

Collaborative Research Project: October 2007 Update

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER ANGLERS!!

October marks the end of the 2007 field season for the collaborative research study being conducted by the UC Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. During the months of August, September and October we have been working with Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels and recreational anglers to catch and tag fishes out of Monterey, Morro Bay, Pillar Point and San Luis Harbors. The aim of this project is to collect baseline information about the Point Buchon, Point Lobos, and Año Nuevo Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Our volunteers caught a total of 3,668 fishes in August, 2,574 fishes in September and 1,760 fishes in October (all three areas combined).

Over the past three months we have met and exceeded the sampling objectives thanks to the commitment and expertise of our volunteer anglers and the captains and deckhands of the *F/V Caroline*, *Fiesta*, *Huli Cat*, *Pacific Horizon* and *Patriot*. Of our volunteers, we had several who came out multiple times: Jeremy Harkins, Ido Nienhuis, and Jim and Bonnie Roberson: 5 times; Nancy and Gary Aubuchon, Jim Dull, and Jim Webb: 6 times; Mike Blackstone: 7 times; Darrell Bunse: 8 times; David Reins: 12 times; David Kammerer: 15 times. Thank you for your continued support of this project!

Please check our websites for more information and to follow the progress of this study:

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

Below is a summary of our fishing trips (Note that the number of volunteers does not equate to the number of people fishing. Also, the duration of fishing varied per day.).

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Volunteers</u>	<u>No. Fishes Caught</u>
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<u>Año Nuevo (AN)</u>		
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10/08	6	106
10/09	5	64
10/11	8	51
10/12	16	7

Total Fishes Caught in October:	228
in September:	256
in August:	866

<u>Point Lobos (PL)</u>		
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10/22	10	277
10/23	12	96
10/24	14	356
10/25	12	111

Total Fishes Caught in October:	840
in September:	1531
in August:	1794

<u>Point Buchon (PB)</u>		
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10/15	10	181
10/16	12	138
10/23	10	134
10/24	10	239

Total Fishes Caught in October:	692
in September:	787
in August:	1008

Fishes caught in October: Black, Black-and-Yellow, Blue, Canary, China, Copper, Flag, Gopher, Grass, Kelp, Olive, Rosy, Starry, Treefish, Vermilion, and Yellowtail rockfishes, Cabezon, Kelp and Rock Greenling, Lingcod, Ocean Whitefish, Rock Sole, Sanddab and Sardines.

Biggest lingcod caught:

In August:	86 cm (34 in)	David Reins	(PL)
	87 cm (34 in)	Nick Koozmin	(AN)
In September:	81 cm (32 in)	Matt Michie	(PL)
In October:	81 cm (32 in)	Wayne Macon	(PL)

