

Marine Protected Area (MPA) Watch Regional Report

Del Norte County

January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

Map of Region's MPAs



MPA Watch is a statewide collaborative effort to collect critical human use data to enhance the management and conservation of California's marine protected areas (MPAs). MPA Watch collects data inside and outside of MPAs along California's coast and data is compiled in a statewide database that allows us insight on how human uses change over time. MPA Watch trains volunteers to observe and collect unbiased data on coastal and marine resource use through standardized survey techniques. By involving local communities in this important work, MPA Watch programs inspire and empower stewardship, educate California communities about ocean ecosystems, and increase awareness of marine conservation.

Executive Summary

- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation staff continues to monitor two sites within Tr'uu-luu-k'wvt MPA, educating potential violators as safe and appropriate.
- Staff has seen a steady decline in violations
- We had 2 returning stewards and 4 new summer interns helping collect data this year.



HUMAN USE OF MPAS, January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

OVERVIEW



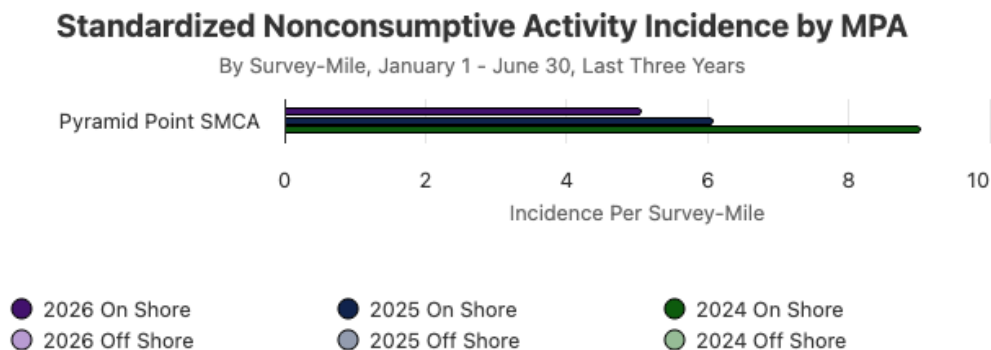
Caption: Map of MPAs in the region colored by activities per survey-mile for 2026. Pyramid Point SMCA, 5.1;



CONSUMPTIVE VS. NON-CONSUMPTIVE ACTIVITY BY MPA, THREE YEAR COMPARISON



Caption: Standardized Consumptive Activity Incidence by MPA, By Survey-Mile, January 1 - June 30, Last Three Years.



Caption: Standardized Nonconsumptive Activity Incidence by MPA, By Survey-Mile, January 1 - June 30, Last Three Years.

ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATIONS

On-Shore - Activities that take place on a sandy or rocky beach. Excludes bluffs, trails, sea walls, parking lots, or other man-made structures. Includes recreation, tidepooling, shore-based fishing, etc.

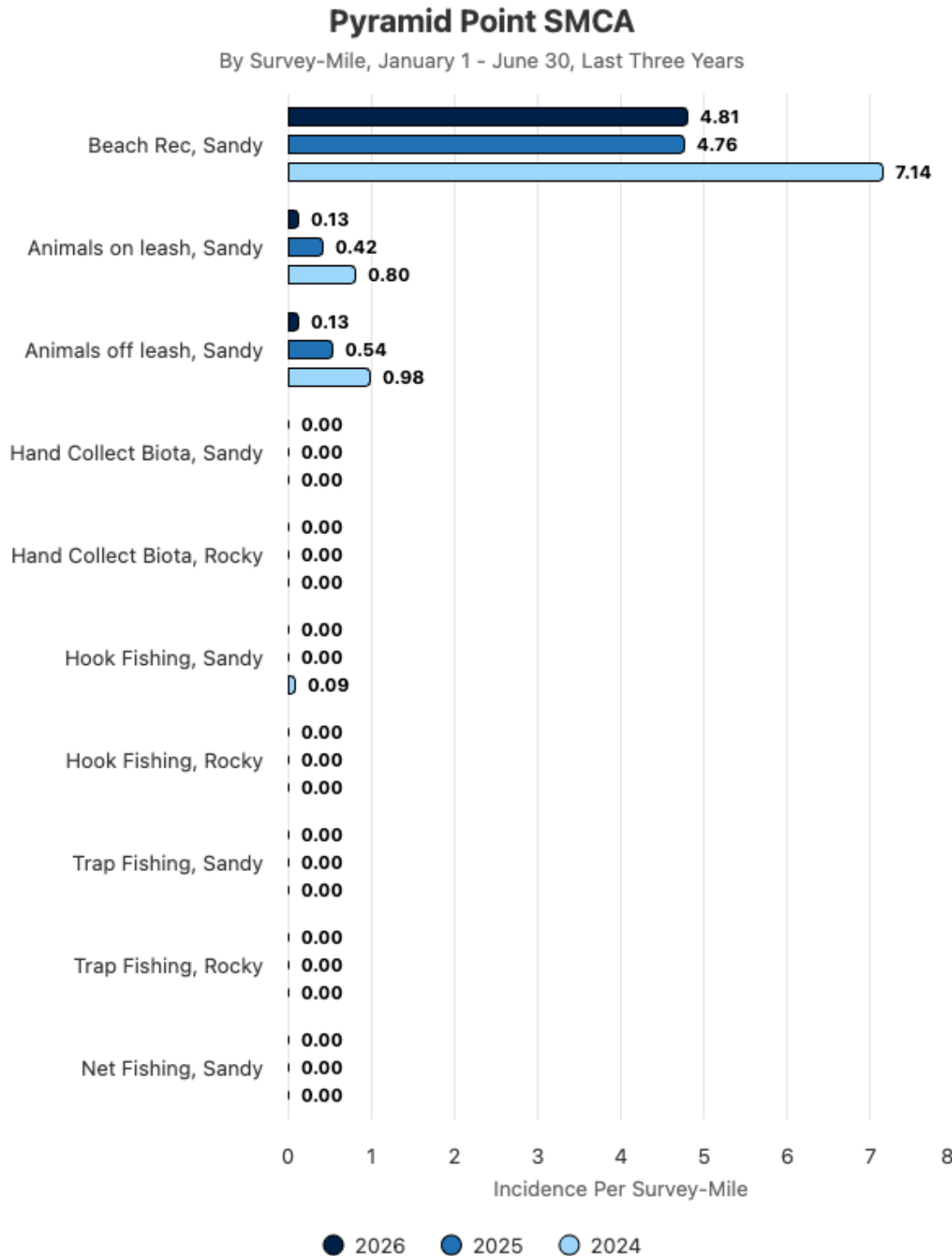
Off-Shore - Activities that take place offshore, typically in knee-deep water or deeper. Includes surfing, SCUBA diving, kayaking, boat fishing, etc.

