Volunteer Appreciation Event & Data Workshop



Moss Landing Marine Labs March 12th, 2022





Outline

- 1. Zoom "Introductions" & Etiquette
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- 3. Program Background & Updates
- 4. 2022 Decadal Review Highlights
- 5. Tag-Recapture Highlights from 2021
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- 7. 2022 CDFW Fishing Regulations







Introductions - Change Your Zoom Name!

- **1.** Hover your mouse over your picture
- 2. Click the three dots in the upper right-hand corner
- 3. Select "Change Name"
- 4. Write in your: Name, Affiliation (Captain, Deckhand, Volunteer, etc.)



Updates on the Decadal Management Review







CDFW

Coordination

Input



Adaptive

Gaps in Knowledge/ Additional ?'s

Science

Advisory

Teams

Monitoring Program and Science Guidance

- Baseline Monitoring data (2007-2018)
- Long-term Monitoring data (2016-present)
- Network connectivity model
- Science guidance
 - MPA Decadal Evaluation Working Group
 - MPA and Climate Resilience
 - National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis

Long-term monitoring technical reports now available on CA Sea Grant website!



Anticipated Timeline

2022

- January: Reports received from monitoring groups and core partners
- January to August: NCEAS report developed
- January to November: CDFW report development

2023

- January: CDFW and NCEAS reports publicly available
- February: Reports discussed at Fish and Game Commission meeting
- March: MRC meeting, Public symposium/open house
- April: DMR discussion at Tribal Committee meeting and FGC meeting with direction on next steps



Stay Informed

- Decadal management review landing page <u>https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MPAs/Management/Decadal-Review</u>
- MPAMangementReview@wildlife.ca.gov
- Community meeting report and videos now available!
- Upcoming public webinars with monitoring researchers
- Fish and Game Commission, OPC, Marine Resources Committee, Tribal Committee meetings
- Sign up for CDFW and OPC newsletters







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Questions?







California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP)



- Fishery-independent (catch- and-release) study that combines the expertise and ideas of:
 - Fishing community
 - Academia
 - Resources managers
- Conduct scientifically rigorous data collection and analyses for MPA monitoring and fisheries management



Benefits of Collaboration

- Engage stakeholders in both science and management
- Utilize different areas of expertise to develop protocols and collect data
- Create a shared understanding of resources and facilitate communication among user groups



Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)

- Passed in 1999
- Mandated the creation of a network of marine protected areas (MPAs) to protect diversity and ecosystem function



Marine Protected Area (MPA) vs. Reference Site (REF)

- State Marine Reserve (SMR) fully protected; all commercial and recreational harvest prohibited
- State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA) limited recreational and/or commercial extraction permitted
- State Marine Park (SMP) recreational harvest permitted
- **Reference Site** (REF) areas open to both recreational and commercial fishing; subject to California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) rules and regulations (e.g., minimum/maximum sizes, seasonal closures, daily bag limits)



Why Monitor MPAs?

- It is a priority adopted by regional stakeholders
- It is required by MLPA (ensure MLPA goals are met)
- Critical to enabling adaptive management













How Do We Sample?

- Each time we visit a cell we aim to fish for 45 minutes, broken into 15 minute drifts
- Data collected during drift:
 - Angler number
 - Start/stop times
 - GPS coordinates
 - Species
 - Total length (cm)
 - Fish condition
 - Tag number





Rockfish are Diverse & Long-Lived!

- Approx. 70 species along the northeast Pacific
 - 100+ worldwide
- Nearshore 2,830 m (9,285 ft)
- <u>EX</u>: Vermilion Rockfish 60 years old (Love et al. 2002)



Maximizing Survivorship

- Sample < 120 feet
- Fish without barbed hooks
- Use careful handling techniques
- Keep surface time < 5 min
- Regularly replace seawater
- Only tag fishes in good condition
- Descend fishes, when necessary



The Plight of the Rockfish Symptoms of Barotrauma **Stomach** Surface 3 vol Swim Bladder 2 vol 30 feet 60 feet 1 vol The volume of a fish's swim bladder can triple when reeled in from depths as shallow as 60 feet

The Plight of the Rockfish Descending Devices



MLML Summary (2007-2021)

- **9** CPFV's, **16** skippers, **4** harbors
- **240** sampling days at sea
- □ 873 volunteer anglers
- **7,000** hours of fishing
- **B1,750** fishes (**53** spp.)
- **24,793** fishes tagged and released









CCFRP Updates

When we're not fishing with all of you, we are publishing data and giving presentations to other researchers on the data you helped collect!

