

**MARINE RESOURCE INFORMATION WORKSHOP  
6-9 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003  
MORRO BAY COMMUNITY CENTER**

**A. NOAA Biogeographic Assessment of SLO Coast Area**

**Wendy Morrison**, Biogeography Program, NOAA, participated in the data gathering and analysis for the SLO County Coast area

1. What are distinctive physical characteristics of this marine region?
2. What are the distinctive resources of this area?
3. How do the resources in this area compare with other areas, e.g. MBNMS and CINMS?
4. What are the interrelationships of the habitats and species in the SLO County Coast with those in other areas? (What are the ecosystem linkages?)
5. Does the SLO County area serve any special function as a mixing or interface of N. and S.?
6. What are the data sources for physical characteristics and species of this area?

**B. Socio-Economics of the SLO County Marine Resources**

**Astrid Scholz, Ph.D.**, participant on socio-economic study review panels for Central California, director of the Groundfish Fleet Restructuring Information and Analysis Project for the Pacific Marine Conservation Council, and Ecotrust staff economist

1. What information is available on the socio-economic impacts of marine-related activities (recreational--e.g. surfing, kayaking, boating; fishing; etc.)?
2. What are the socio-economic impacts of the marine-related activities (including fishing closures)?
3. What information is available about the impacts of marine sanctuaries (see MBNMS, CINMS, and independent sources) ?
4. What studies are planned or possible to improve the understanding of the socio-economic significance of the SLO County marine resources?

**C. Valuation of San Luis Obispo County Beaches**

**Linwood Pendleton, Ph.D.**, independent consultant participating in the Southern California Beach Project

1. How do you establish the economic value of a beach?
2. How do factors like water quality impact these calculations?
3. What are the plans to analyze these issues for the SLO County beaches?

**NEXT STEPS**--forthcoming workshops and meetings

- MBNMS SAC meeting, Friday afternoon, Oct. 3, Cavalier Resort, San Simeon

- “How to Improve Ocean Management” [tentatively Oct. 8 or 9]
- “Alternative Protective Measures” [tentatively Oct. 15 or 29]
- “Discussion and Decision Workshops [tentatively Nov. 5 and 6]

Note: This workshop will be rebroadcast on Channels 20 and 21 as a public service of Charter Communications. See [www.slo-span.org](http://www.slo-span.org) <<http://www.slo-span.org>> for a schedule. Tapes will be available at the San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay libraries.