| Park | Fishing & Whaling Storyline | County |
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| <u>China Camp SP</u> | One of the earliest and most productive Chinese fishing villages in California (1870-1925). Chinese immigrants introduced commercial netting to catch grass shrimp, and exported dried shrimp to Chinese living around the world. Exhibits, wharf, shrimp drying oven. The reconstructed Chinese junk, <i>Grace Quan</i> , visits from the Maritime NHP for special events. Read Jack London's <i>Tales of the Fish Patrol</i> for a lively account of the period. | Marin |
| Fort Ross SHP | Fort Ross was a thriving Russian-American Company settlement (18121841). It was the site of California's first ship building, and a base for agriculture and the harvest of seals, sea otter and other animals. Expert Native Alaskan hunters, working for the Russians, brought 40 maneuverable baidarkas (skin-covered kayaks) for this purpose. Otter pelts brought extravagant prices, and the California population was depleted by the 1830's. | Sonoma |
| Monterey SHP, Old Whaling Station | The Old Monterey Whaling Company began shore operations in 1855, using the whaling station as headquarters and whalers' residence. See huge iron pots for rendering whale oil, life of a whaler; the front walkway of the building is paved with whale vertebrae set in a diamond pattern. In the early 1900's Monterey became the center of a lively fishing and canning industry. | Monterey |
| <u>Morro Bay SP and</u> <u>Natural History</u> <u>Museum</u> | See and learn about the Southern Sea Otter which once ranged from Baja California to British Columbia. The recovery of a small population seems stalled along the Central Coast of California. Exhibits also help students understand the dependence of area fisheries on conditions in the estuary and salt marshes of Morro Bay. | San Luis Obispo |
| New Brighton SB | The Pacific Migrations Visitor Center interprets both the sea creatures that traverse the Pacific Rim and people who depend on them. New Brighton, once known as <i>China Beach</i> , was the site of a Chinese fishing village in the 1870s and 1880s. | Santa Cruz |