

Collaborative Research Project: August Update

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER ANGLERS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST MONTH!!

Rick Starr of the UC Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program and Dean Wendt of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo have been working with Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels and recreational anglers to catch and tag fish out of Morro Bay, Monterey and Pillar Point Harbors. The purpose of this collaborative research is to collect baseline information about the Point Buchon, Point Lobos, and Año Nuevo Marine Protected Areas.

In August, our first month of sampling, we went out for 12 days and caught a grand total of 3,668 fishes. What a fantastic way to begin this project! We want to thank all of the volunteer anglers, captains and deckhands who worked with us this past month. We couldn't do this without your help and expertise!

We would like to acknowledge a few anglers who came out with us multiple times: Mike Blackstone 3 trips, Darrell Bunse 4 trips, Jim Dull 4 trips, David Kammerer 6 trips, and David Reins 7 trips!

We hope to see you all back out on the water!

Also, please keep a look out for tagged fish and let us know if you catch any!



Below is a summary of our August trips:

Date	No. Volunteers	No. Fish Caught
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Point Lobos

08/06	13	449
08/07	14	693
08/08	5	198
08/09	8	454

Total Fish Caught: 1794

Año Nuevo

08/20	11	109
08/21	16	258
08/23	13	65
08/24	18	434

Total Fish Caught: 866

Point Buchon

08/ 21	10	425
08/22	12	206
08/27	10	146
08/28	8	231

Total Fish Caught: 1008

Fish species caught: Black, Black-and-Yellow, Blue, Brown, Calico, Canary, China, Copper, Gopher, Kelp, Olive, Rosy, Starry, Treefish, Vermilion, and Yellowtail rockfishes, Cabezon, Kelp Greenling, Lingcod, and Mackerel

Biggest vermilion rockfish caught: Dylan Gorman, 55 cm

Biggest copper rockfish caught : Larry Edginton, 46 cm

Biggest lingcod caught :

08/06	David McKenzie	65 cm
08/07	David Reins	86 cm
08/09	Darrell Bunse	74 cm
08/20	David Kammerer	69 cm
08/21 (AN)	Nick Koozmin	87 cm
08/21 (PB)	Bob Imes	66 cm
08/23 (AN)	Jim Dull	69 cm
08/23 (PB)	Mike Blackstone	67 cm
08/24	Jim Dull	75 cm
08/27	Tyler Furuichi	69 cm
08/28	Steve Hendricks	63 cm

Smallest lingcod caught: Tom Westphal, 16 cm

For more information about this project go to our websites:

www.slosea.org/collaborative and <http://seagrant.mlm1.calstate.edu/crmpamonitor.php>