

West Coast Marine Managed Areas: Trends in Place-Based Ocean Management

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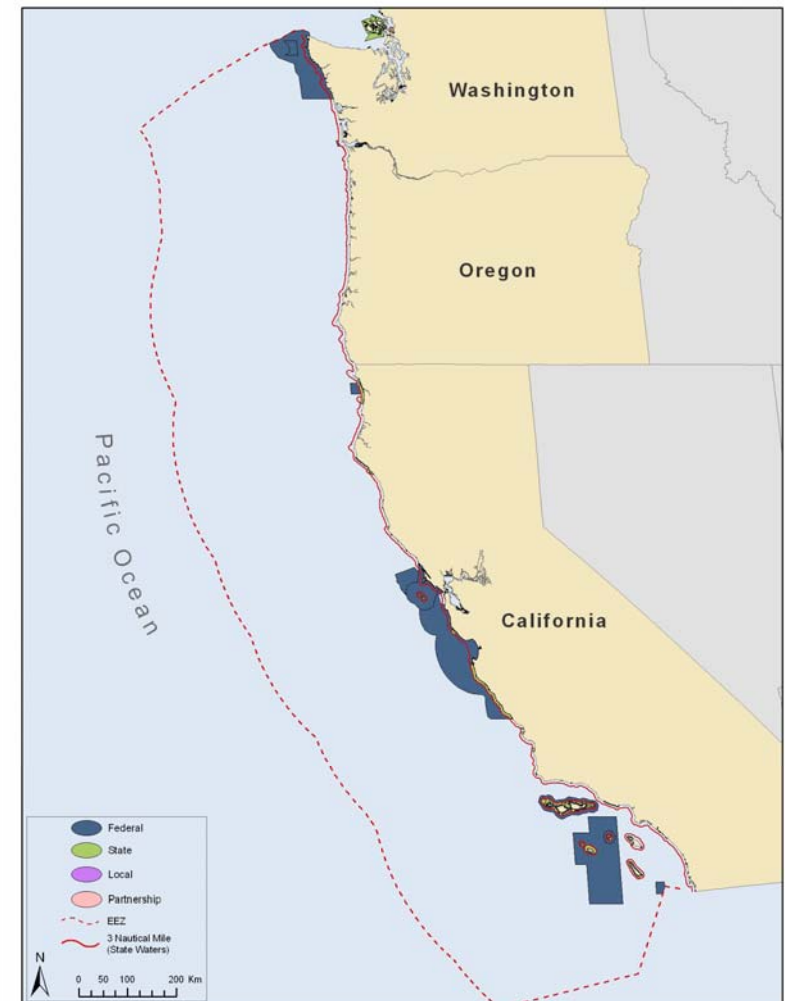


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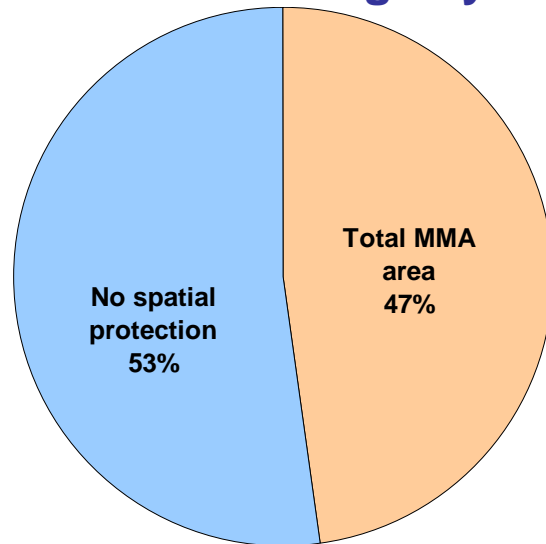
Regional Trends in MMA Use

- **269 MMAs off West Coast**
 - CA, WA, OR
- **Combination of federal, state and local sites**
- **Many MMAs span state and federal waters**
- **Recent addition of EFH Sites radically changes the marine landscape of spatial protection**
- **Most established after 1970's with another big increase in 2000's**

