The Otter Project MPA Watch Survey Data

July 2015 - September 2015

Quarter 3

Total surveys to date: 7,149

Total surveys for this year: 1114

Contributing volunteers this quarter: 44

MPA Watch is a citizen science initiative to monitor human use of coastal natural resources by training and supporting volunteers in the collection of relevant, scientifically rigorous, and broadly accessible data. Data is meant to inform the management, enforcement, and research of California's marine protected areas (MPAs) and allow us to see how human uses are changing as a result of MPA implementation.

Volunteers record consumptive activities such as commercial fishing, shore fishing, and clamming, and non-consumptive activities such as swimming, SCUBA diving, and tide pooling. Potential users of MPA Watch data span academia, natural resource management agencies, and local communities. Data collection and this report will support MPA assessments and adaptive management; inform enforcement, compliance, education efforts; and build social capital.

Santa Cruz cumulative total: 1251
Santa Cruz total this year: 180

Bean Hollow: 15 Ano Nuevo: 3

Coastal Bluffs: 11 Natural Bridges: 20 Monterey cumulative total: 3922 Monterey total this year: 1229

Lover's Point: 46 Asilomar: 93

17 Mile Drive: 39

Pt. Lobos: 30 Malpaso: 20 San Luis Obispo cumulative total: 1976 San Luis Obispo total this year: 202

