



Boundary Alternatives



Initial Boundary Alternative

This boundary, at approximately 7,600 sq. mi, represents the boundary option in the original sanctuary nomination and included in NOAA's Notice of Intent; subsequent options are built off this initial alternative.



Alternative 1, Bank to Coast

This alternative shifts the western boundary to the east allowing NOAA to focus offshore management on the Santa Lucia Bank and other offshore features; shoreline unchanged; reduces size by about 1,500 sq. mi..



Alternative 2, Cropped Bank to Coast

This alternative crops the top of Alternative 1 to address concerns with numerous subsea cables in the sanctuary and to ameliorate naming concerns expressed by Indigenous communities.



Alternative 3, Diablo to Gaviota Creek

This alternative adjusts the Initial Boundary Alternative by excluding the Diablo Canyon Call Area, as well as a broad coastal area to route subsea cables from offshore wind areas to shore near Morro Bay and DCP*.



Alternative 4, Combined Smallest

This boundary alternative removes areas excluded in Alternative 1 and 3, and represents the smallest sanctuary area; this alternative would be approximately 4,400 sq. mi.



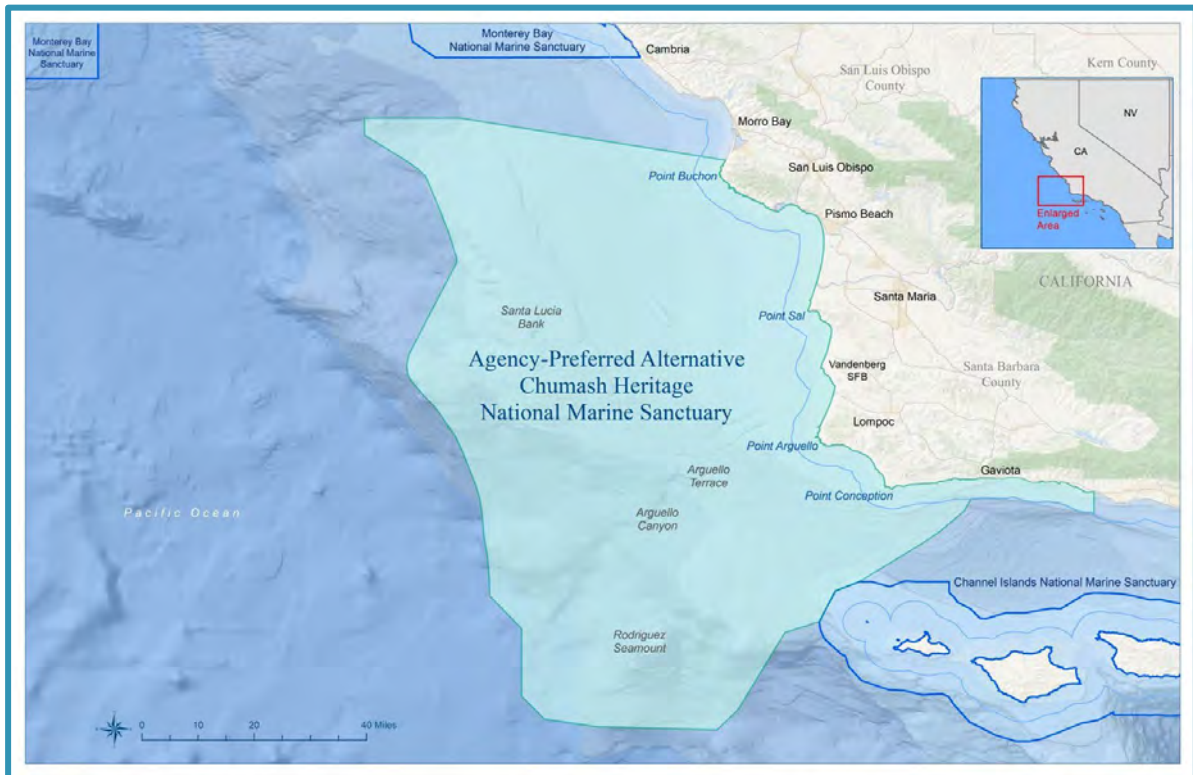
Sub-alternative 5a, Morro Bay, and 5b, Gaviota Coast Extension

These small expansion alternatives would allow addition of the two areas to appropriate, adjacent alternatives noted above.



Agency-Preferred Alternative

Alternative 2 and Sub-Alternative 5b



The Agency-Preferred Alternative boundary prioritizes manageability and fulfillment of sanctuary purposes, while focusing on areas of historical importance to the Chumash tribes and natural resources important to their heritage.