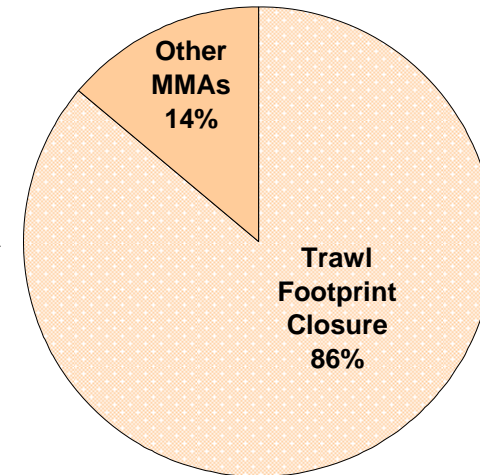


Area of West Coast Waters Covered by MMAs

Overall Coverage by MMAs



Contribution of EFH to MMAs

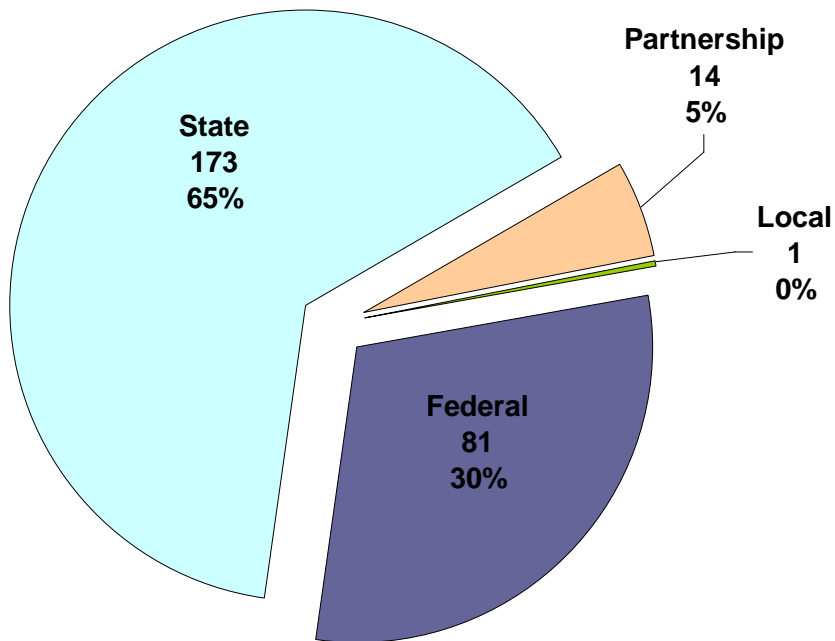


- Dominated by a single EFH site; EFH designation occurred in 2006 – 52 individual sites
- 47% of west coast waters are covered by some sort of MMAs
- Recent designation of federal EFH areas dramatically increased MMA coverage from 2 % - 47 % of West Coast waters

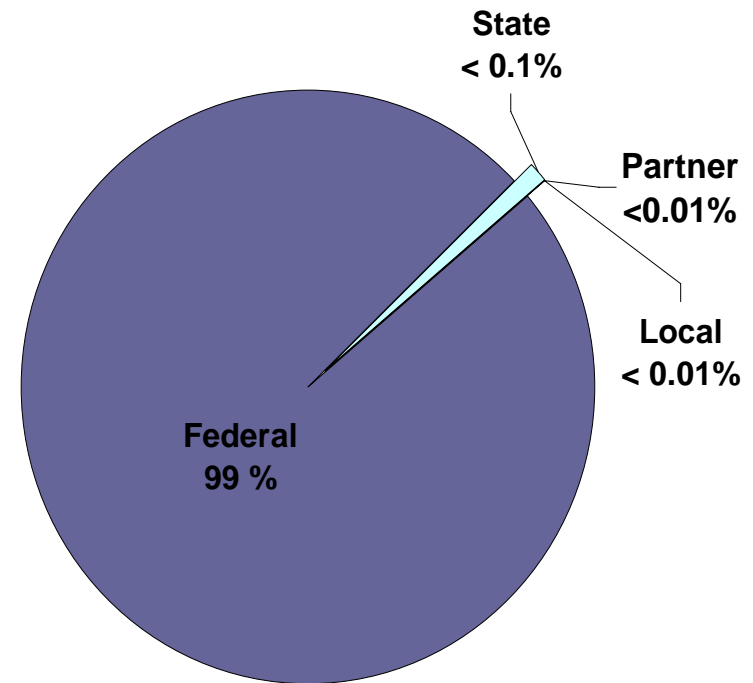
Who Manages West Coast MMAs?