Consumptive - An activity in which a natural resource (i.e. fish, kelp, shells) is being collected.

Non-Consumptive - An activity in which a natural resource is not collected.



ACTIVITY BY MPA



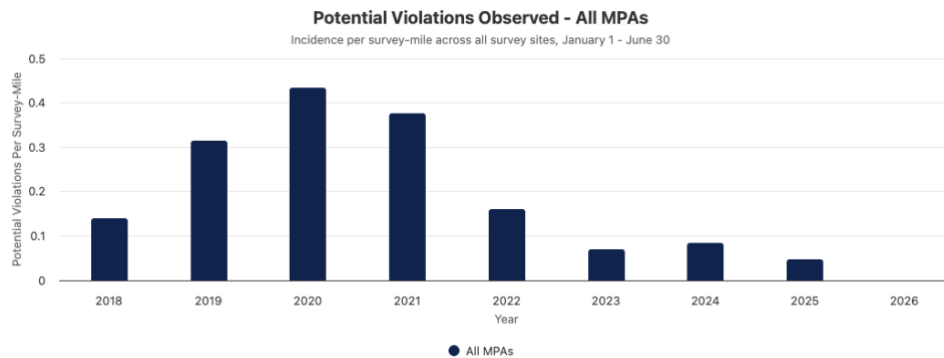
Caption: Top 10 Activities for Pyramid Point SMCA, By Survey-Mile, Last Three Years.



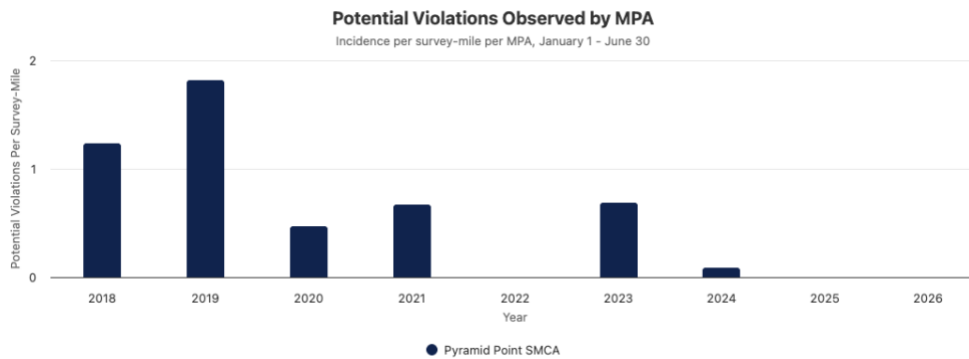
BREAKDOWN BY MPA

MPA	Number of Surveys January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026	Activities Observed January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026
Pyramid Point SMCA	11	40
All MPAs Combined	11	40

POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS



Caption: Potential Violations Observed - All MPAs. Incidence per survey-mile across all survey sites.



Caption: Potential Violations Observed by MPA. Incidence per survey-mile per MPA.

NEXT STEPS

In Tr'u-u-luu-k'wvt since 2023, we have been collaborating with CalPoly Humboldt's Marine Mammal Stranding Network and including carcass and stranding surveys that are conducted in tandem with our MPA Watch surveys. TDN completed training of another cohort of Netlh-





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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information on MPA Watch, including survey sites, participating organizations, protocols and datasheets, media kit, and how to get involved, please visit mpawatch.org.

For additional information regarding MPAs and regulations specific to the various classifications of MPAs please visit wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs. If you see an activity that violates MPA regulations, please call CalTip to report the violation at (888) 334-2258.

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