



Volunteer Newsletter

California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP)
Bodega Marine Laboratory

Greetings CCFRP Volunteers,

With your help, UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML) had an amazing first year as part of the statewide California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program! We were able to collect important scientific information on fish populations both inside and outside of two Marine Protected Areas near Bodega Bay, CA (Bodega Head SMR & Stewarts Point SMR). Overall, we sampled 1,240 fish from 21 species in 6 days! Some of the predominant species we sampled included the Black rockfish (*Sebastes melanops*), Brown rockfish (*Sebastes auriculatus*), Blue rockfish (*Sebastes mystinus*), Deacon rockfish (*Sebastes diaconus*), Gopher rockfish (*Sebastes carnatus*), Copper rockfish (*Sebastes caurinus*), Lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), Kelp Greenling (*Hexagrammos decagrammus*), China rockfish (*Sebastes nebulosus*), Vermillion rockfish (*Sebastes miniatus*), Yellowtail rockfish (*Sebastes flavidus*), and Olive rockfish (*Sebastes serranoides*). One of the rarest species we caught on one of our trips was a Tiger rockfish (*Sebastes nigrocinctus*). We also caught a bizarre and fascinating looking fish, the Buffalo Sculpin (*Enophrys bison*), which has horn-like spines on its head. A highlight from our week of sampling was catching a Copper rockfish (*Sebastes caurinus*) near Stewart's Point that was previously tagged in San Luis Obispo area, which means that this fish had travelled over 300 miles! We had a wonderful first year of CCFRP thanks to your help! Your support is essential to the success of CCFRP.

We would like to invite you to our Annual Volunteer Angler Appreciation Event and data workshop, where we will present data from our sampling season, tour Bodega Marine Laboratory, and mingle with other volunteer anglers. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please feel free to bring others who may be interested. *Please make sure to RSVP through the link provided in the email because we will be sending out additional details for the event.*

The event will be **Sunday, April 15th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm** at:

**Bodega Marine Laboratory
2099 Westshore Road
Bodega Bay, CA 94923**

Please RSVP online!

Please note we have scheduled this event to coincide with Bodega Bay's Annual Fisherman's Festival event (<http://www.bbfishfest.org/>), which is a wonderful event to celebrate our local fisherman. We encourage you to check it out!

