

Pacific Grove

Coastal Wildlife Protection Advisory Committee (CWPAC)

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Introduction



CWPAC Process



CWPAC “Areas of Special Interest”





Pacific Grove Marine Gardens SMCA

Asilomar SMR

Lovers Point - Julia Platt SMR

- MPAs
- City Limits
- Streets

0 0.2 0.4 Miles



 Harbor Seal haulouts



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 Research sites





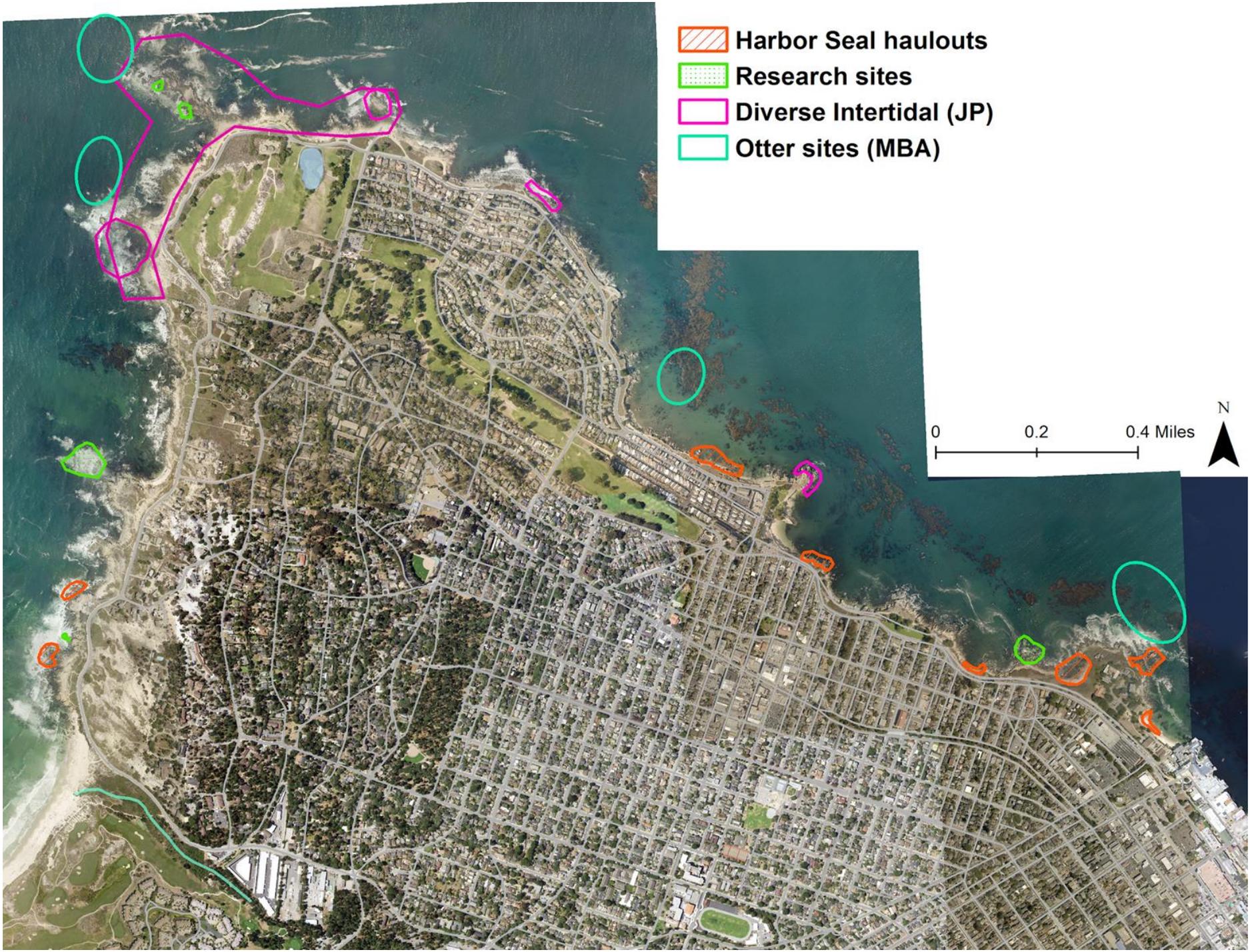
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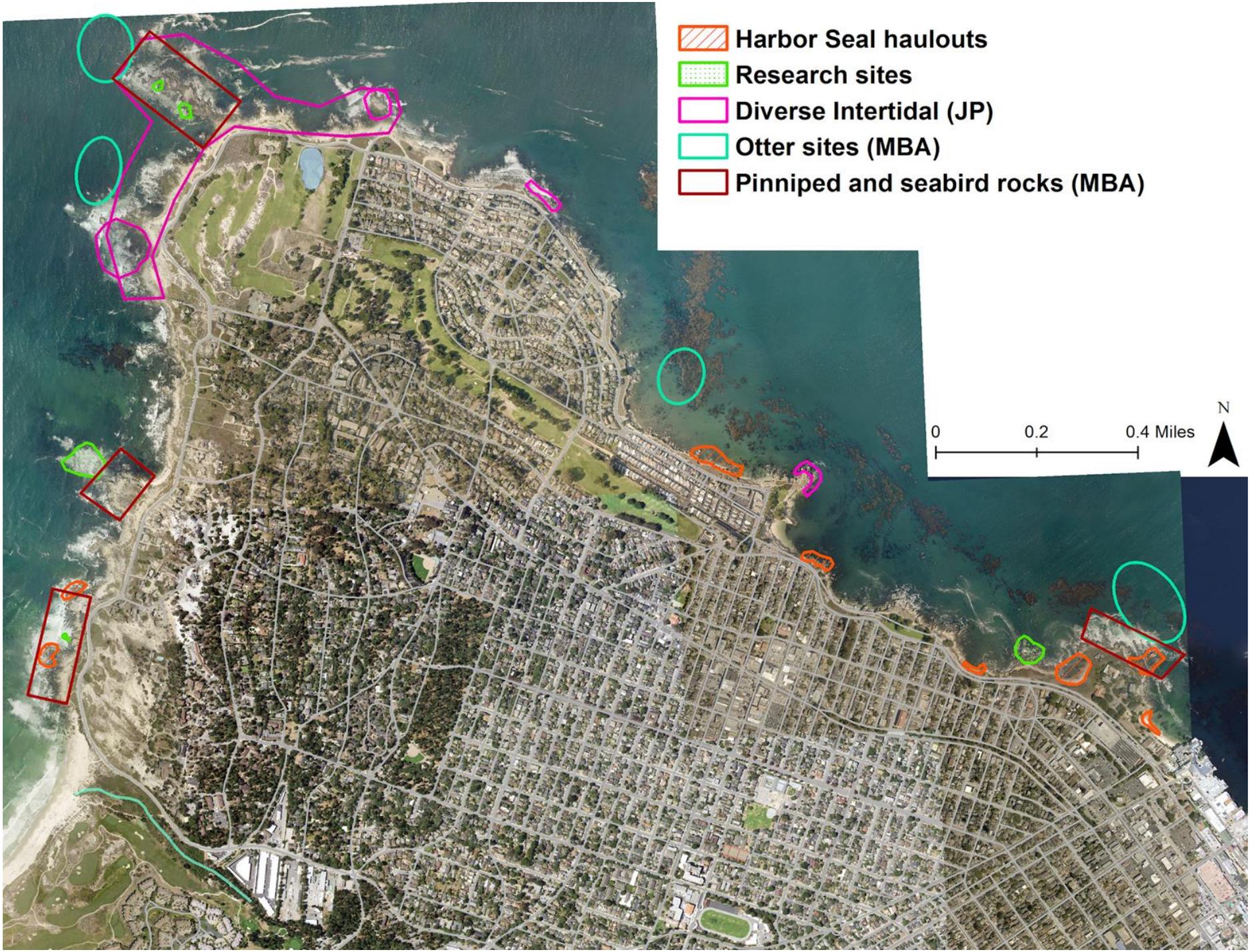
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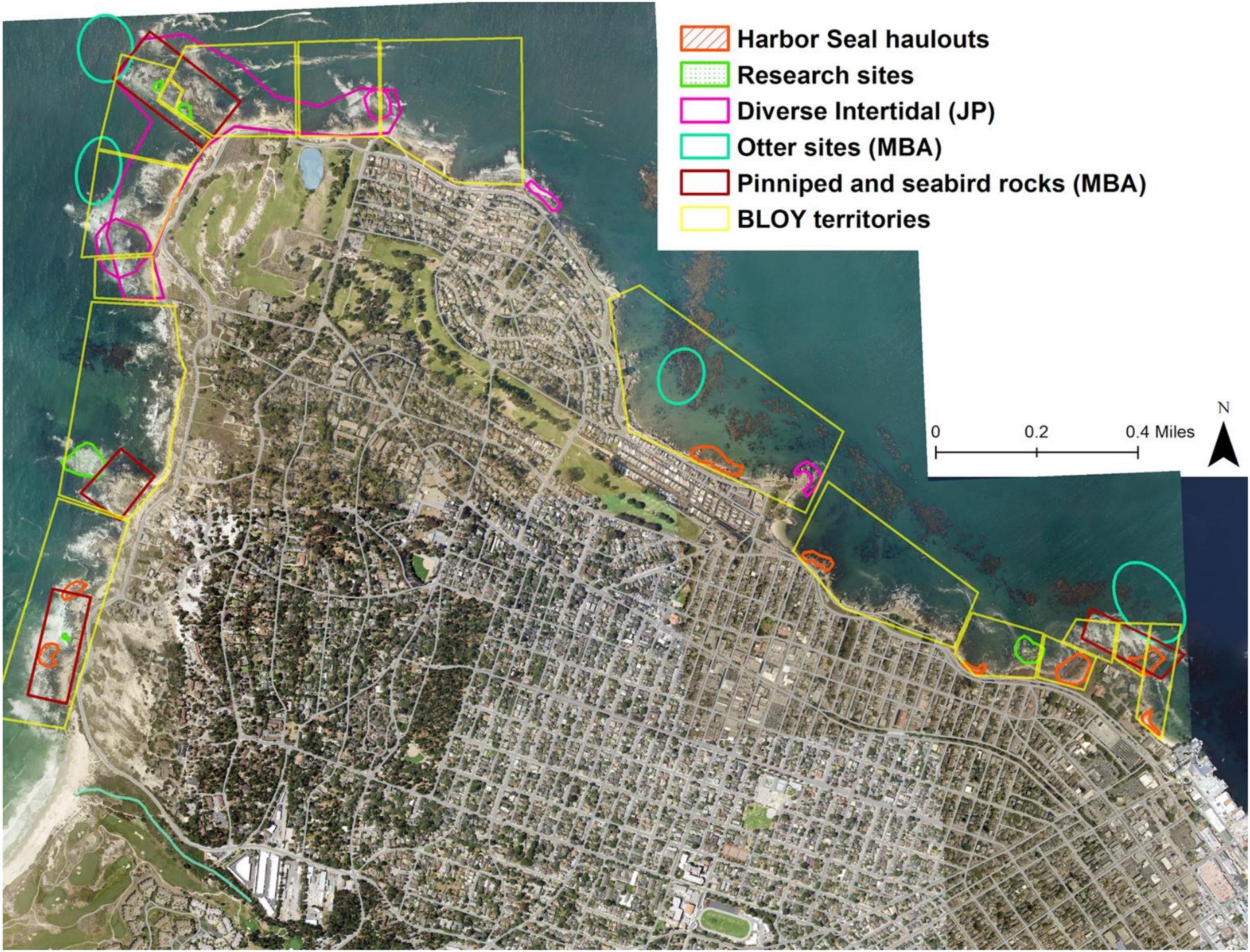
