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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS**

03 December 2012, SCCWRP

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Bill Power, Fred Stern, Terra Petry (LACSD); Mike Mengel (OCSD); Jim Rounds, Craig Cambell (CLA - Hyperion); Robin Gartman (CSD); Dario Diehl, Shelly Moore (SCCWRP); Danny Heilprin (Ecorp Consulting); Jim Mann (ABC Labs); Eric Miller (MBC); Karen Martin (Pepperdine).

Meeting Summary:

Dr. Juli Passarelli opened the meeting with a brief recap of the previous meeting and announcements of upcoming meetings and SCAITE business.

1. SCAITE logo:

There have been some concerns about the logo that was previously selected. New ideas were put forth that will be sent to the members for consideration.

2. SCAITE website:

The website is being hosted by SCCWRP and is being slowly updated with meeting dates and notes. Fish keys and presentations will eventually be posted on it. Anyone interested in helping out with content should get in touch with Shelly Moore from SCCWRP.

Work was continued on keys for the Miller and Lea update. Juli asked for comments on the Cottidae key from the last meeting. She also wanted to know which fish had been identified using the new key. There seemed to be some concern with the split between the bald vs. mosshead sculpin. There was also discussion on which freshwater sculpin should be included in the key.

A key for Zoarcidae was handed out and several specimens were keyed out during the remainder of the meeting. The key seemed to work fine for the specimens that were available although one species was likely originally misidentified. There were suggestions that more drawings be added to the key for certain difficult to see characteristics.

Dario Diehl gave the results from a SCCWRP survey on the types of QA/QC procedures of local POTWs and consulting firms' trawl programs. In general, most agencies perform similar procedures although there is not a clear consensus for triggers for retrawling or retraining. Dario will post the results on the SCAITE website in the future.