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

09 January 2012, CMA

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli, Alfonso Montiel, Ralph Appy (CMA); Bill Power, Fred Stern, Terra Duvall, Chase McDonald, Cheryl Brantley, Larry Lovell, Bill Furlong (LACSD); Mike Mengel (OCSD); Jim Rounds (CLA - Hyperion); Robin Gartman, Ron Velarde, Mike Kelly (CSD); Dario Diehl, Shelly Moore, Ken Schiff (SCCWRP); Danny Heilprin, Todd Chapman, Brian Zitt (Ecorp Consulting); Jim Mann (ABC Labs); Rick Feeney (LACM); Edward Basmadjian (SAIC/Weston); Bill Isham (Weston); Eric Miller (MBC); Bob Brantley (retired); Lisa Gilbane (DOI/BOEM); Jonathan Williams (VRG).

Meeting Summary:

Mike Schaddt, CMA Director, opened the meeting by welcoming SCAITE and SCAMIT members to the aquarium. He gave a brief overview of current and upcoming events that CMA is involved with. Cheryl Brantley then took the floor and introduced the guest speaker, Andy Lamb from Vancouver Aquarium, who gave a presentation entitled Vertebrate and Invertebrate Collecting and Diving Adventures in the Pacific Northwest.

Andy share many wonderful stories regarding humorous events and close encounters while diving and collecting in Puget Sound. He expressed the difficulties and challenges of photographing live animals for his 2005 published book entitled Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia of Invertebrates, Seaweeds and Selected Fishes.

The afternoon portion of the meeting was used to discuss trawl permit requirements and quality assurance/quality control trawl protocols. Fred Stern started the discussion with a powerpoint presentation giving an overview of LASCDC's trawl monitoring program and QA/QC practices. Following the presentation Ken discussed the upcoming need for data to be SWAMP compatible, with appropriate protocols that we want to suggest for implementation. The remaining agencies and contractors were given an opportunity to discuss their monitoring program and QC activities. Based on the responses, it was obvious that there is variation between the monitoring program requirements as well as QC practices among the group.

SCAITE Business:

- Logo: Juli announced the results from the member voting poll. She reiterated that the image is not in final form and modifications can still be made.