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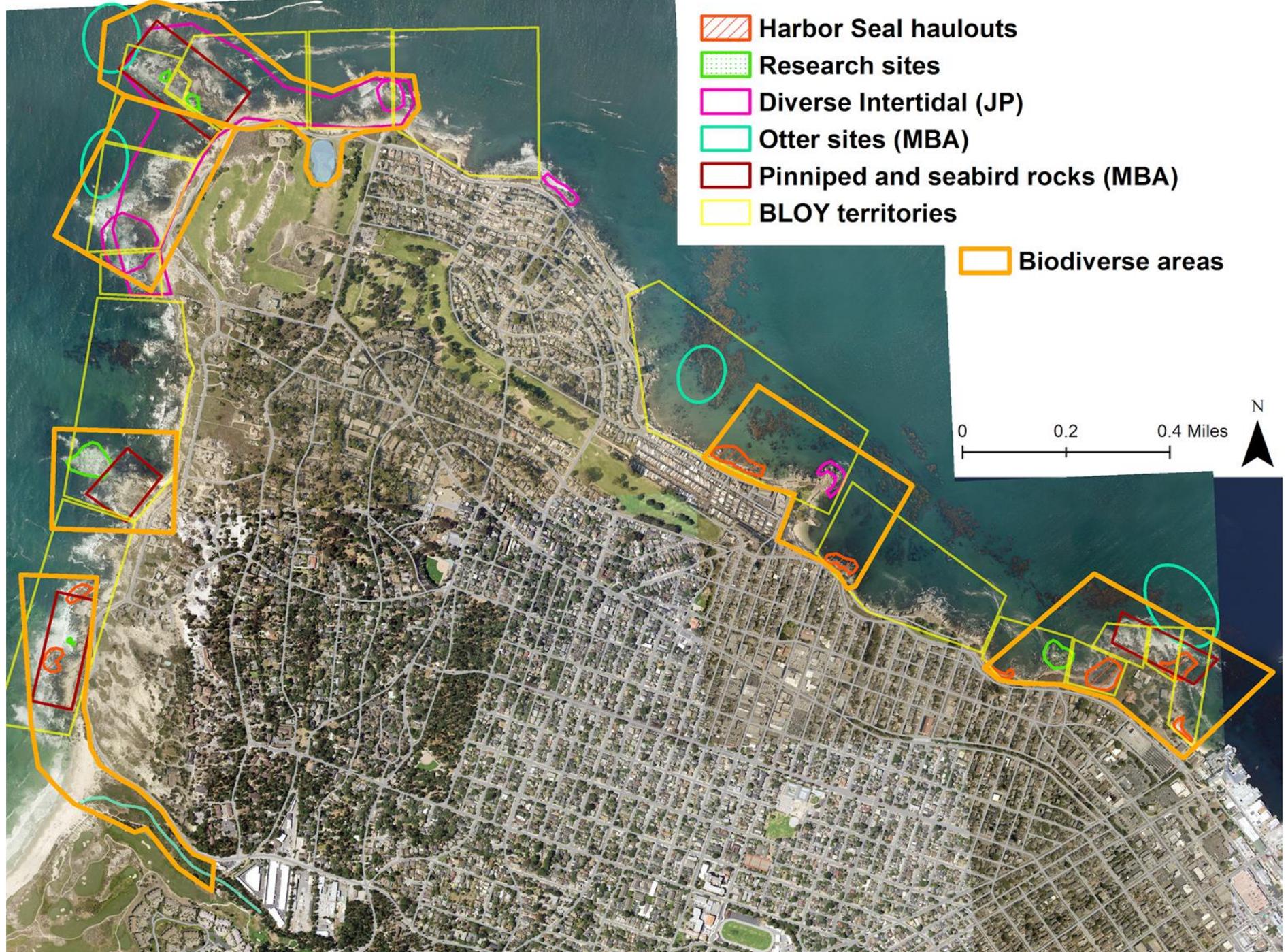
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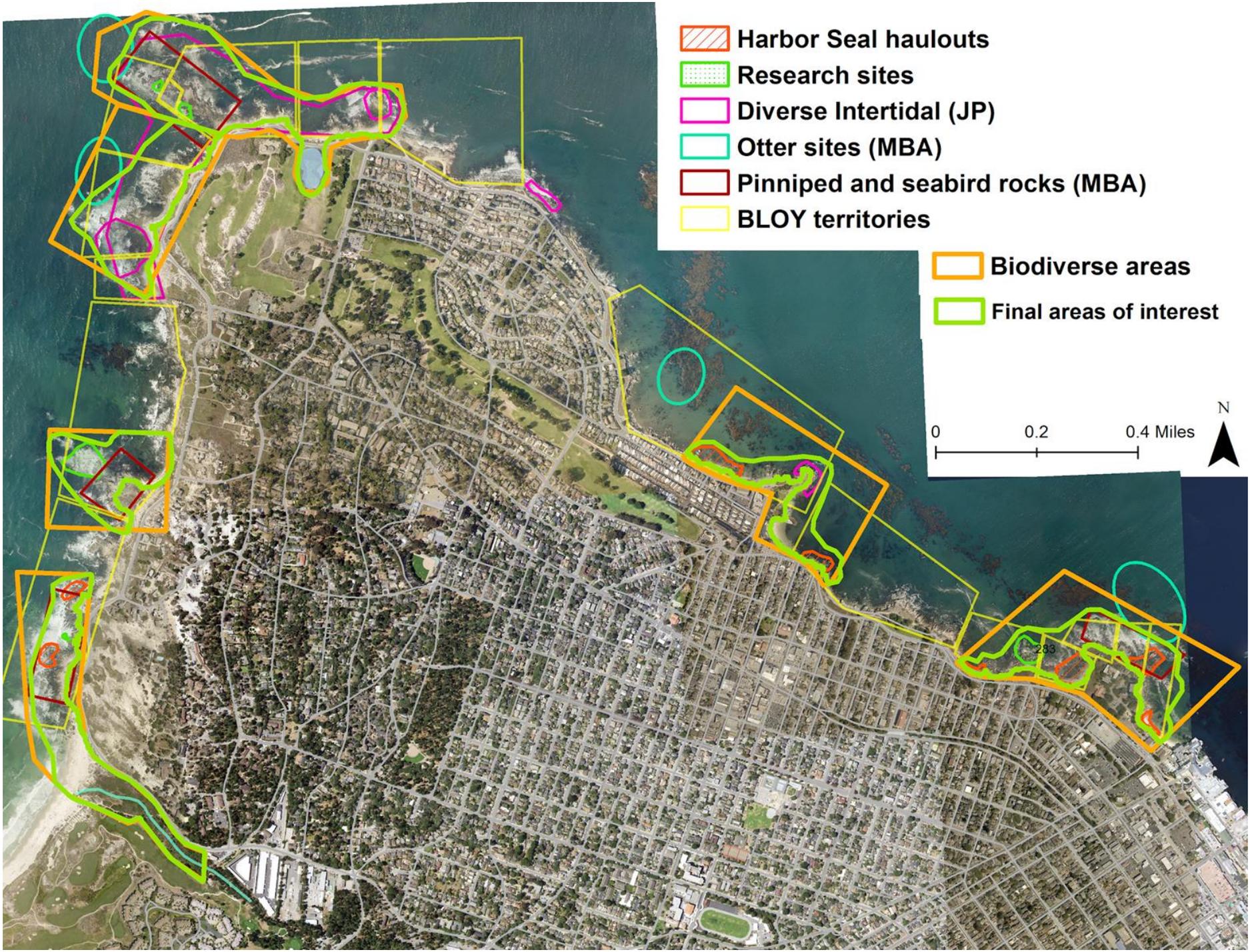
 Pinniped and seabird rocks (MBA)