• **Paper in Review:** Ziegler SL, RO Brooks, SL Hamilton, Bl Ruttenberg, JA Chiu, RT Fields, GT Waltz, C Shen, DE Wendt, RM Starr. External fishing effort regulates the positive effects of no-take marine protected areas. *Biological Conservation.*



Shelby Ziegler WSN 2021 Presentation: "External fishing effort regulates positive effects of no-take marine protected areas"



Rachel Brooks WSN 2021 Presentation:

"Assessing fish spillover using 14-years of tag-recapture data across four central California marine protected areas"



Jake Todd WSN 2021 Presentation: "Does MPA age matter? Fish community composition and size structure within the new and old Point Lobos State Marine Reserve"



Molly Alvino & Konnor Payne WSN 2021 Poster: "Latitudinal variation in nearshore rockfish species" length-frequencies along the California coast"



Jasmin Johnson WSN 2021 Poster: "Examining the effects of the 2014-2015 marine heatwave on fish community composition along the central California coast"

CCFRP Updates

- 2021 Statewide Totals:
 - **72** sampling trips
 - 245 volunteer anglers
 - **18,319** fishes (**57** spp.)
 - **5,388** fishes tagged and released
- CCFRP data included in CDFW's Decadal Management Review in 2022
 - Long-term Monitoring Reports: <u>https://caseagrant.ucsd.edu/news/california-marin</u> <u>e-protected-area-long-term-monitoring-program-fi</u> <u>nal-reports-2019-2021</u>
- Received funding to continue statewide monitoring in 2022 - stay tuned for sign-ups!









Questions?









CCFRP Long-Term Monitoring Highlights



How we measure relative abundance: Catch-Per-Unit-Effort (CPUE)

Here, CPUE is catch per angler-hour



CPUE = Number of fishes caught [total drift time] x [# anglers fishing] - [angler off time]

On average, more fish in MPAs over time!



71% of species were more abundant inside MPAs



Fishes are typically larger in MPAs



Calculating Biomass-Per-Unit-Effort with **CPUE** and **Length Data**



Length - Weight Relationships (cm to kg)

More fish biomass in MPAs over time!



73% of species had greater biomass inside MPAs


Between 2014-2016 CA experienced a severe marine heatwave



Effects of the 2014-2016 Marine Heatwave



Calculating response ratios to examine the effectiveness of MPAs



On average, response ratios increase through time on the central coast





We can use response ratios to examine what factors influence MPAs

For example: Fishing effort



Fishing effort outside MPAs influences the positive effects of closure



Positive responses of MPAs across the state



Total protected area and latitude help predict MPA effectiveness



Cape Mendocino Ten Mile

Stewarts Point

Bodega Head Ano Nuevo

Point Lobos Piedras Blancas Point Buchon

Carrington Point Anacapa Island Swamis

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Paired

Solitary

In 2021, we conducted a statewide CCFRP angler survey

CCFRP Institution	Number of Angler Recipients	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Recipients that Responded
Humboldt State University	86	21	24.4%
Bodega Marine Laboratories at UC Davis	160	50	31.3%
Moss Landing Marine Laboratories	626	63	10.1%
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	234	36	15.3%
Marine Sciences Institute at UCSB	123	22	17.9%
Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD	157	67	42.7%
Total	1386	262	18.9%



Opinion of MPAs before and after volunteering with CCFRP



Individual change in opinion of MPAs after volunteering with CCFRP

Number of respondents



Direction of Individual Change in Opinion of MPAs

Change in opinions of MPAs by Management Region

Percent



Opinion about MPAs After Volunteering with CCFRP



Change in opinion about MPAs After Volunteering with CCFRP



Opinion about MPAs Before Volunteering with CCFRP

What is the primary reason you enjoy MPA fishing with CCFRP?



Have you experienced differences in fishing inside and outside MPA?



Greater Diversity



Larger Size



Perceptions of CA fisheries management









Questions?







Tag Returns!





Moss Landing Marine Labs, along with several other institutions along the California coast, have been working with commercial fishermen, charter boat captains, and recreational anglers to tag and release nearshore fishes. The objective of this study is to obtain growth, movement, and mortality rates of fishes found along the coast in order to gain a better understanding of these economically important species. Tags may have algae growing on them, so please keep an eye out.





