



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

07 December 2020, Online Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Terra Petry, Bill Furlong (LACSD); Craig Campbell (CLA); Jonathan Williams (VRG); Robin Gartman, Zoe Scott (CSD); Mike Mengel (OCSD-Retired); Karin Wisenbaker (ABC Labs); Danny Helprin (Man Tech); Don Buth (UCLA); Karen Martin (Pepperdine); Jim Rounds (CLA-Retired); HJ Walker (Scripps-Retired); Bruno Passarelli (UCLA/Saddleback College).

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 Signing or Acknowledgement 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 completed the task of mailing books to those whom contributed in the production of the book.

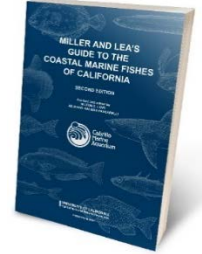
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Discovery Lecture Series will be held virtually. The current schedule is listed below. For more information go the Discovery Lecture Series website at <https://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/events-news/news.asp?id=178>

- February 5, 2021: Marine Heatwaves of the North East Pacific: Will "Blobs" be the new normal? presented by Dr. Andrew Leising, NOAA Southwest Fisheries
- April 9, 2021: Just say no to drugs: The spread of antibiotics-resistant bacteria into our coastal wetlands presented by Dr. David Cummings, Point Loma Nazarene University

Southern California Academy of Sciences (SCAS) 2021 Annual Meeting will be held virtually on May 7, 2021. The plenary speaker is Dr. Chris Lowe, director of the Shark Lab at California State University Long Beach (CSULB).

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.



Keep track of any errors, changes, or additions that would be relevant for a third edition of the book. Other ideas or suggestions are also welcomed.

4. Guest speaker: Bruno Passarelli, UCLA PhD candidate
Metazoan Parasites of California Grunion and Other New World Silversides

California grunion, *Leuresthes tenuis*, were collected at five localities in the Southern California Bight (SCB) over a three year period and inspected for parasites. Approximately 85% of the collected grunion were infected with at least one species of parasite, and on average, nearly four parasites were found per infected fish. Preliminary data revealed the average number of parasites found per other New World Silversides, Atherinopsidae, were much higher. Interestingly, the dominant metazoan parasite varied among localities within the SCB.