Number versus Area

Number of MMAs

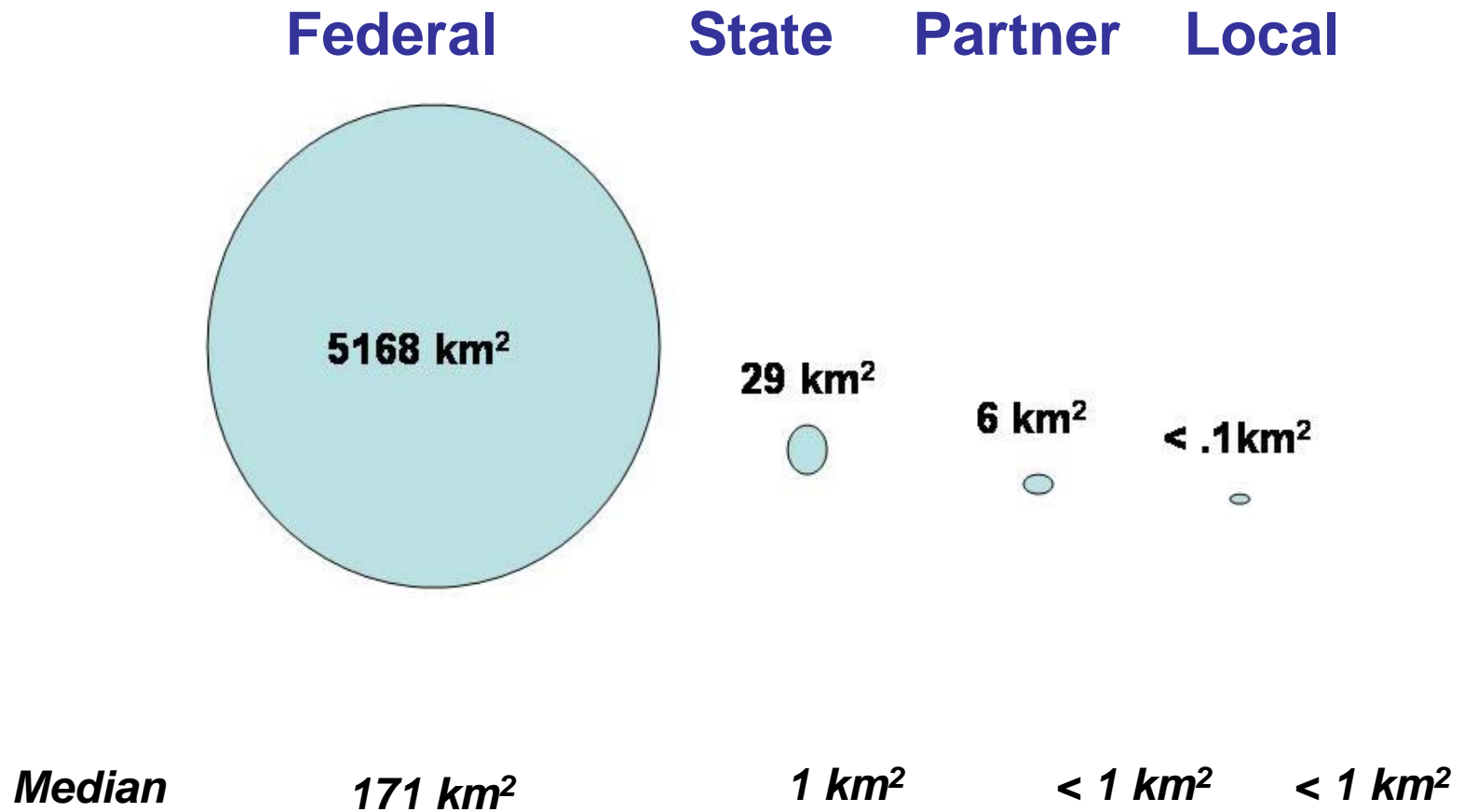


Area of MMAs



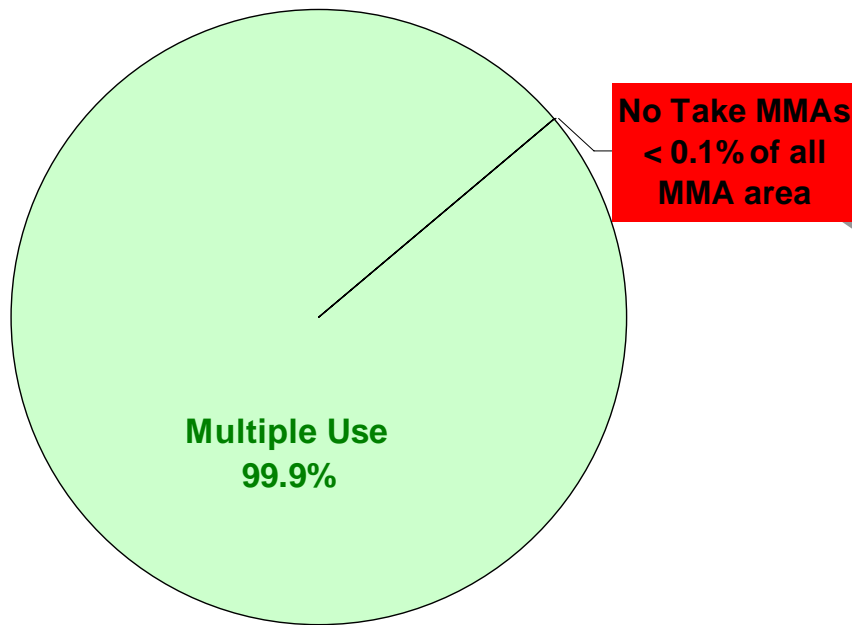
- Twice as many state MMAs as federal MMAs
- Federal MMAs cover vastly more area than state or other MMAs

