SLO COUNTY MARINE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH FOR 2004

6:00 - 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 26 Community Room, SLO City-County Library 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

AGENDA

Overview and Introductions (6:00 - 6:05 p.m.)

I. Collaborative Fisheries Research

Fisheries Study Team

- * Tom Hafer, commercial fisherman
- * Steve Moore, Patriot Sportfishing
- * Royden Nakamura, Ph.D., professor, Cal Poly
- * John Stephens, Ph.D., adjunct faculty, Cal Poly
- * Virg's Sportfishing
- * Dean Wendt, Ph.D., assistant professor, Cal Poly
- * Cal Poly research students

Scientists and Agency Personnel Involved in Fisheries Management

- * Tom Barnes, Senior Biologist (CDF&G)
- * Elizabeth Clarke, Ph.D., Director, Fishery Resource Analysis and Monitoring Division, NMFS
- * Steve Ralston, Ph.D., Research Fishery Biologist, NMFS
- * Marija Vojkovich, Offshore Ecosystem Coordinator, CDF&G [Please note: The scientists and agency personnel involved in fisheries management are attending this meeting to assist in identifying ways to enhance the value of the collaborative research. This is not a forum for debate about current fisheries management practices. Such discussions occur at the formal meetings of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the California Dept. of Fish & Game.]
- A. Rockfish Studies (6:05 7:15 p.m.)
 Brief summary of 2003 pilot study results
 Plans for 2004
 John Stephens, Ph.D., adjunct faculty, Cal Poly
 Commentary from scientists and agency personnel
 How do these studies link with other research?
 What are the opportunities for this research to aid in policy making?

MIG Working Committee and Public Discussion

B. Cabezon Study (7:15 - 8:00 p.m.)
Plans for 2004

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II. Indicators of Water Quality--Sand Crab Study (8:00 - 8:30 p.m.)
Plans for 2004

Jenny Dugan, Ph.D., research associate, UCSB Nancy Dalman, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty, Cal Poly Karen Worcester, environmental specialist, RWQCB MIG Working Committee and Public Discussion

III. Indicators of Food Chain Health -- Pelagic Birds Study (8:30 - 9:00 p.m.) Plans for 2004

Francis Villablanca, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Cal Poly Tom Edell, Morro Coast Audubon Society Marla Morrissey, Morro Coast Audubon Society MIG Working Committee and Public Discussion

IV. Other MIG Initiatives and General Discussion (9:00 - 9:30 p.m.)

This research is conducted through funds received by the Cal Poly Foundation. The impetus for this endeavor began with the Marine Interests Group of San Luis Obispo County, a grass-roots initiative to sustain and enhance marine resources. (See www.mbnep.org/mig.)