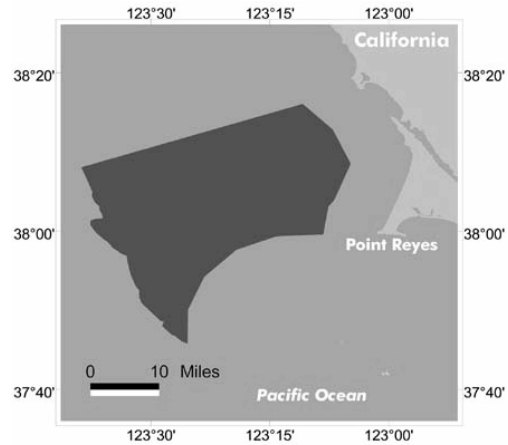


# Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary



- **Year Designated:** 1989
- **Size (area):** 526 square miles
- **Location:** On the continental shelf, about 50 miles northwest of the Golden Gate Bridge and 21 miles west of the Point Reyes lighthouse
- **State Waters:** None
- **Purpose:** To protect and conserve that special, discrete, highly productive marine area and to ensure the continued availability of the ecological, research, educational, aesthetic, historical and recreational resources therein.
- **Fully-Protected Areas:** None
- **Date Management Plan Issued:** 1989
- **Date of Management Plan Review:** Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is reviewing its management plan jointly with Monterey Bay NMS and Gulf of the Farallones NMS. The Draft Joint Management Plan is under NOAA review and is expected to be released by late Spring 2006. The Final Management Plan is expected to be completed by Fall/Winter 2006.



Map credit: Cordell Bank NMS

**Sanctuary Website:** <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov/>  
**Sanctuary Regulations:** 15 C.F.R. § 922, Subpart K

### Examples of Research and Monitoring Activities in the Sanctuary:

- Habitat Characterization and Biological Monitoring On and Around Cordell Bank.
- Cordell Bank Ocean Monitoring Project (CBOMP).
- Tracking Black-footed Albatross.
- Multibeam survey to map the bathymetry and substrate types on and adjacent to Cordell Bank.

### Examples of Endangered and Threatened Species in the Sanctuary:

Endangered	Threatened	Candidates/Of Concern	Delisted
Blue Whale Fin Whale Humpback Whale Northern Right Whale Sei Whale Sperm Whale Leatherback Sea Turtle White Sturgeon Short-tailed Albatross	Stellar Sea Lion Sea Otter Chum Salmon Coho Salmon	Pacific Lamprey Longfin Smelt	Gray Whale

**Summary of Regulation of Activities and Uses in  
Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary**  
(For full regulations, see 15 C.F.R. § 922 and contact the regulating agencies)



Type of Use	Regulated by the Sanctuary (NMS)				Examples of Other Regulating Agencies, States/Territories, or Laws (may not be comprehensive list)
	Zoned (areas closed to this type of use)	Restricted	Prohibited	Comments	
Commercial Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Pacific Fishery Management Council
Recreational Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Pacific Fishery Management Council
Bottom Trawling				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Pacific Fishery Management Council
Collecting Aquarium Fish				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Pacific Fishery Management Council
Aquaculture				May be regulated under Discharges and Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Army Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency
Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor				Not regulated by NMS regulations	
Seabed cables or devices				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Army Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, FCC
Exploring for, Developing, or Producing Oil and Gas			√		Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Exploring for, Developing or Producing Other Minerals			√		Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Removal/Damage of Natural Resources	√			Does not apply to accidental removal, injury, or taking during normal fishing operations	
Removal/Damage of Cultural or Historical Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Overflights				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Use of motorized watercraft				Not regulated by NMS regulations	
Underwater Noise				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Discharging or Depositing Material Within the NMS		√		Certain types of discharge allowed	U.S. Coast Guard
Discharging or Depositing Material Outside the NMS that Might Injure NMS Resources		√		Certain types of discharge allowed	U.S. Coast Guard

**Other Regulations:** Permits for research, education, or salvage/recovery operations may be issued to allow any otherwise prohibited or restricted activity.