



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

01 February 2016, CMA

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Bill Power (LACSD); Dario Diehl (SCCWRP); Robin Gartman, Gabriel Rodriguez (CSD); Craig Cambell (CLA); Jim Rounds (Retired-CLA); Rick Feeny (LACM); Mike Mengel (OCSD); Pete Major (retired); Jim Mann (ABC Labs).

Meeting Summary:

Dr. Juli Passarelli opened the meeting with announcements regarding upcoming events and SCAITE business.

1. Upcoming meetings:

Visit the SCAITE website at www.scaite.org for the latest meeting announcements.

2. SCAITE domain name:

Annual website domain name renewal fee is almost due. It has been suggested that SCAITE look into a three year renewal costing. Bill Power indicated he will look into this.

3. Miller and Lea revision:

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to validating the revised Xiphiidae and Istiophoridae (Swordfishes and Billfishes) key and revised Liparidae (Snailfishes) key. Not all of the snailfishes were available for review. Some specimens are being acquired from University of Washington. These specimens will be made available at the March meeting. Majority of the Swordfishes and Billfishes were also not available. Images and descriptions from FAO Species Catalogue Vol. 5 Billfishes of the World; An Annotated and Illustrated Catalogue of Marlins, Sailfishes, Spearfishes and Swordfishes Know To Date was utilized. Any recommendations regarding the keys were submitted to Juli and she'll be forwarding them to the person whom revised the key.