



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

21 September 2020, Online Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Terra Petry, Bill Furlong, Norbert Lee, Shelly Walther (LACSD); Bill Power (LACSD-Retired); Craig Campbell (CLA); Jonathan Williams (VRG); Robin Gartman, Ami Latker, Zoe Scott (CSD); Mike Mengel (OCSD-Retired); Karin Wisenbaker, Jim Mann (ABC Labs); Danny Helprin (Man Tech); Don Buth (UCLA); Karen Martin (Pepperdine).

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 to the production.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Discovery Lecture Series will be held online. 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>

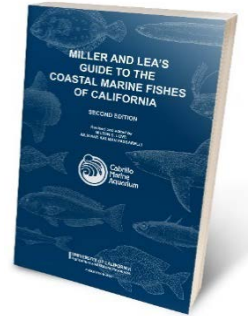
- October 2, 2020: The Risks of Climate Change on the Most Vulnerable Species and Ecosystem presented by Dr. Nina Bednarsek, SCCWRP
- November 6, 2020: Bringing Dark Data into Light, One Shell at a Time presented by Dr. Nicole Bonuso, USC Fullerton

- December 4, 2020: Rocky Intertidal Ecosystems in Urbanized Southern California: Long-term Change, Human impacts, and Management presented Dr. Jayson Smith, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

This year's SCAS meeting, typically held in May, was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Officers and Board of Directors are currently planning for a virtual meeting to be held in May 2021.

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. One suggestion was to add a table in the back of the book listing Federal and/or State protected fishes.

4. Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission:

The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) received a grant, from the state of Washington, for the development of a web-based fish taxonomic app for the West Coast. Milton Love, Juli, and UCANR are in support of the effort.

5. SCAITE's involvement with the Fish Response Index:

After more discussion regarding the Fish Response Index (FRI), it was decided a subgroup needs to be established in order to define the specifics that are being asked of the SCAITE group. The subgroup will provide SCAITE with a presentation outlining specific task requests at the March 1, 2021 meeting. Below is a link to the document: Allen et al. 2001. Development of Biointegrity Indices for Marine Demersal Fish and Megabenthic Invertebrate Assemblages of Southern California. Technical Report 469. Southern California Coastal Water Research Project.

http://ftp.sccwrp.org/pub/download/DOCUMENTS/TechnicalReports/469_DemersalMegabenthicBiointegrityIndices.pdf.

6. Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project Update:

The purpose of the project is to restore rocky reef habitats on the Palos Verdes Shelf. Funding is provided by NOAA Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP). Eighteen modules are to be placed in 45-65 feet of water. Sonar surveys are scheduled on September 22, 2020. Afterwards, the crane and barge can leave the site. Field monitoring is scheduled to begin in the fall, likely October. Jonathan provided the group with the following link:

<https://www.oxy.edu/academics/vantuna-research-group/palos-verdes-reef>.