



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

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Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Fred Stern, Terra Petry (LACSD); Mike Mengel, Erica Jarvis (OCSD); Jim Mann (ABC Labs); Rick Feeney (LACM); Jim Rounds (Retired); Jonathan William (VRG); Danny Heilprin (Ecorp Consulting).

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. Miller and Lea revision:

- From the last meeting, we were attempting to define the term “coastal waters” in order to determine what distance from the mainland and what distance from the island should be included within the guide. It was decided that “coastal waters” for the mainland will be defined as the water within 25 miles from shore or reaches a maximum depth of 500 meters, whichever comes first. For islands, “coastal waters” will be defined as the water within 25 miles from land.
- An updated Macrouridae key based off of recommendations from the last meeting was passed out for final review. If all looks well, this key will be considered done.
- Juli will be working on updating the Zoarcidae key based on the submitted recommendations. Once completed, the key will be passed out for final review.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to validating the newly developed Ohidiidae key, revised Gempylidae and Trichiuridae combined key, and the existing Sciaenidae key. All specimens were available for review with the exception of the Oilfish. In addition to the adult drawings, juvenile white seabass and black croak drawings will be added to the guide. Any

recommendations regarding the keys will be submitted to Juli and she'll forward them to the person whom revised the key.