Differences in MMA Size Among Governments

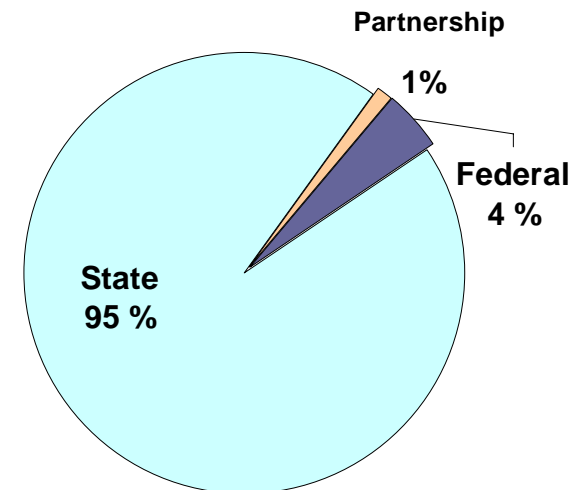


Level of Protection in West Coast MMAs *by area*

Overall Patterns Among All MMAs

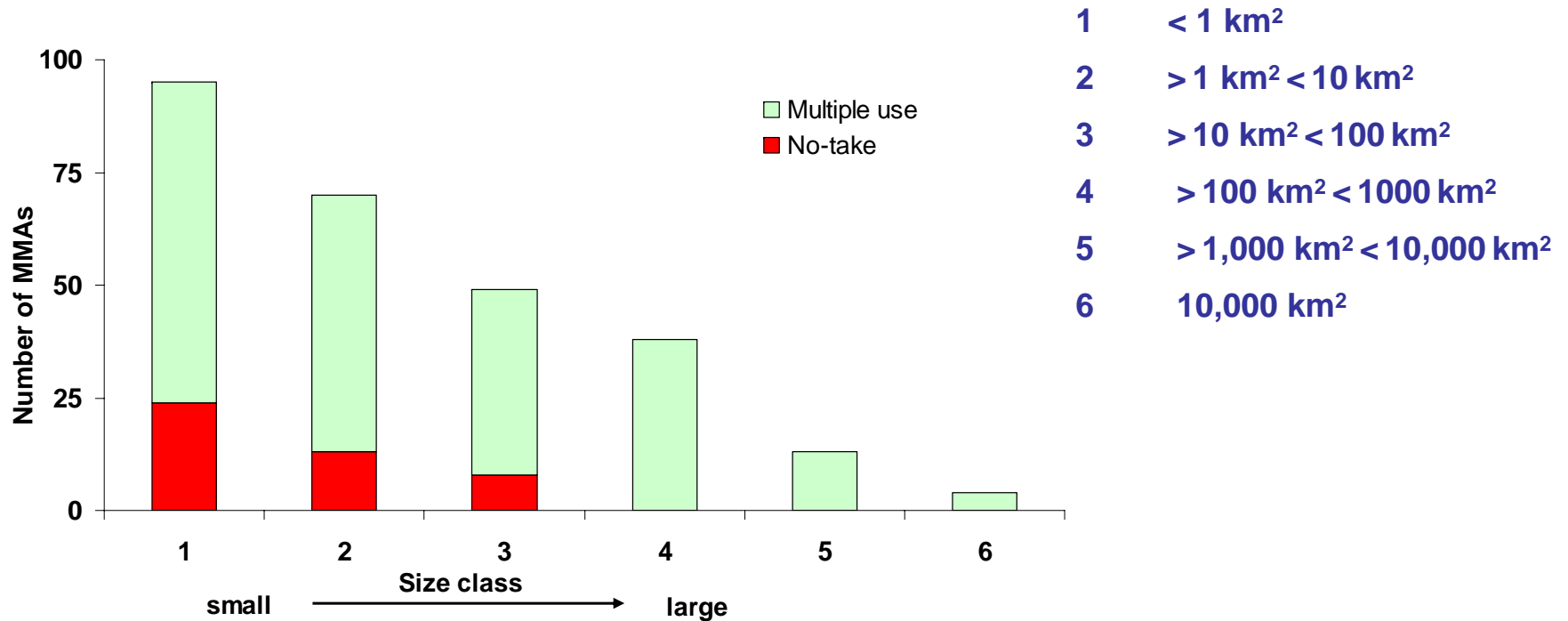


Who Manages No-Take MMAs?



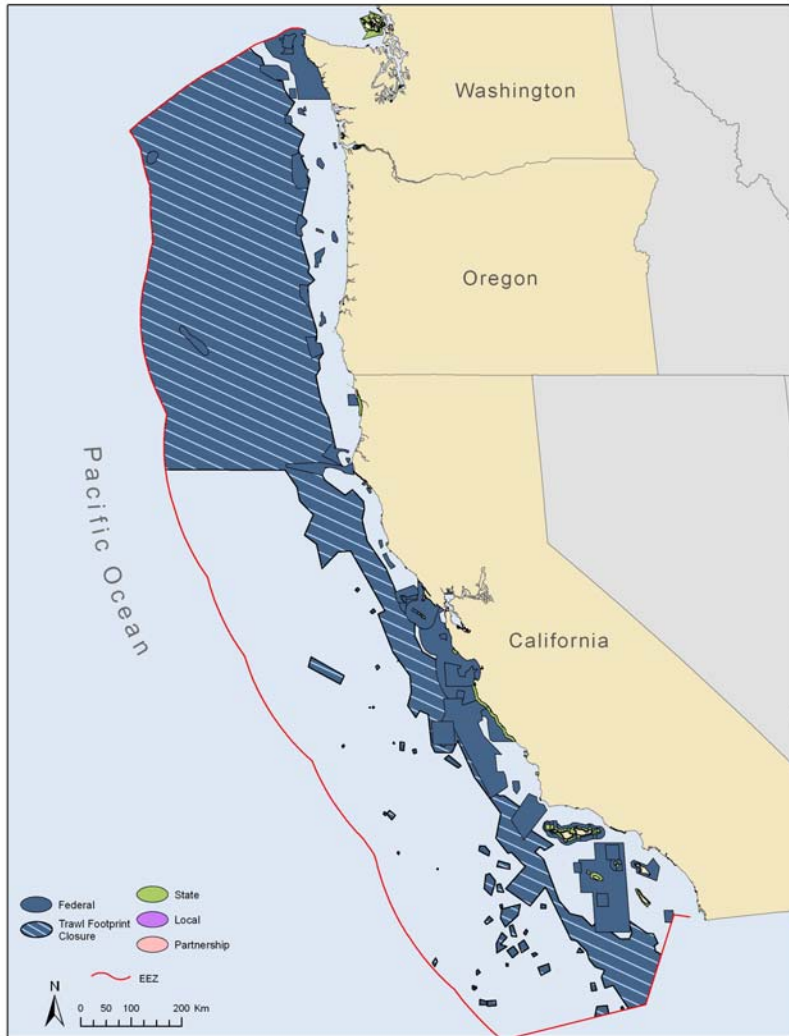
- Less than 0.1% of West Coast waters are in No Take MMAs

