

Bolsa Chica Basin No Take SMCA

Site description

Name: **Bolsa Chica Basin State Marine Conservation Area**
Incorporating: *Bolsa Chica State Marine Park, Bolsa Chica Wetlands*
Type: State Marine Protected Area Type C-NT: No-Take Conservation Area
Local Area Manager: California Department of Fish and Game
Partners: Bolsa Chica Conservancy, Bolsa Land Trust, Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Site Restrictions

Commercial Fishing: None

Recreational Fishing:

Take of all living marine resources is prohibited

Other Regulated Uses:

Allows routine operation and maintenance, habitat restoration, maintenance dredging, research and education, and maintenance of artificial structures pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, activities pursuant to Section 630, Title 14, CCR, or as otherwise authorized by the Department. Boating, swimming, wading, and diving prohibited; access restrictions also exist, and access is prohibited between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00a.m.

Site delineation

Boundaries: This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within the Bolsa Chica Basin estuary northeastward of the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge, approximated by a straight line between the following two points:

33° 41.02' N. lat.	118° 02.15' W. long.
33° 40.98' N. lat.	118° 02.11' W. long.

and southeastward of a straight line between the following two points:

33° 42.22' N. lat.	118° 03.17' W. long.
33° 42.19' N. lat.	118° 03.18' W. long.

Approximate Area: 0.66 mi²

Approximate Shoreline length: 2.69 mi

Approximate Depth range (feet): not available

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Boundary Access Streets/Markers:

North End: Pedestrian Bridge
South End: Pacific Coast Highway Bridge

Northern Boundary



Southern Boundary



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Northern Boundary

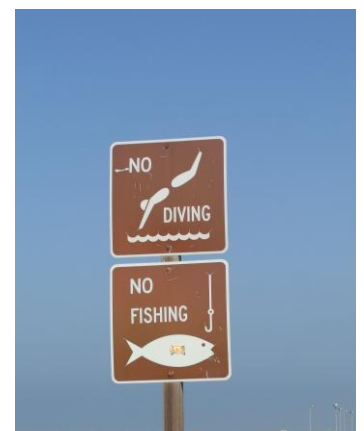


Pedestrian access only off of PCH. Splits Bolsa Bay SMCA and Bolsa Chica Basin No Take SMCA.

Southern Boundary



Bridge at PCH and tidal outflow. Access point through Bolsa Chica State Park or by foot on pedestrian trail. Photo taken from pedestrian trail, looking across to Bolsa Chica State Park.



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Access Points



Main Access is from parking lot across from Bolsa Chica State Park entrance off of PCH (middle of SMCA). Pedestrian access is also available from Northern Boundary (shown on previous page) off of PCH.



Looking west back across pedestrian bridge to main access/parking lot.