

A Guide to Catalina Island's Marine Protected Areas



About Marine Protected Areas

- Marine protected areas, or MPAs, are specially designated underwater areas that prohibit or limit the take of marine resources.
- MPAs are recognized tools for protecting and restoring marine life. MPAs foster diverse and healthy habitats, safeguarding the ocean's resources for economic, recreational, and environmental benefits now and into the future.

California's MPAs

- California was the first state in the U.S. to establish a statewide network of MPAs. There are now 124 ecologically connected MPAs statewide.
- Major revisions and additions to Southern California MPAs went into effect in state waters on January 1, 2012.
- The Southern California region of the MPA network consists of 50 MPAs, including the Channel Islands MPAs. The 50 MPAs in the region cover approximately 15% of Southern California state waters.

MPA Regulations

- Boats are allowed to anchor and transit through an MPA with catch on board, however, fishing gear may not be deployed when in marine reserves. See code 632(a)(7) and 632(a)(8) and 632(b).
- Unless otherwise stated all non-consumptive recreational activities such as swimming, wading, boating, diving, and surfing are allowed in MPAs.
- Visit the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife website for more information about MPA boundaries and regulations at: www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs

California Fishing Regulations

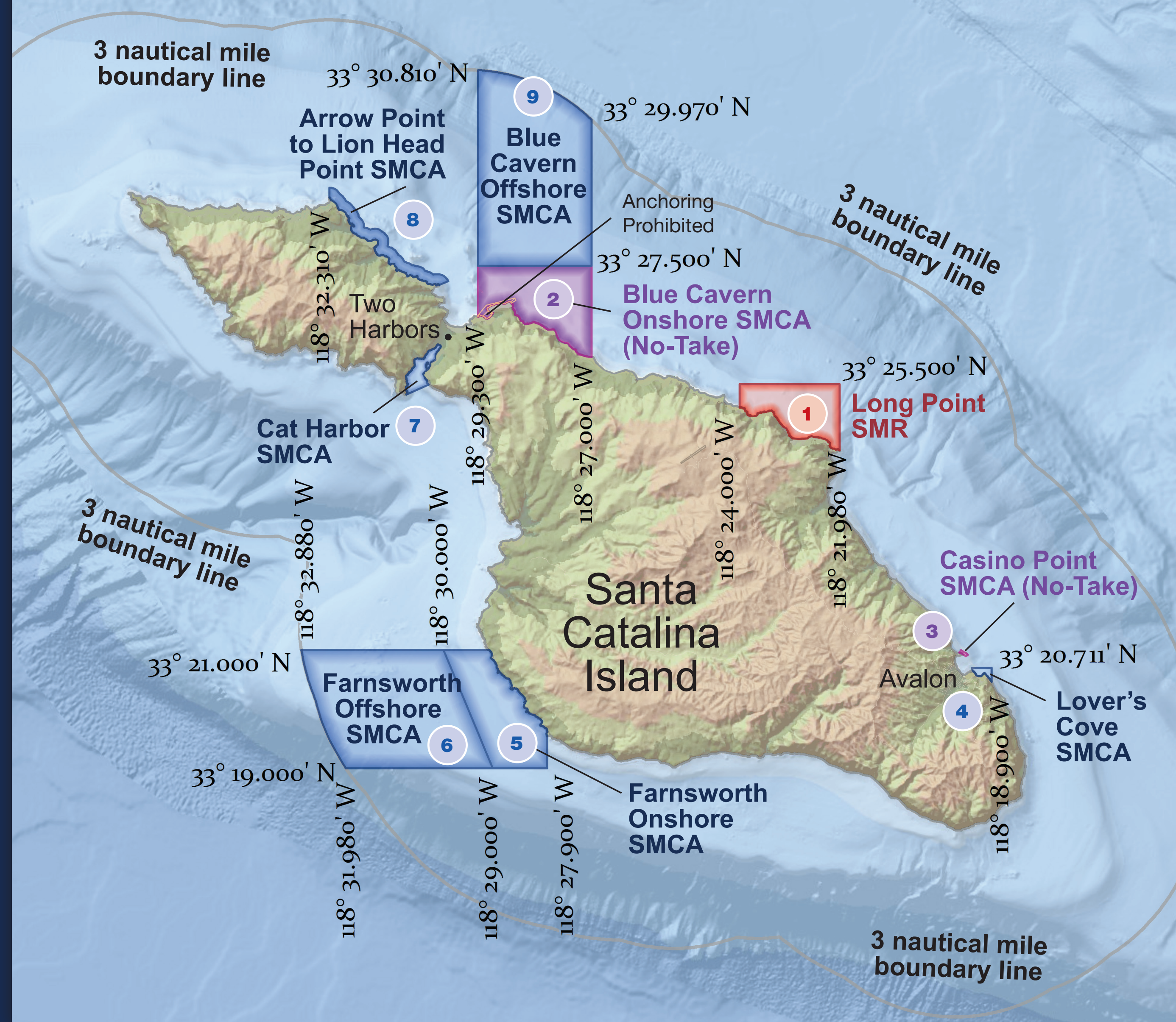
- A fishing license is required for all fishing and collecting, except for fishing from a public fishing pier in ocean waters. (Code 1.88) Fishing report cards for Sturgeon and Spiny Lobster are required to take either of these species from a public pier in ocean waters.
- "Take" means to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill fish, mollusks, or crustaceans, or attempting to do so.

