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Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

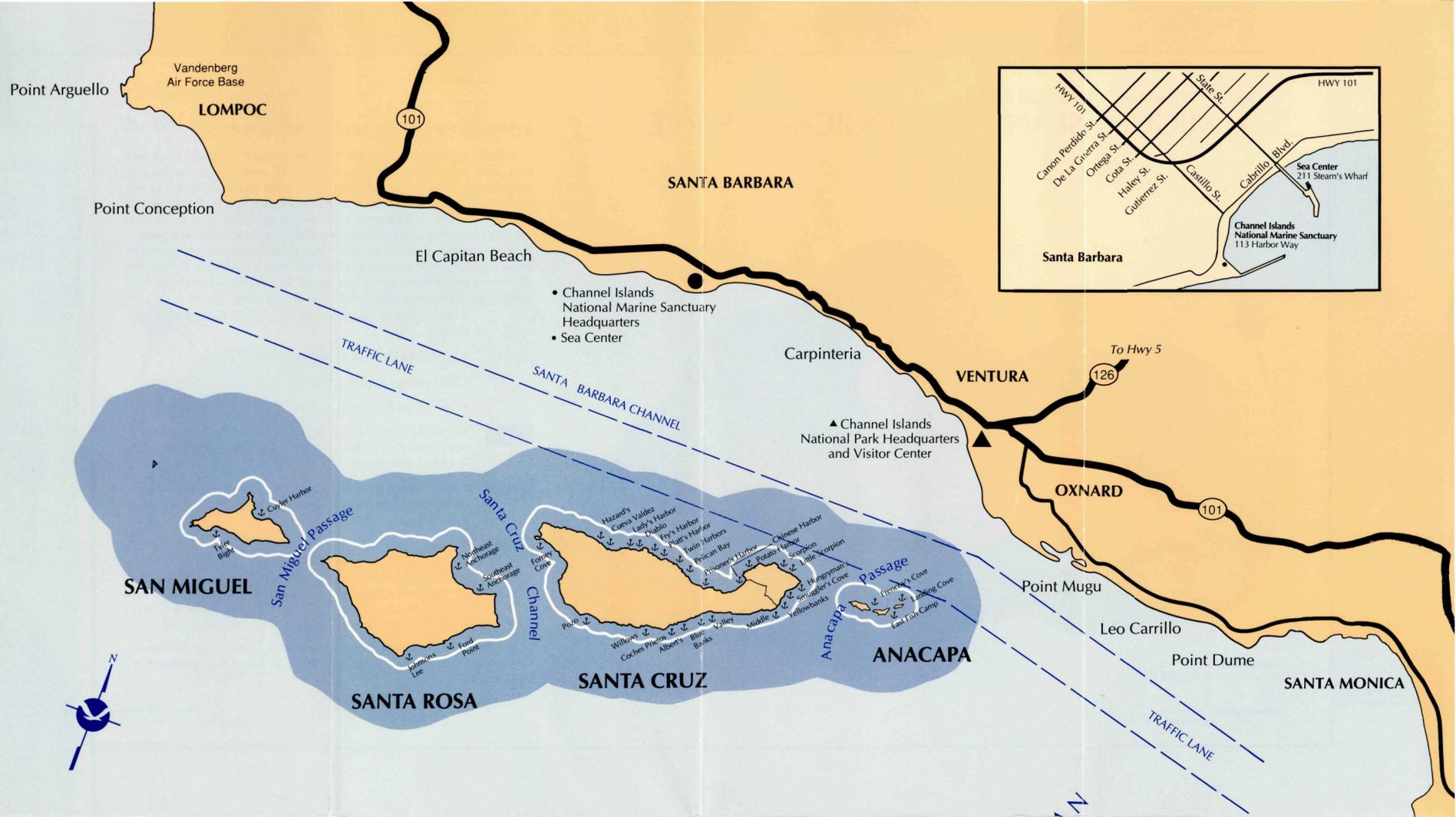
The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, located off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, is a special protected marine environment administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a component of the Department of Commerce. This 1252-square-nautical-mile area includes the nearshore and offshore waters surrounding the 4 northern Channel Islands (San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands) and Santa Barbara Island, one of the southern Channel Islands. Sanctuary boundaries extend from mean high tide to six nautical miles offshore surrounding each of the islands.

