allowed.

Take pursuant to activities authorized under subsection 632(b)(111)(C) is allowed.

Beach nourishment and other sediment management activities, and operation and maintenance of artificial structures inside the conservation area is allowed pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. For purposes of this section, tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.

Public Safety. Public safety activities, including installation, maintenance and/or seasonal placement and removal of safety-related artificial structures, including but not limited to lifeguard towers, are allowed within any MPA classification pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department

Laguna Beach State Marine Reserve

This MPA was designed to protect critical marine species and habitat in tide pools and off shore

Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.

Public Safety. Public safety activities, including installation, maintenance and/or seasonal placement and removal of safety-related artificial structures, including but not limited to lifeguard towers, are allowed within any MPA classification pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

Laguna Beach SMCA

This MPA was designed to protect critical marine species and habitat in tide pools and off shore while allowing the operation of the Aliso Creek Outfall

Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except take pursuant to activities authorized under subsection 632(b)(113)(D).

Operation and maintenance of artificial structures inside the conservation area is allowed pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

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Operation and maintenance of artificial structures and facilities, beach grooming, maintenance dredging, habitat restoration inside the conservation area is allowed pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

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Dana Point SMCA

This MPA was designed primarily to protect the tide pools and kelp habitat in South Laguna Beach and Northern Dana Point.

Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

Only the following species may be taken recreationally below the mean lower low tide line only: finfish [subsection 632(a)(2)] by hook and line or by spearfishing [Section 1.76], and lobster and sea urchin.

The commercial take of coastal pelagic species [subsection 1.39] by round haul net [Section 8750, Fish and Game Code], and spiny lobster and sea urchin only is allowed.

Take pursuant to activities authorized under subsection 632(b)(113)(C) is allowed.

Operation and maintenance of artificial structures and facilities, beach grooming, maintenance dredging, and habitat restoration inside the conservation area is allowed pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.

Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. For purposes of this section, tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.

Public Safety. Public safety activities, including installation, maintenance and/or seasonal placement and removal of safety-related artificial structures, including but not limited to lifeguard towers, are allowed within any MPA classification pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department

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