



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ICHTHYOLOGICAL TAXONOMISTS AND ECOLOGISTS

24 May 2021, Online Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Julianne Passarelli (CMA); Bill Furlong, Norbert Lee, Shelly Walther, Chase McDonald, Brent Haggin (LACSD); Craig Campbell, Curtis Cash (CLA); Jonathan Williams (VRG); Zoe Scott, Ami Latker, Gabe Rodriguez (CSD); Mike Mengel (OCSD-Retired); Karin Wisenbaker (ABC Labs); Danny Helprin (Man Tech); Don Buth (UCLA); Dario Diehl (SCCWRP); Bill Power (LACSD-Retired); Kevin Stolzenback (Wood); Danny Tang (OCSD); 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. Passing of Rick Feeney: Rick was the long-time Ichthyology Collections Manager at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles and a huge contributor to the Miller and Lea book revision. He will be greatly missed!



2. 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.

- September 13, 2021: Fish Response Index update and review Miller and Lea book
- December 6, 2021: guest speaker (Shark Lab student)

3. SCAITE domain name:

SCAITE.org has been renewed by Dario for five years at a cost of \$105.85 (expires: 4/18/2026).

4. 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 Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.

American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists 2021 Annual Meeting will be a hybrid meeting held in July. The in-person platform will be in Phoenix, Arizona on July 21-23, 2021 and the virtual platform will be on July 26-28, 2021.

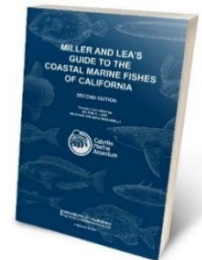
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Discovery Lecture Series will be held virtually. The current schedule is listed below. For more information go the Discovery Lecture Series website at <https://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org/events-news/news.asp?id=178>

- June 4, 2021: Searching for "Lost Sharks" presented by Dr. David A. Ebert, Pacific Shark Research Center, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

5. 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.

Juli gave Miller and Lea book presentations at Southern California Academy of Sciences (SCAS) and Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network (MARINE) meetings.



6. Guest speaker: Jonathan Williams, Vantuna Research Group
Palos Verdes Reef Restoration Project:

The purpose of the project is to restore rocky reef habitats on the Palos Verdes Shelf. Funding was provided by NOAA Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP). Catalina quarry rock, 58,000 tons, was used to create 18 modules, up to four meters in height, and placed in water depths ranging from 47-75 feet. The installation was completed in late September 2020.

Thus far, the reef is maturing faster and is better than expected. Monitoring by sonar, dive surveys, and reporting will be conducted over the next four to five years. Jonathan provided the group with the following link: <https://www.oxy.edu/academics/vantuna-research-group/palos-verdes-reef>