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1980 in accordance with Title III of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. The National Marine Sanctuary Program encourages visitor use of the sanctuary, and some commercial activities are permitted within the area. However, to protect the exceptional biological, cultural and historical resources that the sanctuary supports, a set of regulations specific to the area restricts certain activities within the sanctuary. In sanctuary waters, the following activities are prohibited.

- Discharging or depositing substances, with the exception of fish or chumming materials, waters and other biodegradable effluents incidental to vessel use.
- Altering or constructing on the seabed; within two nautical miles of the islands, no one shall construct any structure other than a navigational aid, drill through the seabed, dredge or otherwise alter the seabed in any way other than to anchor vessels or to bottom trawl from a commercial fishing vessel.
- Operating a commercial vessel within one nautical mile of the islands; this is not intended to limit access for fishing, kelp harvesting, recreational or research vessels.
- Disturbing marine mammals and birds by flying motorized aircraft at less than 1000 feet over the waters within one nautical mile of any island except to engage in kelp bed surveys or to transport persons or supplies to or from an island.
- Removing or damaging historical or cultural resources; this includes shipwrecks and archaeological artifacts, which may not be disturbed.

All of these regulations are enforced and violators will be prosecuted. For further information, contact: Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109 (805) 966-7107.

Photo by Chris Huss



CHANEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY BOUNDARY

Cooperative administration from mean high tide to 1 nautical mile offshore - Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Channel Islands National Park



Map not for navigational use.
All compass headings are magnetic.

Within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary there are several other agencies that have management responsibility and regulations.

Channel Islands National Park

The Park encompasses Santa Barbara, Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa and San Miguel Islands and the waters for one nautical mile around each island. The National Park and National Marine Sanctuary overlap in the one mile of ocean surrounding the islands. The National Park Service administers all use and resource protection on all the islands, except Santa Cruz. On Santa Cruz Island, nine-tenths of which is owned by The Nature Conservancy, the park assists in the management through a cooperative agreement.

- Landing on Santa Barbara Island is allowed only at the landing cove. For day use a permit is not required. For camping a permit is required.
- Landing on Anacapa Island is allowed on beaches without a permit. Access to go on the island is at the landing cove on East Anacapa Island. A permit is not required for day use. For camping a permit is required.
- Landing on Santa Rosa Island is allowed on beaches, without a permit. Access to go on the island beyond the beach is allowed at Bechers Bay and Johnson's Lee. For day use and camping a permit is required.
- Landing on San Miguel Island is allowed only at Cuyler Harbor. Visitors may go onto the beach at Cuyler Harbor without a permit, for day use only. Access to go on the island beyond the beach requires a permit for both day use and camping.

All permits are issued free of charge and can be obtained at park headquarters and the visitor center or by phone (805) 658-5700 or 658-5730. Landing aircraft on these five islands is prohibited without prior approval of the National Park Service or the private landowners.

Pets are not allowed onshore at all locations. Also fires, fireworks, explosives, carrying or using firearms is prohibited. Other park regulations apply. For more information contact: Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura CA 93001 (805) 658-5700.

The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy, which owns nine-tenths of Santa Cruz Island, is a national, private, nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the island. Landing on the island is by permit only. For more information contact: The Nature Conservancy, 213 Stearn's Wharf, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-9111.

United States Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard enforces regulations related to vessel safety, foreign fishing, entry of foreign aliens, drug trafficking, and ocean dumping. They also conduct search and rescue operations, and respond to complaints of improper conduct and vessel operation within the sanctuary. For more information on all United States Coast Guard regulations contact: United States Coast Guard, 111 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109 (805) 962-7430.

National Marine Fisheries Service

All marine mammals in the sanctuary are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, which stipulates that they may not be harassed, hunted, captured or killed. According to the Act, harassment may be interpreted as any activity that alters the behavior of the animals. To report harassment, contact: The United States Coast Guard or Channel Islands National Park on VHF channel 16 or The National Marine Fisheries Service at (310) 980-4050.