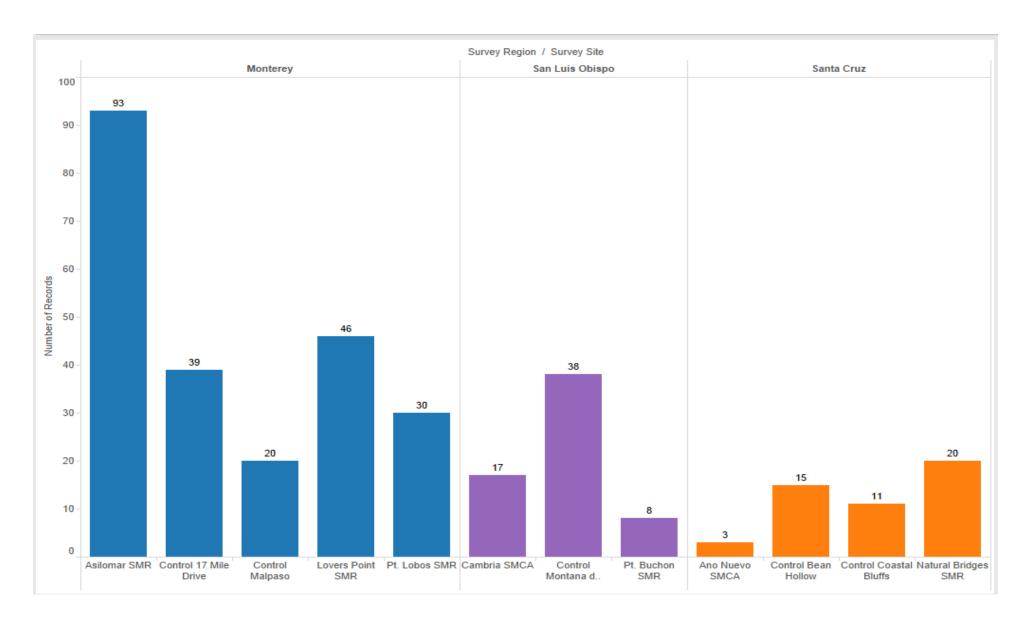
Cambria: 17

Montana de Oro: 38

Pt. Buchon: 8

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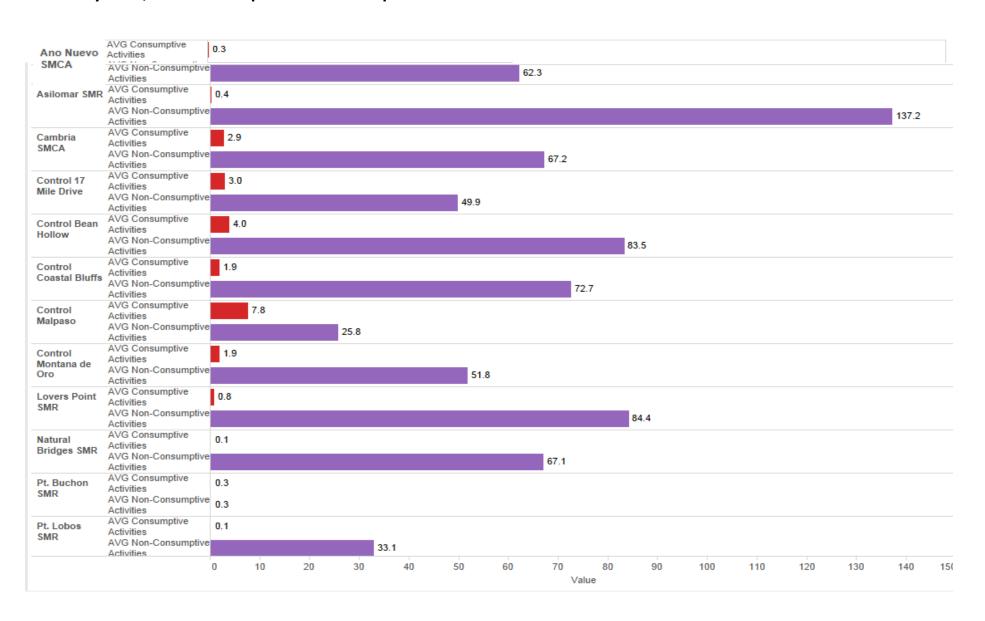