 BLOY territories

 Biodiverse areas

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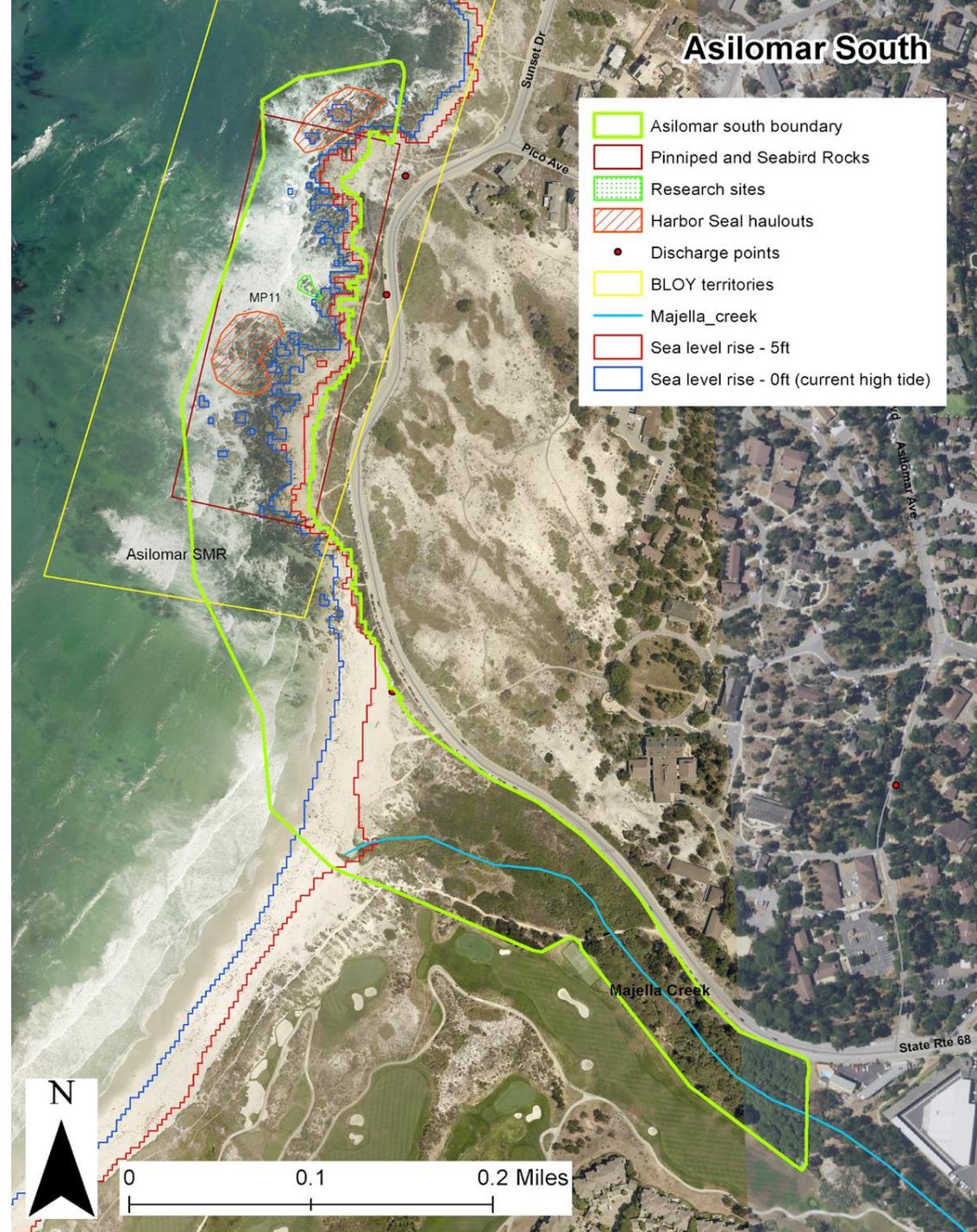
Final Areas of Special Interest



Asilomar South

Northern Boundary:
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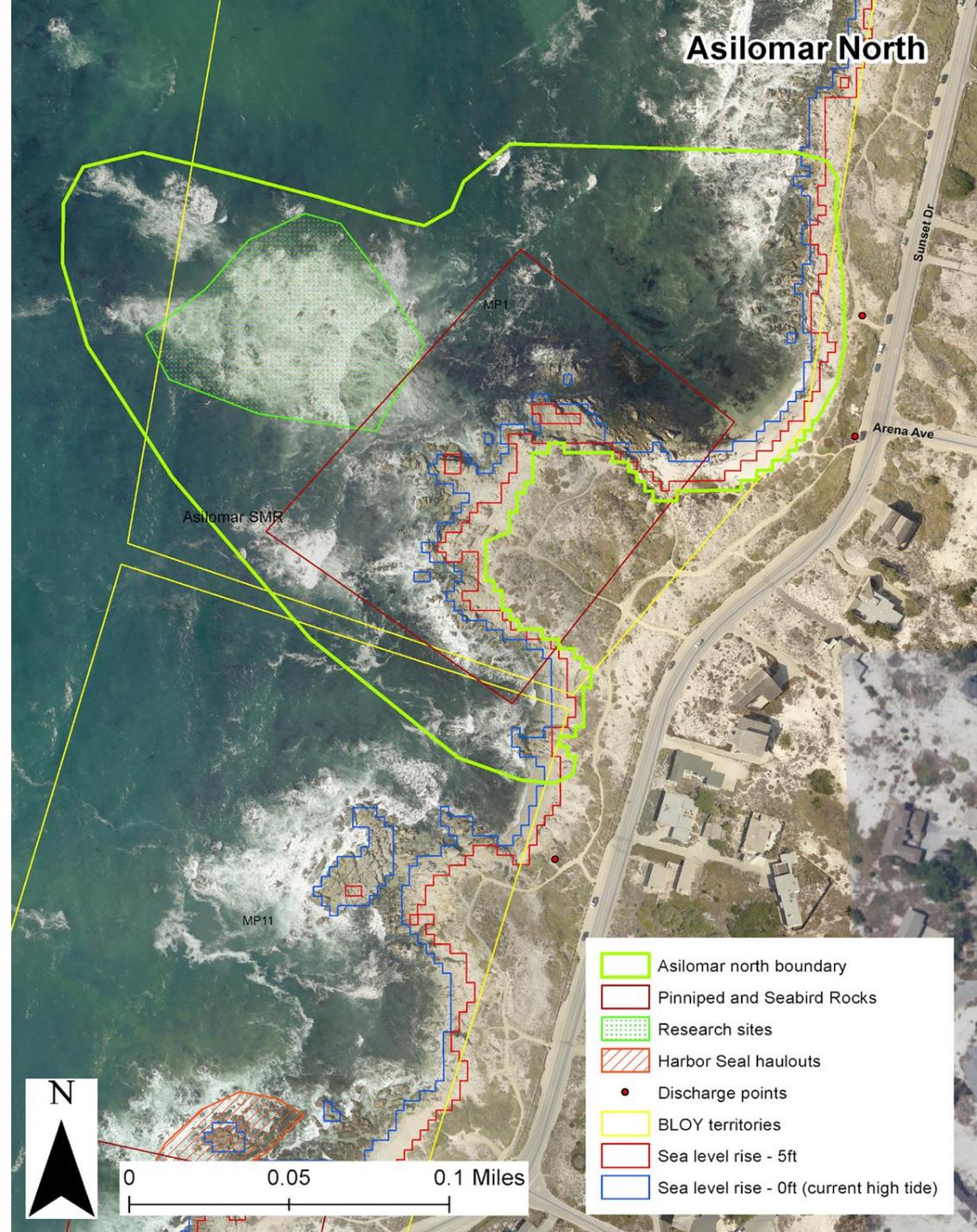
Southern Boundary:
Majella Creek