The National Marine Fisheries Service also assists in the enforcement of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Fishery Management Plans for anchovies, ground fish and salmon in federal waters (beyond 3 nautical miles from mean high tide). For information on federal regulations pertaining to seasons, gear, area restrictions and catch limits, contact: National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 (310) 980-4030.

California State Water Resources Control Board

The California State Water Resources Control Board has designated Areas of Special Biological Significance in waters around the northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara Island to the 300 foot isobath. These sites are designated to preserve and maintain high water quality in special biological communities by prohibiting discharges of wastes (not including normal boating wastes) and point source sewage of industrial wastes. Discharges shall be located a sufficient distance from such designated areas to assure maintenance of natural water quality conditions in these areas. For more information contact: California State Water Resources Control Board, 901 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 657-2390.

State Lands Commission

The State Lands Commission is responsible for the preservation, protection and management of shipwrecks and cultural resources from mean high tide to three nautical miles offshore. A permit from the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and from The State Lands Commission is required to conduct salvage or research operations in state waters within the sanctuary. Removal of objects without permission, or disturbance or destruction of sites of archaeological or historical significance can subject an individual to criminal or civil penalties. For more information contact: State Lands Commission, Submerged Cultural Resources Unit, 1807 13th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916)323-8487.

California Department of Fish & Game

The California Department of Fish & Game is responsible for the management of living marine resources in the sanctuary from mean high tide to three nautical miles offshore. State management is aimed at the conservation, maintenance and utilization of living marine resources. **Fishing in state waters within the sanctuary requires a state license. The California Department of Fish & Game has also designated ecological reserves around San Miguel, Anacapa and Santa Barbara Islands. The specific regulations for these ecological reserves are summarized on the back of this brochure.** For a copy of all the state fishing regulations contact: California Department of Fish & Game, Marine Resources Division, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 653-6281.

If you have witnessed a poaching incident or any fish and wildlife violation or have information about such a violator, simply dial the toll free Department of Fish and Games number **1 (800) 952-5400** between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week (Monday through Sunday).

Aircraft Restrictions

- No person shall disturb seabirds or marine mammals by flying motorized aircraft at less than 1000 feet over the waters within one nautical mile of any island except to engage in kelp bed surveys or to transport persons or supplies to or from an island, without a permit from the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.
- No person shall operate any aircraft or hovercraft within a State Ecological Reserve without a permit from the California Department of Fish and Game.
- No person shall land aircraft on any of the islands without prior approval of the National Park Service or the private landowners.

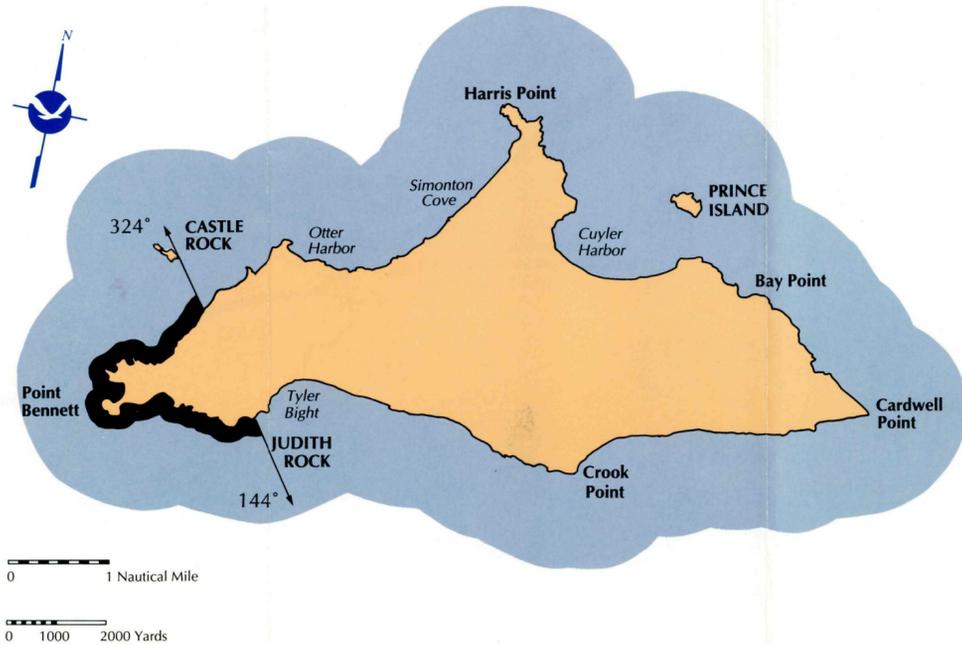
The information provided in this brochure is an illustration and synopsis of the actual regulations. Contact the respective agencies for the specific regulations.