For more information please go to www.mpacollaborative.org/catalina.html

Know the Rules Before You Head Out

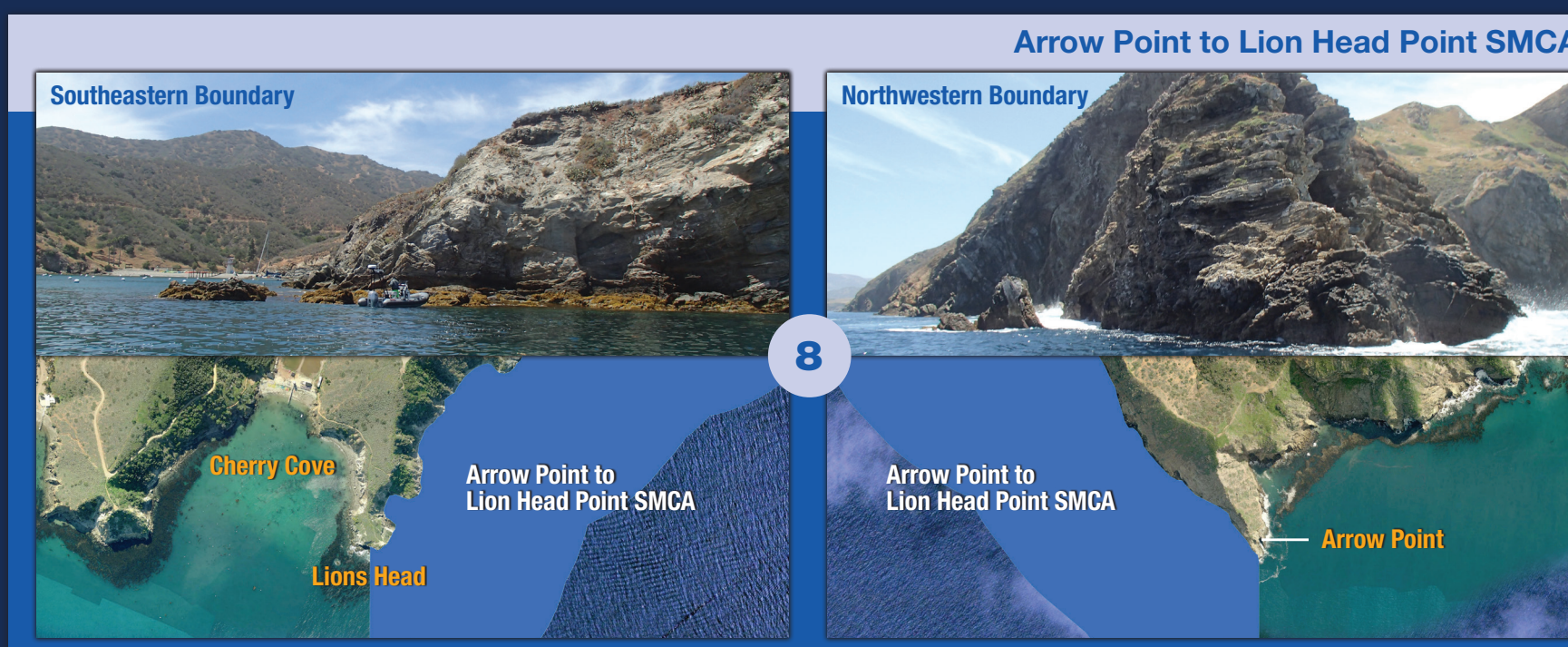
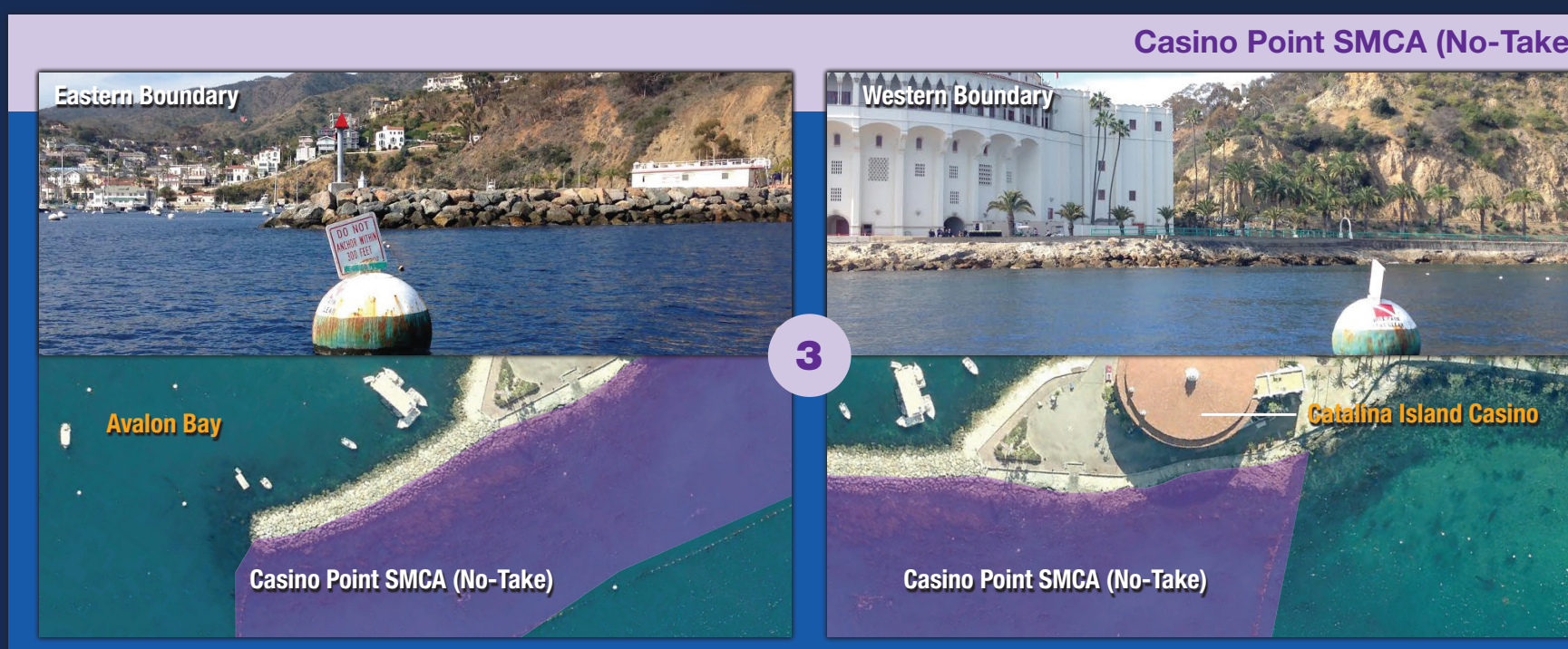