Size of No-Take vs. Multiple Use MMAs



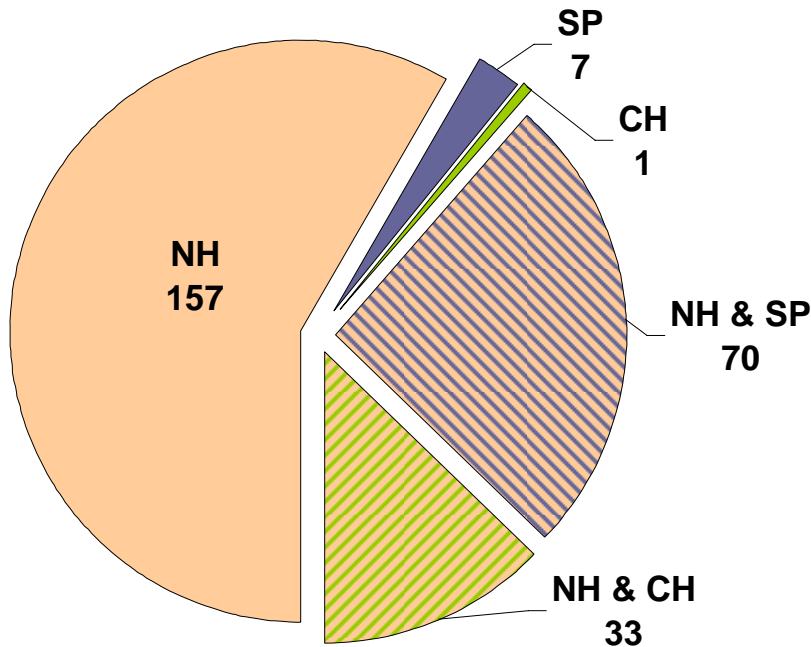
- Most MMAs are small
- No-take MMAs are small
- No large no-take MMAs

Area Covered By No Take MMAs on the West Coast

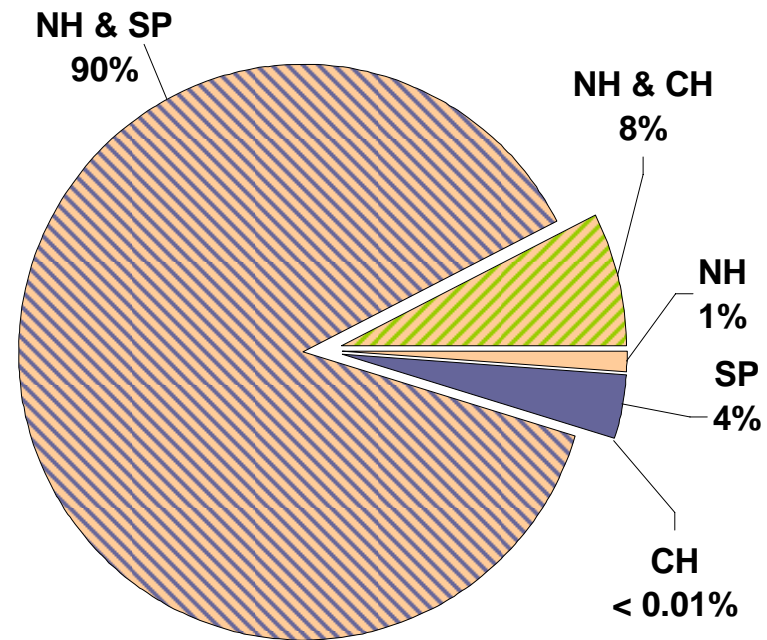


Conservation Focus: What do West Coast MMAs Protect?

