

Point Vicente and Abalone Cove State Marine Conservation Areas



Beginning in January 2012, the ocean waters along several miles of the Rancho Palos Verdes coastline became State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCAs), as shown on the map above. The Point Vicente and Abalone Cove SMCAs abut several City parks, including [Point Vicente Interpretive Center \(PVIC\)](#), [Pelican Cove Park](#) (formerly known as "Point Vicente Fishing Access"), [Frank A. Vanderlip, Sr. Park](#) and [Abalone Cove Shoreline Park](#).

Point Vicente SMCA

The Point Vicente SMCA extends westward from Long Point at the Terranea Resort, around Point Vicente to the northerly boundary of PVIC. The Point Vicente SMCA is a "no take" area, meaning that NO fishing activity is permitted [14 CCR 632(b)(97)(B)]. This SMCA includes the City's former fishing access, where fishing activity is no longer permitted.

Abalone Cove SMCA

The Abalone Cove SMCA extends eastward from Long Point at the Terranea Resort to Portuguese Point at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park. Within the Abalone Cove SMCA, only the following fishing activity is permitted [14 CCR 632(b)(98)(B)]:

- Recreational fishing of pelagic finfish, Pacific bonito and white sea bass (by spearfishing) and market squid (by hand-held dip net); and,
- Commercial fishing of coastal pelagic species and Pacific bonito (by round haul net) and swordfish (by harpoon).

For more information about the Marine Life Protection Act and the SMCAs along the Rancho Palos Verdes coastline, visit the [California Department of Fish & Game website](#).