



Collaborative Research Project: September Update

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER ANGLERS FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MONTH!!

Rick Starr of the UC Cooperative Extension Sea Grant Program and Moss Landing Marine Laboratories 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 Monterey, Morro Bay, Pillar Point and San Luis Harbors. The purpose of this collaborative research is to collect baseline information about the Point Buchon, Point Lobos, and Año Nuevo Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). This Fall we are fishing two days per month inside each of these MPAs and two days per month in reference areas outside the MPAs.

In August, our first month of sampling, we went out for 12 days and caught a total of 3,668 fishes (all three areas combined). In September, we fished 11 days and caught 2,574 fishes. We saw a variety of fish species in September, including: Black, Black-and-Yellow, Blue, Brown, Canary, China, Copper, Gopher, Grass, Kelp, Olive, Rosy, Starry, Treefish, Vermilion, and Yellowtail rockfishes, Cabezon, Kelp and Rock Greenling, Lingcod, Mackerel, sardines, and a Red Irish Lord.

We want to thank all of the volunteer anglers who fished with us this past month, and the captains and deckhands of the *FV Caroline*, *Fiesta*, *Huli Cat*, *Pacific Horizon* and *Patriot*. Your expertise and interest is extremely valuable! We would like to acknowledge a few anglers who have come out with us multiple times during the past two months: Nancy and Gary Aubuchon, Sean Crandal, Ido Nienhuis and Matt Michie: 4 times; Darrell Bunse and Jim Dull: 6 times; David Reins: 8 times; and David Kammerer: 10 times!

Below is a summary of the September fishing trips:

Date No. Volunteers No. Fish Caught

Año Nuevo (AN)

09/17	6	62
09/18	6	106
09/20	6	88

Total Fish Caught: 256

Point Lobos (PL)

09/2	12	585
09/25	8	120
09/26	10	287
09/27	10	539

Total Fish Caught: 1531

Point Buchon (PB)

09/18	8	184
09/19	9	256
09/24	5	129
09/25	13	218

Total Fish Caught: 787

Biggest vermilion rockfish caught:

Matt Michie 53 cm (21 in)

Biggest copper rockfish caught :

Blake Hawes 49 cm (19 in)

Biggest cabezon caught :

John Tsui 43 cm (17 in)

Biggest lingcod caught :

09/17	Ido Nienhuis	70 cm (28 in)
09/18 (AN)	Ido Nienhuis	60 cm (24 in)
09/18 (PB)	Will Bateman	65 cm (26 in)
09/19	Jim Webb	54 cm (21 in)
09/24 (PL)	Viviano Alvarez	54 cm (21 in)
09/24 (PB)	Sal de la Rocha	61 cm (24 in)
09/25 (PL)	Bryan Crouch	68 cm (27 in)
09/25 (PB)	David Sneed	64 cm (25 in)
09/26	Darrell Bunse	73 cm (29 in)
09/27	Matt Michie	81 cm (32 in)

For more information about this project and for instructions on what to do if you catch a tagged fish, go to our websites: www.slosea.org/collaborative and <http://seagrants.mlm.calstate.edu/crmpamonitor.php>