Asilomar North

Location:

Rocky headland at Arena Ave. and Sunset Dr.

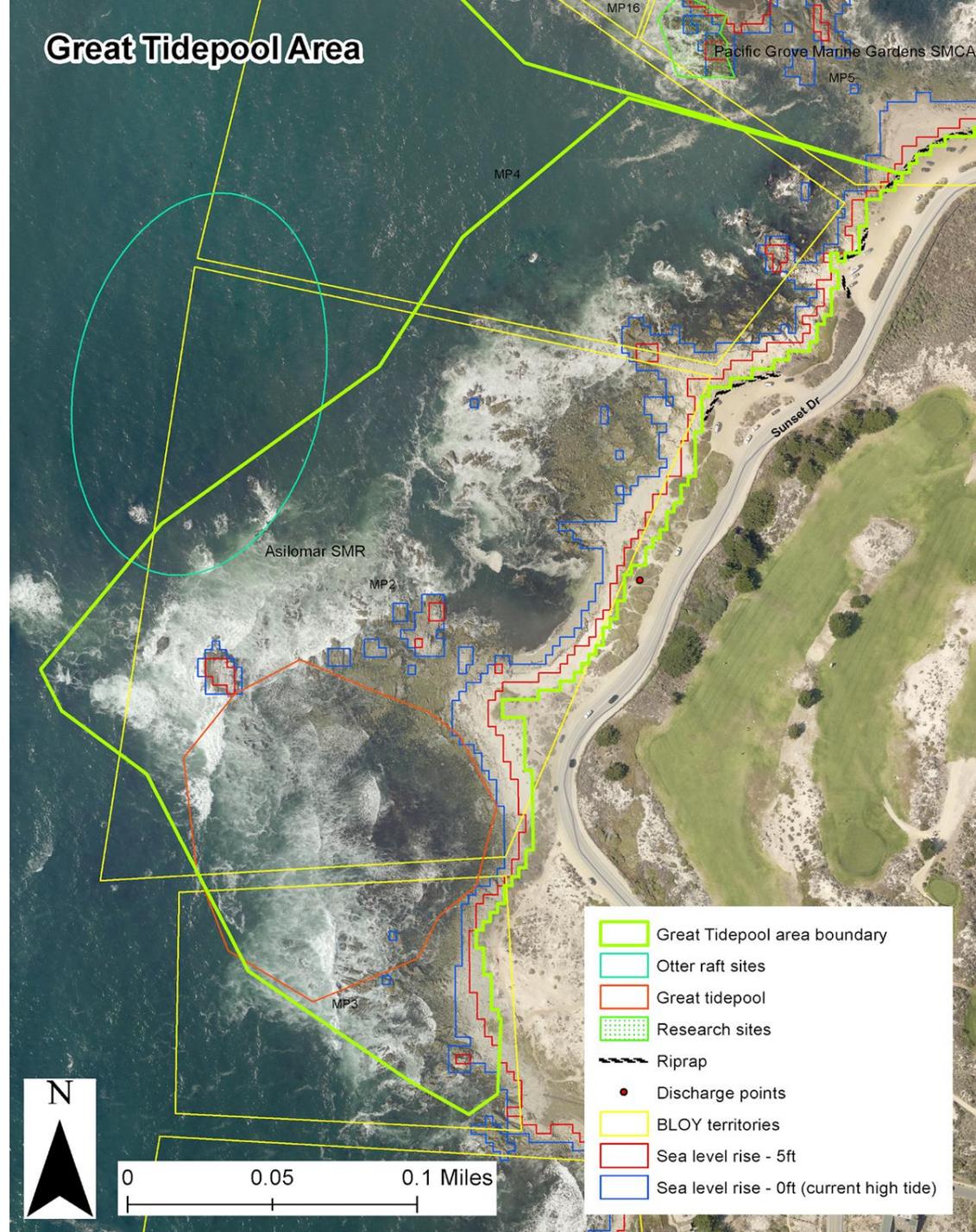


Great Tidepool Area

Northern Boundary:
Small cove south of Point Pinos

Southern Boundary:
Lighthouse Ave.

