

The California Department of Fish and Game has created a new network of state-designated Marine Protected Areas, as Tony Barboza [reported today in the Los Angeles Times](#). This action, controversial because of its restrictions on fishing in the protected areas, begins to fulfill the promise of California's decade-old [Marine Life Protection Act](#). As [this detailed map of the new reserves](#) shows, the new reserves are in Southern California, and many of them are located off the Channel Islands.