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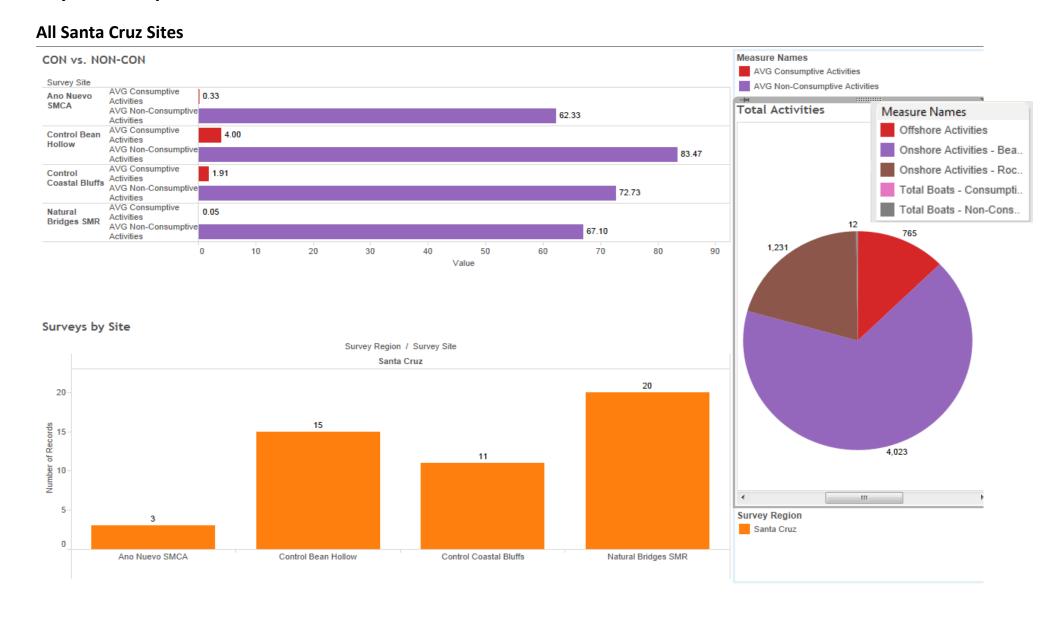
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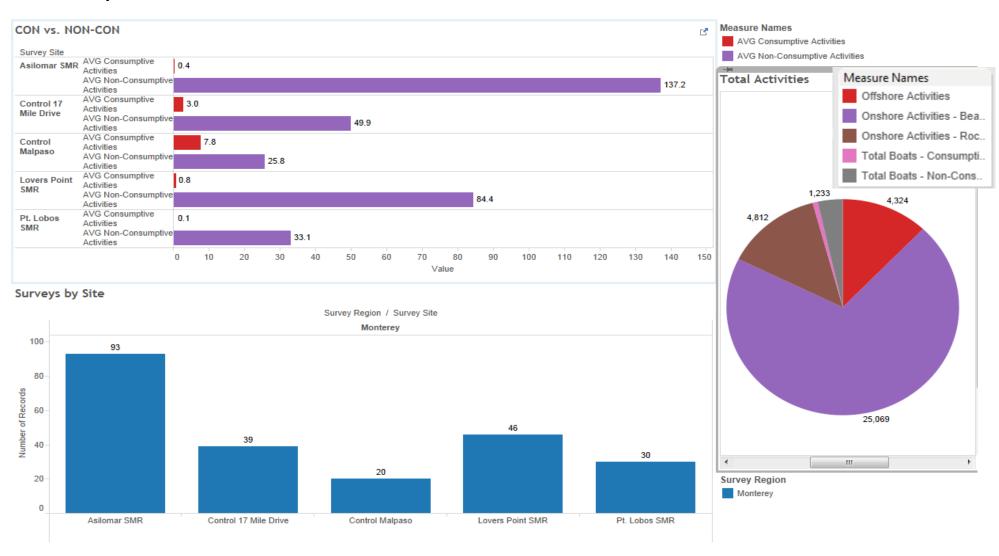
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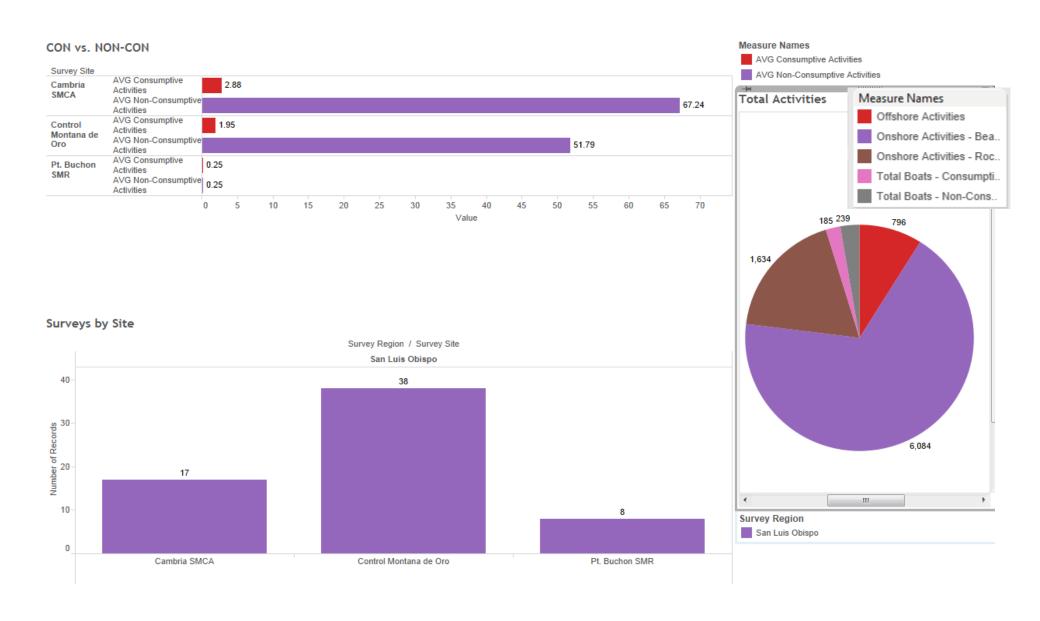
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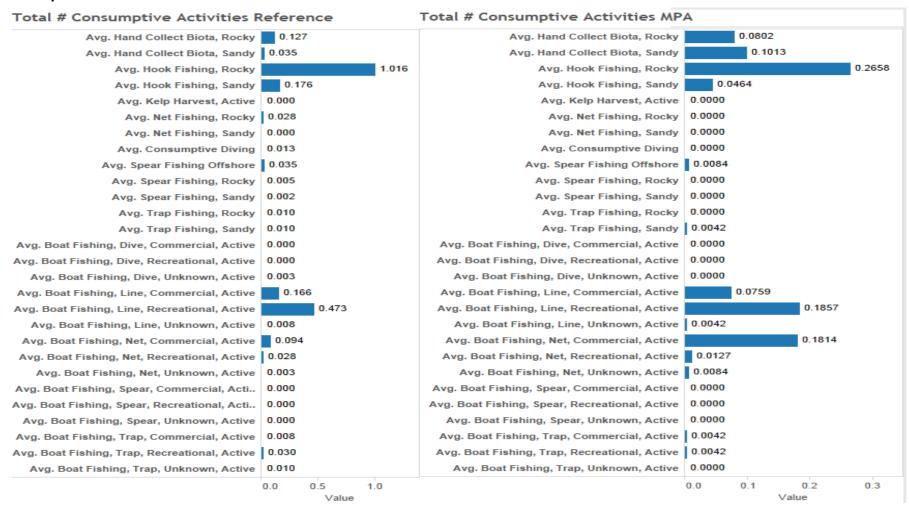
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Consumptive Trends: Reference vs. MPA



Reference sites: Bean Hollow, Coastal Bluffs, 17 Mile Drive, Malpaso, Montana de Oro

MPA sites: Ano Nuevo, Natural Bridges, Lovers Point, Asilomar, Pt. Lobos, Cambria, Pt. Buchon.