

Regulatory Changes at **Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary**

- In Tomales Bay, seven no-anchoring zones have been established to protect sensitive seagrass beds that provide critical habitat for many of the sanctuary's diverse species.
- White sharks receive expanded protections in the Gulf of the Farallones sanctuary, including a prohibition on attracting the sharks anywhere in the sanctuary or approaching closer than 50 meters of a white shark within two nautical miles of the Farallon Islands.
- Harmful discharges from cruise ships and other large vessels are prohibited to protect the sanctuary's water quality.
- Discharges beyond the boundaries of the sanctuaries that enter and damage the sanctuary's resources are also prohibited.
- Abandonment of vessels in the sanctuary is prohibited to protect wildlife and habitat.
- Introducing or otherwise releasing a non-native species from within or into federal waters of the sanctuary is prohibited. (NOAA will be proposing further amendments to this regulation to address concerns raised by the State of California.)
- Disturbing or "taking" sensitive wildlife like marine mammals, seabirds and sea turtles is prohibited.

Regulatory Changes at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

- Harmful discharges from cruise ships and other large vessels are prohibited to protect the sanctuary's water quality.
- Discharges beyond the boundaries of the sanctuaries that enter and damage the sanctuary's resources are also prohibited.
- Activities that impact the seafloor are limited or prohibited in the sanctuary to protect habitat.
- Introducing or otherwise releasing a non-native species from within or into the sanctuary is prohibited.
- Disturbing or "taking" sensitive wildlife like marine mammals, seabirds and sea turtles is prohibited.

Regulatory Changes at Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

- Addition of the Davidson Seamount (a 775-square-mile area) to the sanctuary, ensuring the protection of this pristine undersea mountain habitat.
- Use of motorized personal watercraft is limited to designated areas of the sanctuary.
- Addition of a conditional wintertime zone for recreational tow-in surfing at the famous "Maverick's" surf break.
- Additional protection of water quality by prohibiting harmful discharges from cruise ships and strengthening requirements for other maritime discharges in the sanctuary.
- Abandonment of vessels in the sanctuary is prohibited to protect wildlife and habitat.
- Disturbing or "taking" sensitive wildlife like marine mammals, seabirds and sea turtles is prohibited.
- Protections for white sharks are extended to federal waters of the sanctuary.
- Introducing or otherwise releasing a non-native species from within or into federal waters of the sanctuary is prohibited. (This regulation, originally proposed to apply throughout

the sanctuary, will only apply in federal waters due to concerns raised by the State of California.)

Regulatory Changes at Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

- Harmful discharges from cruise ships and other large vessels are prohibited to protect the sanctuary's water quality.
- Discharges beyond the boundaries of the sanctuary that enter and damage the sanctuary's resources are also prohibited.
- Improved habitat protection in the sanctuary is provided by restricting activities that impact the seafloor, including abandoned materials, and limiting large vessels from approaching within one nautical mile of island shores.
- Introducing or otherwise releasing a non-native species from within or into the sanctuary is prohibited.
- Disturbing or "taking" sensitive wildlife like marine mammals, seabirds and sea turtles is prohibited.