For Your Boating Safety

The Santa Barbara Channel is subject to sudden changes in wind and sea conditions. Before departing for the sanctuary and while underway, boaters should listen to the latest weather broadcast provided by NOAA weather radio VHF-FM 162.55 MHz (weather station 1) or VHF-FM 162.40 MHz (weather station 2). NOAA National Ocean Survey charts 18720, 18727, 18728, 18729, and 18756 should be used when navigating in the sanctuary. Cruising guides are available at various locations that sell nautical books. **For emergency assistance call the United States Coast Guard on VHF channel 16.**



California Department of Fish and Game
SAN MIGUEL ISLAND ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



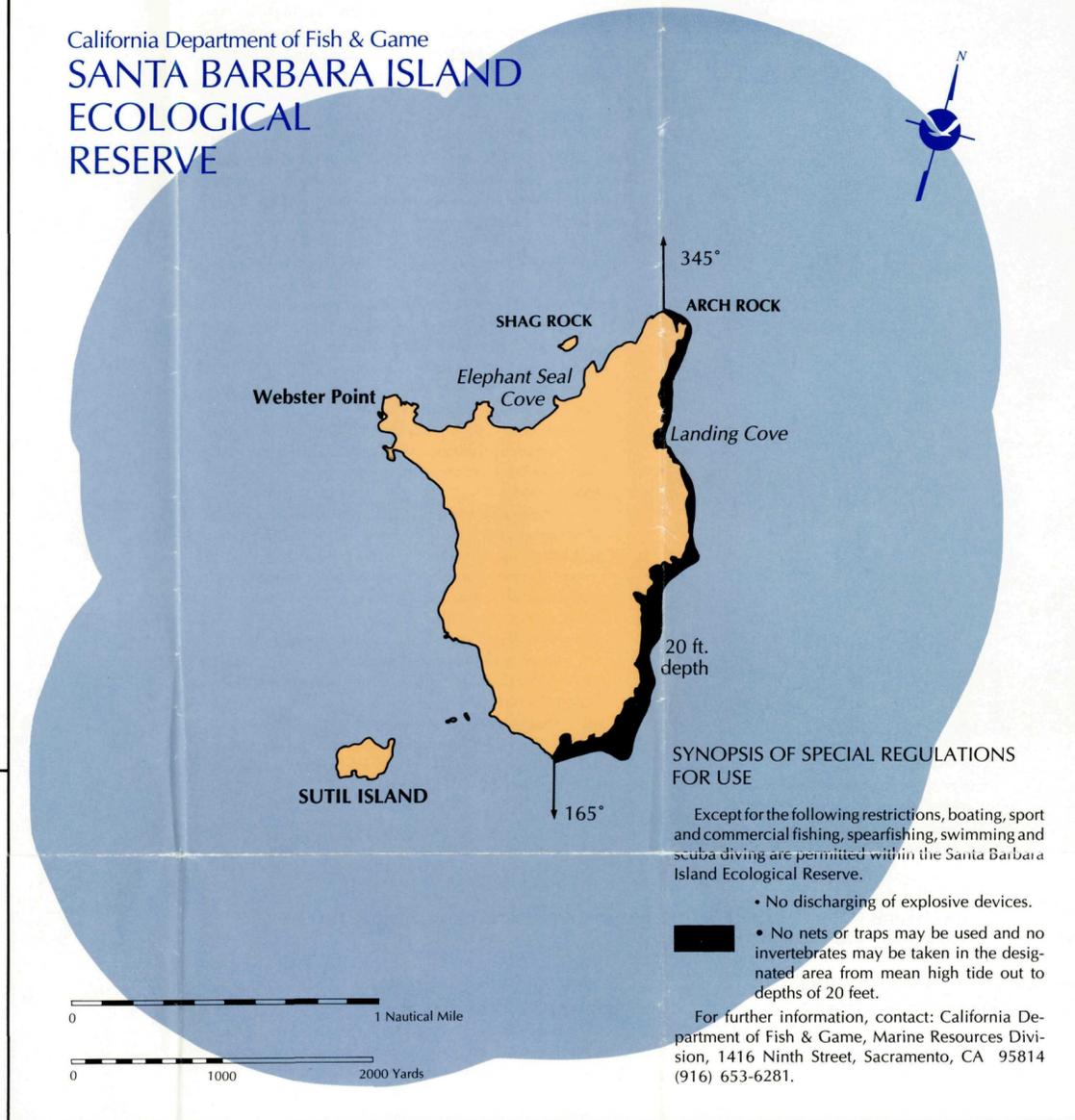
SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR USE

