



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

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Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Bill Power, Fred Stern, Terra Petry (LACSD); Dario Diehl (SCCWRP); Mike Mengel (OCSD); Robin Gartman, Gabriel Rodriguez (CSD); Jonathan Williams (VRG); Jim Rounds (Retired-CLA); Pete Major (Retired).

Meeting Summary:

Dr. Juli Passarelli opened the meeting with announcements regarding upcoming events and SCAITE business. There was a discussion regarding changing the meetings from the 1st Monday of the month to the 3rd Monday of the month in order to reduce conflict with field schedules. Based on upcoming holidays and a planned vacation, the earliest this proposed change could occur is April 2016.

1. Upcoming meetings:

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

Upon completion of the Miller and Lea key validation process, two or three additional meetings will be added to the schedule for editing and checking of the draft layout.

2. Miller and Lea revision:

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to validating the Scorpaenidae (Rockfishes and Scorpionfishes) key: Out of 71 species, only three were not available to review *S. crocotulus* (Sunset Rockfish), *S. gilli* (Bronzespotted Rockfish), and *S. moseri* (Whitespotted Rockfish).

Juli was going to find out why the Scorpionfishes were not incorporated into the key. By the end of the meeting, approximately eight species were left unreviewed. LACSD indicated they could be available to review the remainder of the fishes within the next couple of weeks. Any recommendations regarding the key were submitted to Juli and she'll be forwarding them to Milton Love for his input.