Map not to be used for navigation



Catalina's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

MPAs	PROHIBITED/PERMITTED USES
State Marine Reserve (SMR) Long Point State Marine Reserve	1 It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details.
No-Take State Marine Conservation Area (No-Take SMCA) Blue Cavern Onshore Casino Point	2 It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational and/or commercial purposes. Take incidental to certain permitted activities may be allowed. *There is a no anchorage zone in Blue Cavern Onshore SMCA, see map. Other restrictions may apply. See CCR T14 §632(b) for details. 3 Casino Point - Feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed
State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) Lover's Cove Farnsworth Onshore Farnsworth Offshore Cat Harbor Arrow Point to Lion Head Point Blue Cavern Offshore	4 It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational and/or commercial purposes. EXCEPT: 5 Lover's Cove - The recreational take by hook-and-line from the Cabrillo Mole and feeding of fish for marine life viewing is allowed. 6 Farnsworth Onshore - The recreational take of white seabass and pelagic finfish by spearfishing; marlin, tunas and dorado (Coryphaena hippurus) by trolling; and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed. The commercial take of swordfish by harpoon; and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat is allowed. 7 Cat Harbor - The recreational take of finfish by hook-and-line or by spearfishing, market squid by hook-and-line, and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed. The commercial take of sea cucumbers by diving only, and spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed. 8 Arrow Point to Lion Head Point - All recreational take is allowed in accordance with current regulations, except the recreational take of invertebrates is prohibited. All commercial take is allowed in accordance with current regulations. 9 Farnsworth Offshore - The recreational take of pelagic finfish by hook-and-line or by spearfishing; white seabass by spearfishing; marlin, tunas and dorado (Coryphaena hippurus) by trolling; and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed. The commercial take of swordfish by harpoon; and coastal pelagic species by round haul net, brail gear, and light boat is allowed.
Regulations This document is provided as a courtesy and does not replace the official laws and regulations found in the California Fish and Game Code or the California Code of Regulations Section 632, Title 14.	



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California Department of Fish and Wildlife:
www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs

Catalina Island Conservancy:
(310) 510-0954 catalinaconservancy.org

LA County Sheriff's Department Avalon:
(310) 510-0174

Radio Channels:
West End 9, East End 12, US Coast Guard 16

Report Injured Marine Mammals & Seabirds:
(310) 650-5830

Report Oil Spills:
800-852-7550

Report Poaching & Polluting:
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