Swimming, skin and scuba diving, recreational fishing with hook and line, and spearfishing are permitted in all areas where boating is authorized. Commercial fishermen with valid abalone, lobster or sea urchin permits or using hook and line gear may fish in areas open to boating. Commercial fishermen desiring to use other gear or seeking species not authorized by their permit must apply and obtain a permit. Boats traveling within 300 yards of shore must operate with a minimum amount of noise, not exceeding speeds of five miles per hour. Possession of firearms within the reserve is prohibited. Special restrictions within the ecological reserve boundaries include the following.

- No anchoring overnight except at Tyler Bight and Cuyler Harbor.
- No landing except at Cuyler Harbor.
- No landing on offshore rocks or islands within the reserve.
- No fishing from shore or in areas closed to boating.
- Boating is prohibited within 300 yards of shore in the designated area off the southwest tip of the island from Judith Rock to Castle Rock.
- From March 15 through April 30 and October 1 through December 15, boats may approach no nearer than 100 yards from shore.
- From March 15 through April 30 and October 1 through December 15, commercial abalone and sea urchin operators who have been issued permits by the California Department of Fish and Game may enter the water of the 300-yard closure. The department may rescind permission for boats to enter this area if marine mammals become disturbed.

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California Department of Fish & Game
SANTA BARBARA ISLAND ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



