



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

01 June 2020, Online Google Meet

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Terra Petry, Norbert Lee, Shelly Walther (LACSD); Bill Power (LACSD-Retired); Dario Diehl (SCCWRP); Craig Campbell (CLA); Jim Rounds (CLA-Retired); Jonathan Williams (VRG); Robin Gartman, Ami Latker (CSD); Danny Tang, Ken Sakamoto (OCSD); Mike Mengel (OCSD-Retired); Karin Wisenbaker (ABC Labs); Kevin Stolzenback (Wood), Karen Martin (Pepperdine).

Meeting Summary:

Dr. Juli Passarelli opened the meeting by welcoming SCAITE members. After self-introductions, Juli gave a brief narrative of the day's agenda. Announcements regarding upcoming events were made and SCAITE business was discussed.

1. Upcoming SCAITE meetings:

Visit the SCAITE website at www.scaite.org for the latest meeting announcements. Meetings will continue to be virtual until deemed safe to resume group gatherings.

2. Upcoming events:

Book Release Party for Miller and Lea's Guide To The Coastal Marine Fishes Of California has been postponed until deemed safe to resume large group (100+) gathering, likely in 2021. Juli will continue to mail copies of the book to those whom contributed to its production.

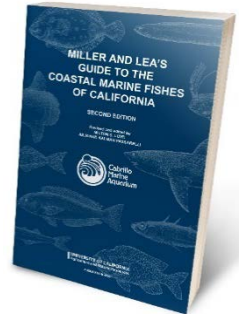
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Discovery Lecture Series will be held online. The current schedule is listed below. For more information go the Discovery Lecture Series website at <https://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/events-news/news.asp?id=178>

- August 7, 2020: Bringing Dark Data into Light, One Shell at a Time presented by Dr. Nicole Bonuso, USC Fullerton
- October 2, 2020: The Risks of Climate Change on the Most Vulnerable Species and Ecosystem presented by Dr. Nina Bednarsek, SCCWRP

- December 4, 2020: Rocky Intertidal Ecosystems in Urbanized Southern California: Long-term Change, Human impacts, and Management presented Dr. Jayson Smith, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

3. Miller and Lea Updates:

Books can be purchased from the CMA gift shop or directly from the publisher's website: University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) <https://anrcatalog.ucanr.edu/Details.aspx?itemNo=3556> for \$30. Juli has received all positive feedback regarding the book in general. There are approximately 40 updates documented by Milton Love mainly pertaining to range and depth extensions.



4. SCAITE Website:

The SCAITE website is housed on the SCCWRP server. With the departure of Shelly Moore from SCCWRP, Dario is the new contact person for posting items to the website. It was suggested the new edition of Miller and Lea be added to the SCAITE website with a link to the publisher's website to purchase the book.

5. SCAITE's involvement with the Fish Response Index:

During the March meeting, the Bight '18 Trawl Committee ask if SCAITE would take on the challenge to review and potentially update the Fish Response Index (FRI) to reflect current sediment conditions and perhaps incorporate current oceanographic concerns such as climate change into the index. See the following document: Allen et al. 2001. Development of Biointegrity Indices for Marine Demersal Fish and Megabenthic Invertebrate Assemblages of Southern California. Technical Report 469. Southern California Coastal Water Research Project.

http://ftp.sccwrp.org/pub/download/DOCUMENTS/TechnicalReports/469_DemersalMegabenthicBiointegrityIndices.pdf. As of current, SCAITE members were still undecided if this is a task SCAITE wants to take on. The group agreed to review the methods section of the document by the September meeting so an open discussion can occur, and a potential decision reached.

6. Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project Update:

The purpose of the Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project is to restore rocky reef habitats on the Palos Verdes Shelf. Funding is provided by NOAA Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP). Eighteen modules are to be placed in 45-65 feet of water. As of current, six modules have been placed and an additional three more by the end of the week. The construction group will return in July or early August to complete the remaining modules. Field monitoring is scheduled to begin in the fall, likely October. Jonathan provided the group with the following link: <https://www.oxy.edu/academics/vantuna-research-group/palos-verdes-reef>.