Great Tidepool Area



Point Pinos Area

Southern Boundary:

Great Tide Pool

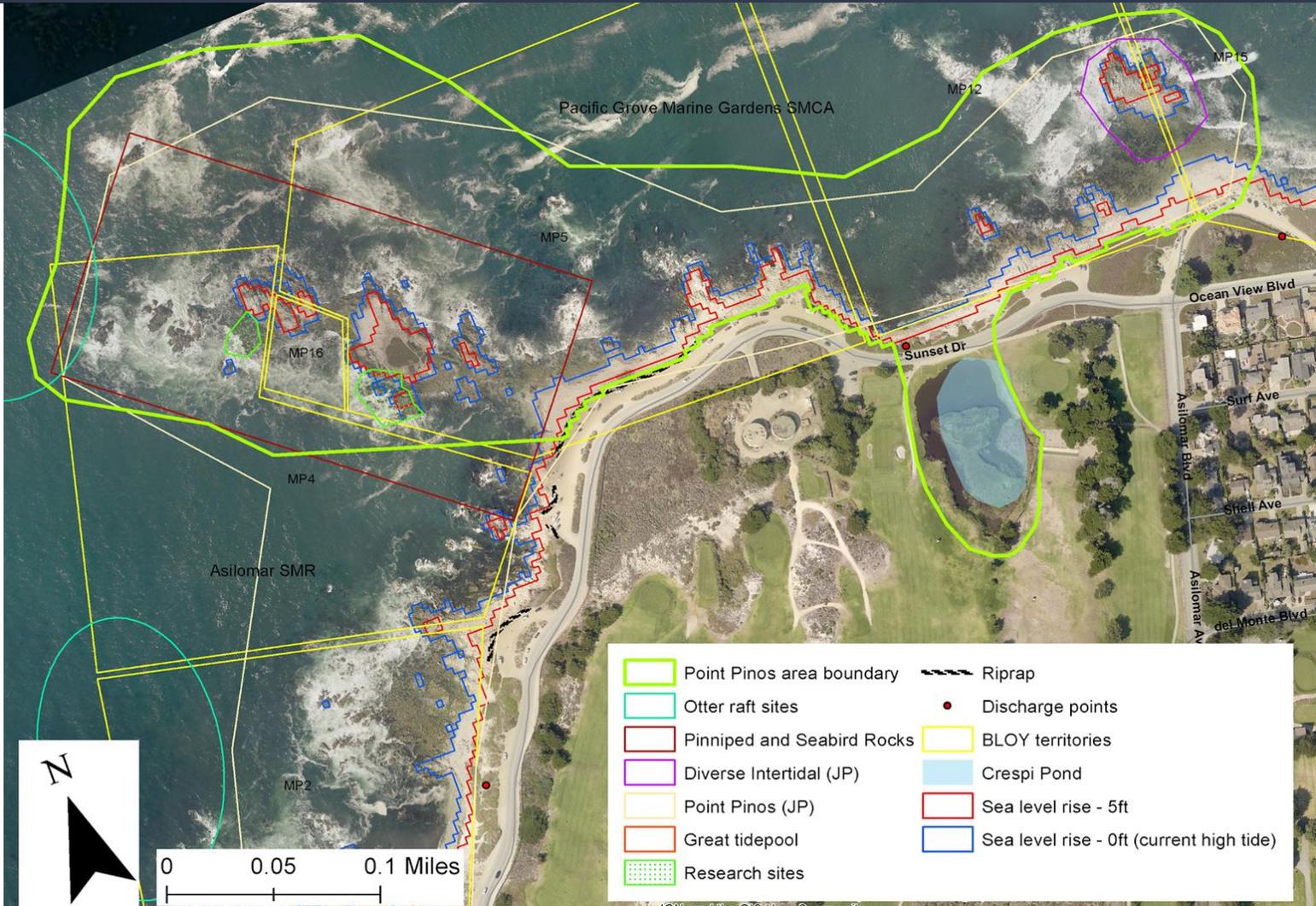
Northwestern Boundary:

Point Pinos

Eastern Boundary:

John Denver Rock/
Asilomar Ave.

Asilomar Ave.