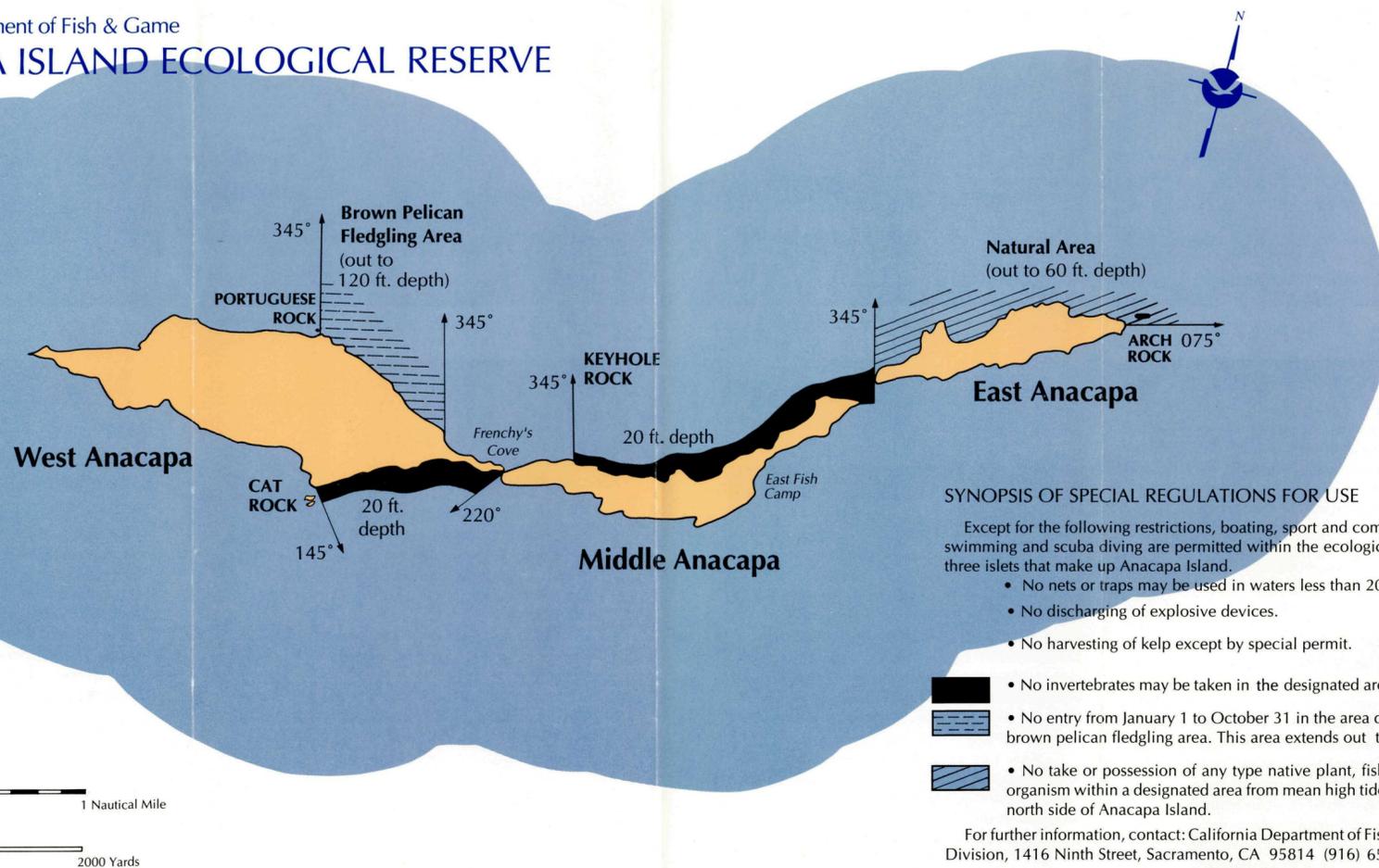
SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR USE

Except for the following restrictions, boating, sport and commercial fishing, spearfishing, swimming and scuba diving are permitted within the Santa Barbara Island Ecological Reserve.

- No discharging of explosive devices.
- No nets or traps may be used and no invertebrates may be taken in the designated area from mean high tide out to depths of 20 feet.

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California Department of Fish & Game
ANACAPA ISLAND ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR USE

Except for the following restrictions, boating, sport and commercial fishing, spearfishing, swimming and scuba diving are permitted within the ecological reserve that surrounds the three islets that make up Anacapa Island.

- No nets or traps may be used in waters less than 20 feet deep.
- No discharging of explosive devices.
- No harvesting of kelp except by special permit.
- No invertebrates may be taken in the designated areas out to depths of 20 feet.
- No entry from January 1 to October 31 in the area designated as the California brown pelican fledgling area. This area extends out to depths of 120 feet.
- No take or possession of any type native plant, fish, wildlife or other aquatic organism within a designated area from mean high tide to depths of 60 feet on the north side of Anacapa Island.

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California Department of Fish & Game
STATE ECOLOGICAL RESERVES

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR USE

Three State Ecological Reserves have been designated within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Channel Islands National Park by the California Department of Fish & Game. The reserves include all of the ocean waters and submerged lands lying up to one nautical mile offshore of Santa Barbara, San Miguel and Anacapa Islands.

The following activities are prohibited within the reserves except by special permit from the Fish & Game Commission: collecting, falconry, disturbing geological formations, archaeological artifacts and any form of plant or animal life; possessing, firing or discharging any firearm or weapon; lighting fireworks or other explosive or incendiary devices; introducing species; feeding wildlife; using pesticides; littering; operating an aircraft. Employees from the department may eject a person from the reserve when it appears that any of these rules has been violated or that the welfare of the reserve or its visitors is endangered. Public entry into the reserve may be restricted at any time at the discretion of the department. See individual reserve maps for additional regulations specific to each.

For further information, contact: California Department of Fish & Game, Marine Resources Division, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 653-6281.

State Ecological Reserve Boundaries