Number of MMAs



Percentage of MMA Area



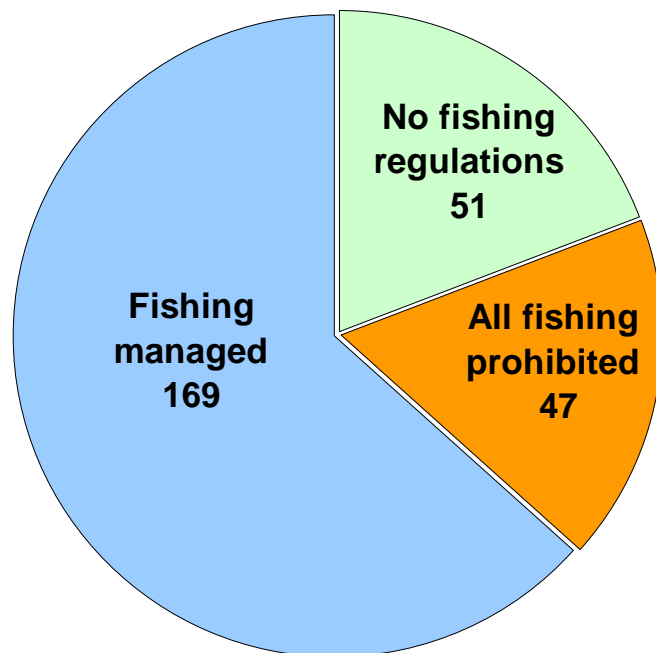
What Do MMAs Protect?

SP = Sustainable production
CH = Cultural Heritage
NH = Natural Heritage

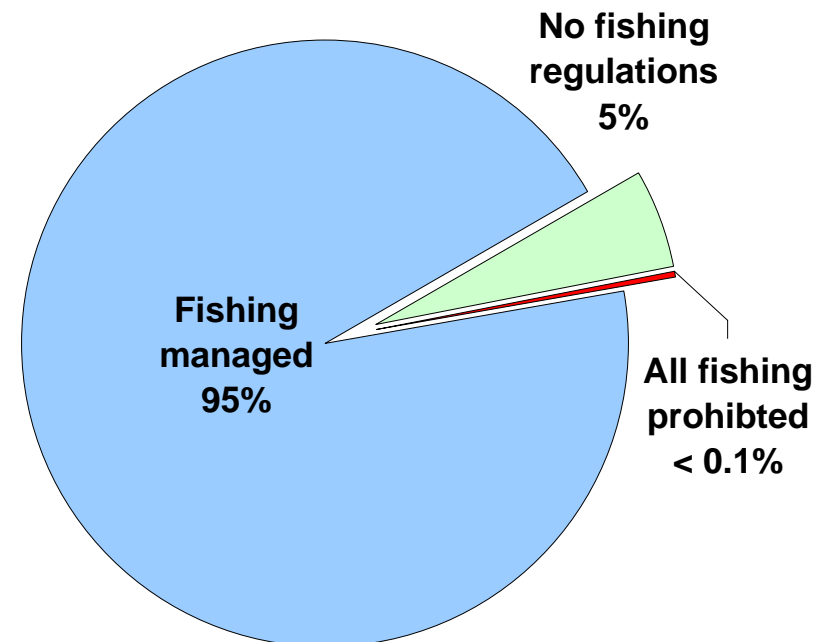
- Many MMAs have >1 conservation focus
- Natural heritage is most common focus
- Dual NH/SP MMAs cover the majority of waters in MMAs

Fishing Regulations in West Coast MMAs

Number of MMAs



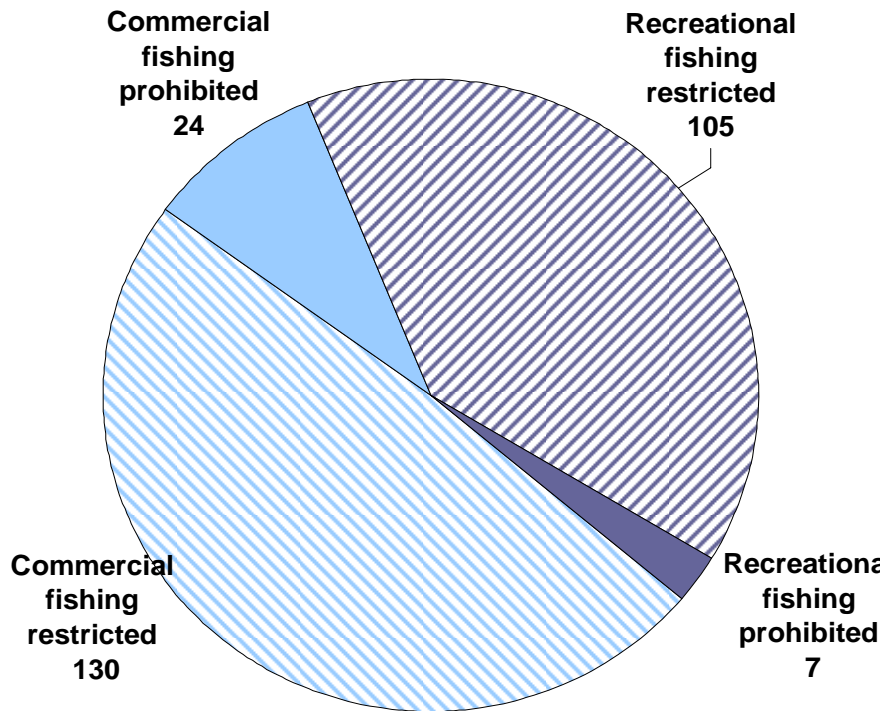
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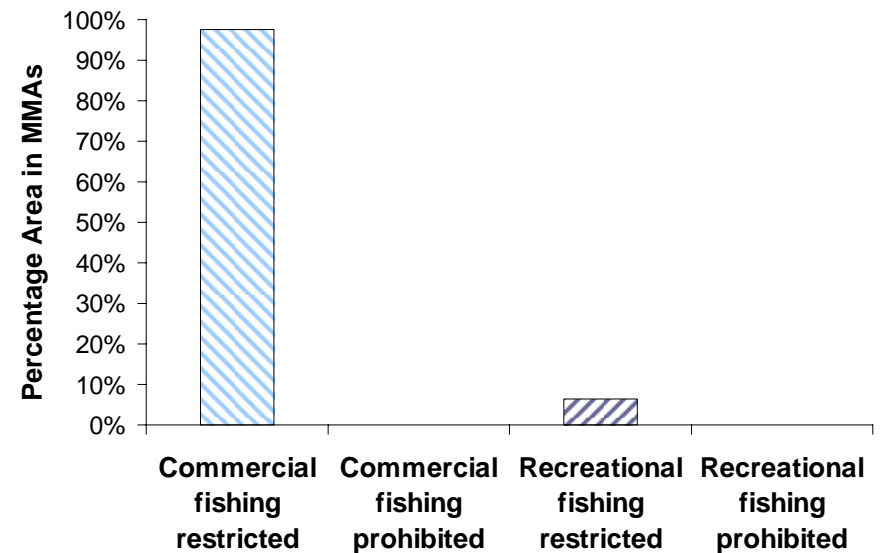
- Fishing is managed in most MMAs
- All fishing is prohibited in a very small fraction of MMA area