Lovers Point Area

Western Boundary:
Clyte Street
Eastern Boundary:
15th Street



Hopkins

Western Boundary:
7th Street
Eastern Boundary:
Eardley



Example: Point Pinos Area



Point Pinos Area

Southern Boundary:

Great Tide Pool

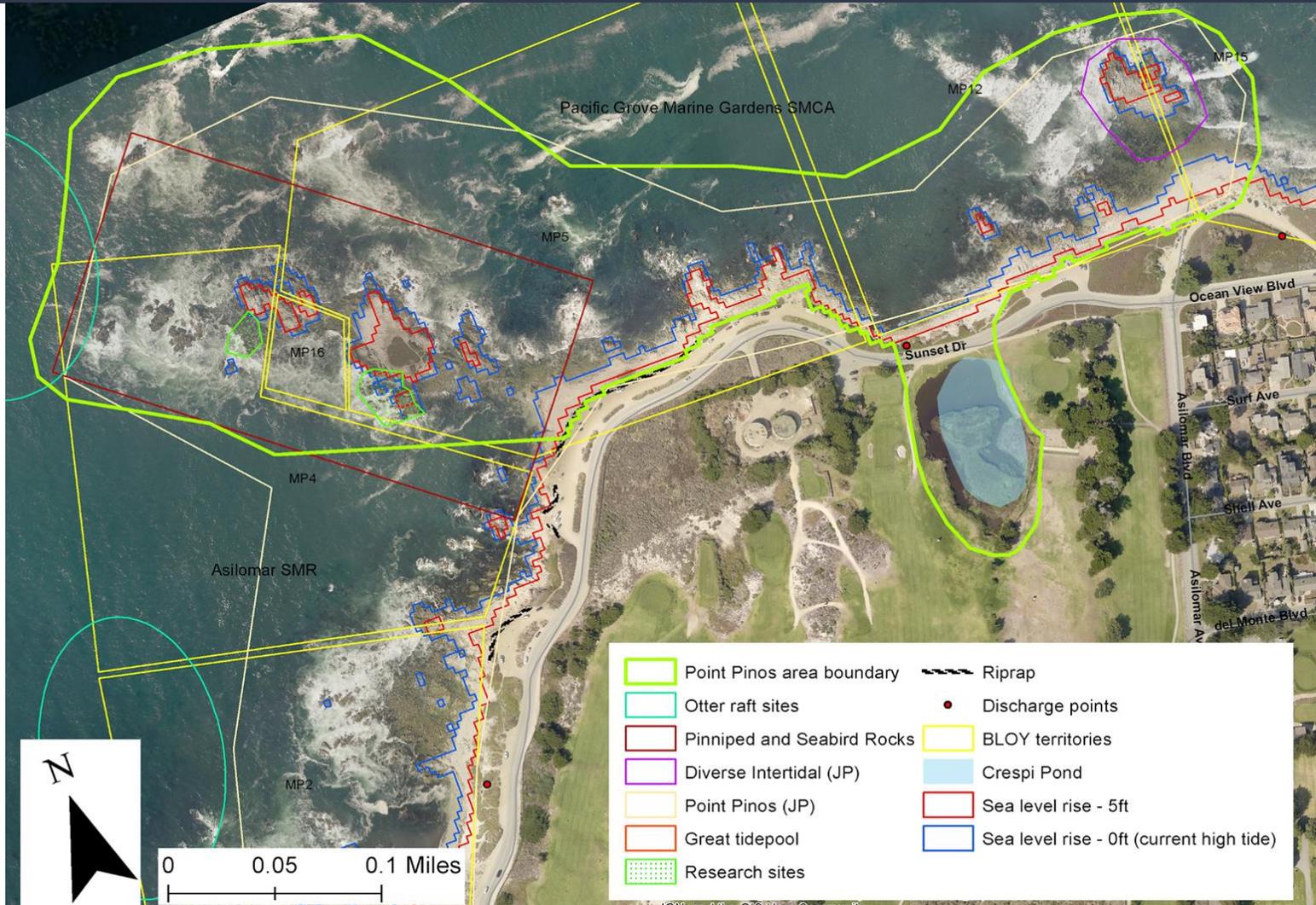
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Point Pinos Area

Species to Consider:

- **Marine Mammals:** Sea Otters and Harbor Seals
- **Birds:** Black Oystercatcher, Virginia Rail, Sora, Yellow Warbler, Marsh Wren, Red-winged Blackbird, migratory ducks, phalaropes
- **Intertidal Species:** Invertebrates, fishes, algae, and sea grasses



Point Pinos Area

Threats:

- **Trampling in tidepools**
- **Disturbance** of nesting, roosting and hauled-out species by people, dogs, and drones
- **Collecting/removal of biota** (mussels, fish, shells, algae)
- **Litter/plastic pollution**
- **Urban runoff**



Point Pinos Area

Threats (continued):

- **Human food sources** deliberately fed to or left as trash/litter to be consumed by gulls, ground squirrels, and raccoons.
- **Degradation of water quality and habitat** at Crespi Pond due to loss of pond and native wetland grasses
- **Sea level rise (SLR) and habitat alteration** - Loss of beach and habitat due to armored coastline around parking area (i.e. natural coastline unable to migrate inshore the sea level rises)



Next steps...

- Further develop recommendations document
 - Identify protective measures which can be applied in specific areas or along the entire coast
 - Assess short-term and long-term options and impacts



Conclusions



Questions and Comments

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