Commercial and Recreational Fishing

Number of MMAs



Percentage of MMA Area



- **MMAs regulate commercial fishing more than recreational fishing**
- **Commercial fishing is typically restricted (e.g., gear restrictions), but rarely prohibited**

West Coast MMAs: *Types Of Protection*

- **Permanence of Protection (*permanent vs. conditional vs. temporary*)**
 - 100% (269) of West Coast MMAs are permanently protected
- **Constancy of Protection (*year round vs. seasonal*)**
 - 99% (265) provide year-round protection
- **Ecological Scale of Protection (*ecosystem vs. focal resources*)**
 - 44% of MMA area targets focal resources (e.g. fish stocks)

West Coast MMAs in summary

- **Almost half of the West Coast waters in MMAs;
BUT.....**
- **Overwhelmingly majority (99.9 %) are multiple use; < 0.01 no –take**
- **Federal MMAs are typically large and multiple use**
- **State MMAs are typically small**
- **No-take MMAs are primarily state sites**
- **Largest MMAs are Federal with dual conservation focus-
–Sustainable Production and Natural Heritage**
- **Patterns confirm some, and refute other, widely held perceptions
about how MMAs are used regionally.**

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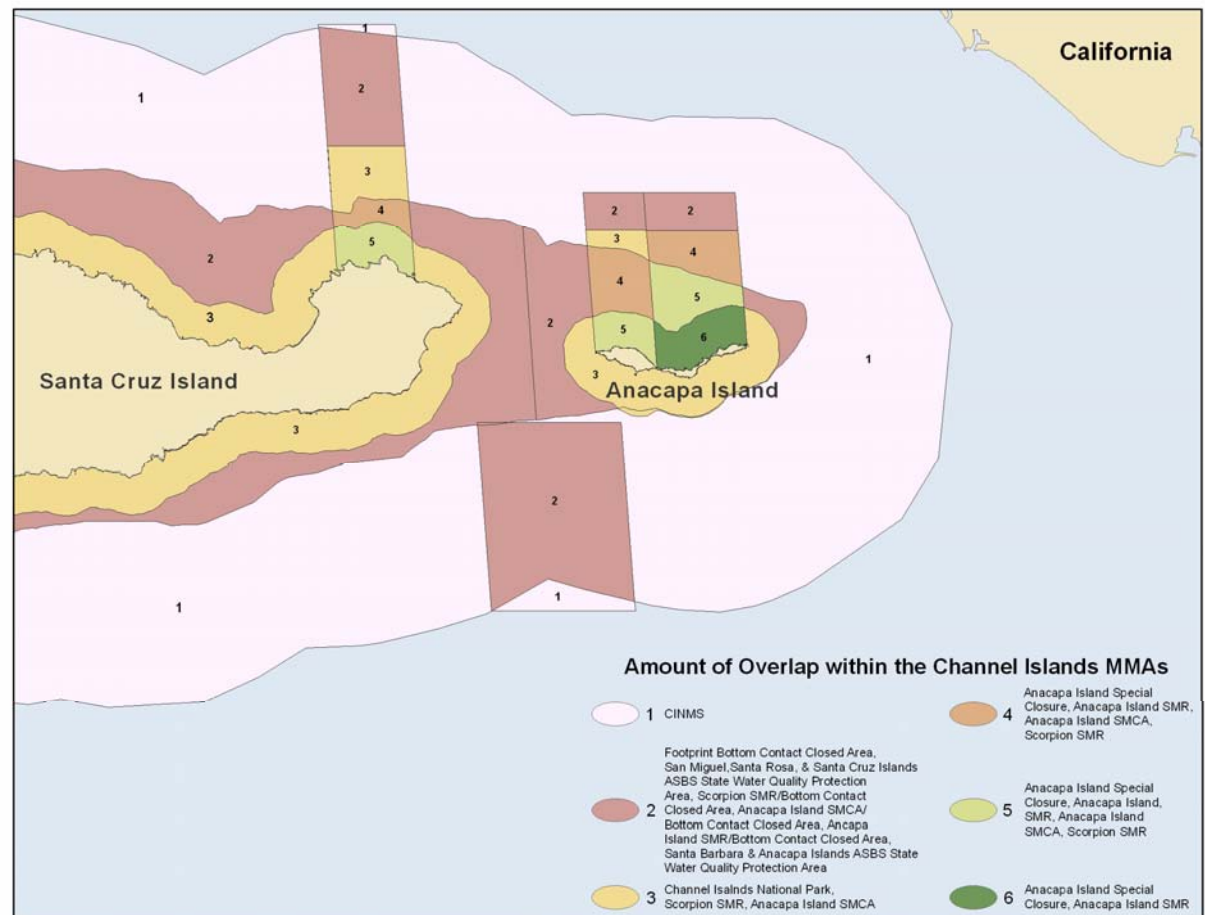
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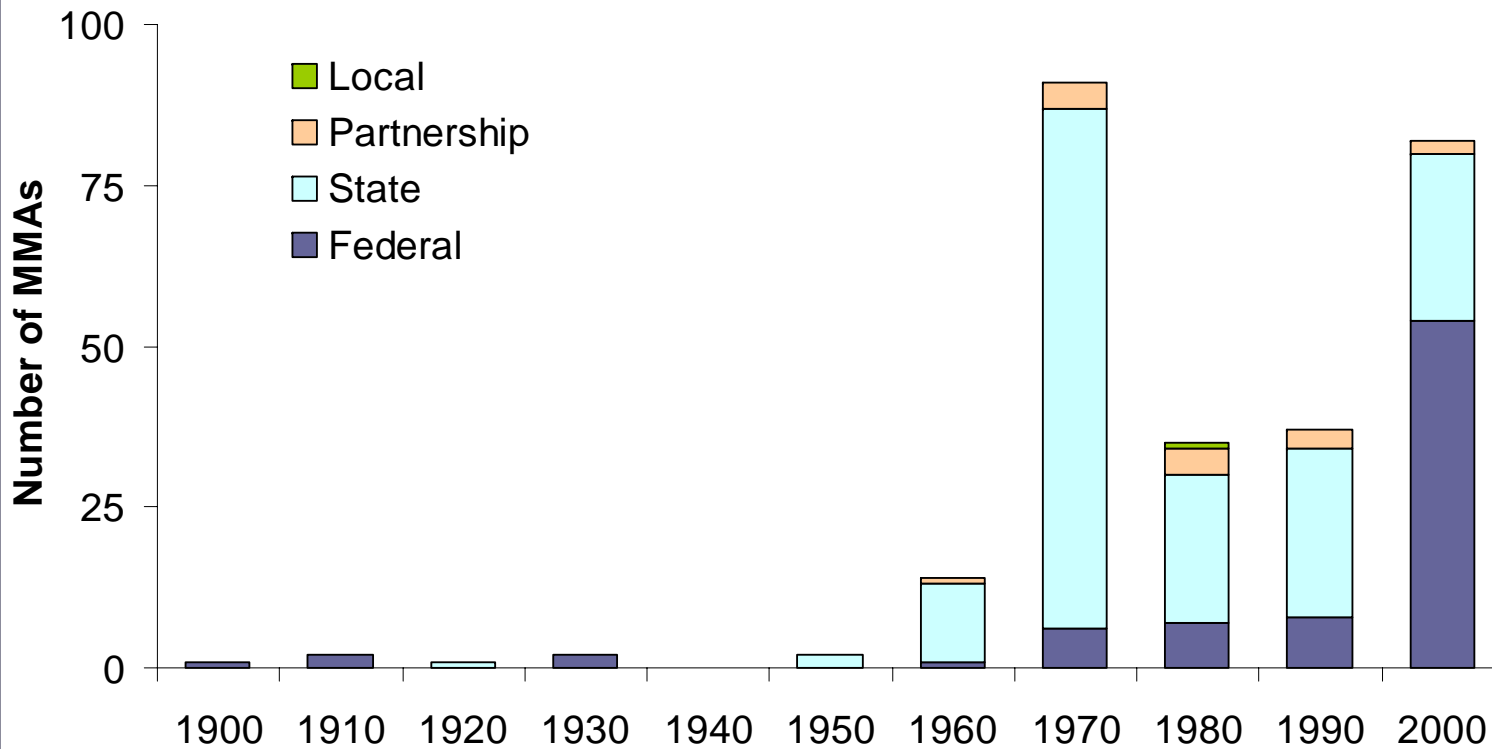
West Coast MMAs: Overlapping Boundaries

Layers of Protection?

- Overlapping MMA boundaries are common
- Some areas contain up to 6 layered sites
- Overlapping MMAs account for 33K km²
- 8% of all WC MMA waters has > 1 site
- Some jurisdictional overlays add little new protection



When Were West Coast MMAs Created?



- Majority established after 1960, Big increase in 1970's and another in 2000's
- Relative number of federal vs. state MMAs is growing over time