If you catch a tagged fish (whether you keep it or throw it back), please record and report:

- Tag number
- Health of tagging site (algae growth?)
- Date caught
- Species

- Overall health of the fish
- Total length (end of snout to end of tail)
- GPS coordinates
- Depth caught

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To learn more about the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program, visit: https://mlml.sjsu.edu/ccfrp/



On February 13, 2022, you caught fish #43853, which was a Gopher Rockfish. This fish was tagged as part of the CA Collaborative Fisheries Research Program started in 2007 by Dr. Rick Starr from Moss Landing Marine Labs and Dr. Dean Wendt from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in Central California. The purpose of this project is to monitor martine protected areas (MPAs) and collect information for fisheries management. We expanded our program statewide in 2017 and now survey MPAs all along the California coastline with our partnering institutions: Humboldt State University. Bodega Marine Labs, UC Santa Barbara and Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Tag #80517	Tagged	Caught
Date	8/9/2021	2/13/2022
Latitude	36° 28,434 "N	36º 28,472' N
Longitude	121° 56.838' W	121° 56,794 W
Depth (m/ft)	48.77 m / 160 ft	38.4 m / 126 ff
Length (cm/in)	30 cm / 11.8 in	Approx. 11 in

To learn more about this program, please visit our website: <u>https://www.mimi.sisu.edu/ccfp/</u> Like us on Facebook Follow us on <u>instaaram /vourube</u>, and <u>iwitter</u> /#CCFRP!

Information about Gopher Rockfish (Sebastes carnatus)

Maximum Size: 42.5 cm (17 in)1

Range: From Cape Blanco, Region to southern Baja California, Mexico but they are most common from Sonoma County to Santa Monica Bay, California¹

Life History Information: Gopher Rockfish settle near keip fronds as young of the year around June and July. With growth, individuals move down the keip stipes to the bottom, where they take up residence in the characteristic rocky holitat of older juveniles and adults. This species of Rockfish have been found from intertidal water to 80 m (264 ft). Gopher Rockfish are largely territorial and have home ranges up to 10-12 m², although longer distance movements sometimes occur. They feed primarily at hight on benthic arabs and shrimps, cephalopods, and fishes such as sculpins and juvenile rockfishes. Generally, females begin maturing around 16-17.5 cm (6-7 ln) at 3-4 years old. Males begin maturing about one year earlier and at smaller sizes.

Your fish was tagged and released near the Point Lobos reference site, was <u>at liberty for 188 days</u>, and <u>moved approximately 0.062 miles</u> (net distance traveled).

Love, M.S., 2002. The Rockfishes of the Northeast Pacific. Really Big Press, Santa Barbara, CA. pp. 234-236.

2021 MLML Tag-Return Data

- In 2021, we had **11** recaptured fishes: **6 Copper Rockfish, 2 Vermilion Rockfish, 1 Gopher Rockfish, 1 Yellowtail Rockfish, and 1 Lingcod.**
- **10** fishes were recaptured on our CCFRP trips and **1** was recaptured by a commercial fisherman



Eddie G. recaptured 2 Copper RF on the same day! One was first caught by Ron S. while the other was caught by John C. Both fish were recaptured within the same Point Lobos MPA cell exactly 30 days after first being tagged.



Just the day before, we also had 2 Copper Rockfish recaptures. The first was originally caught by Whitney U. and recaptured 391 days later by EC O. The second was originally caught by Mike I. and recaptured by Joan B. after 1,449 days at liberty!





A Vermilion Rockfish first caught by Beverly S. was recaptured 1,106 days later by Shawn T. within the same Año Nuevo MPA cell, growing around 1 cm during this time.



In 2018, Ken Y. caught a Gopher Rockfish within the Ano Nuevo reference area which was then recaptured by Ed M. in the same cell 1,103 day later, growing 1 cm.



Our lone Lingcod recapture was originally caught by EC O. in July of 2017 and recaptured by Alex N. 1,469 days later within the same cell in the Ano Nuevo MPA, making this our longest at-liberty recapture for 2021.



Our second Vermilion Rockfish tag recapture was recaptured by JD H. 1,078 days after it was originally caught by Sarah C. within the Ano Nuevo MPA.



We also had two other Copper Rockfish tag recaptures!

The first was originally caught by Frank P. in 2019 and recaptured by John C. 726 days later.

The second was first caught by Dave K. last year and recaptured by Linzi W. 364 days later. Both fish were recaptured in the same Point Lobos MPA cells they were tagged in



Lastly, we had one tag recapture that was recaptured by a commercial fisherman in Oregon! This Yellowtail Rockfish was initially tagged on October 17, 2012 during our Rockfish Conservation Area study. This fish was tagged near Half Moon Bay and was recaptured 3,092 days later a whopping 615 miles away!



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Assessing Spillover with Central California Tag-Recapture Data:

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Angler Metrics



Total Number of Caught Fishes (1,000+)

(MLML Trips Only)







Top 10: Most Fishes Caught in a Trip - 2021

(Año Nuevo Only)









		# of Fishes
Rank	Name	Caught
1	John H.	76
2	Bill S.	75
3	Alex N.	66
4	Shawn T.	65
5	Mike H.	61
6	Manuel P.	60
7	EC O.	59
8	Randy W.	59
9	Shep H.	58
10	Jack H.	56

Top 10: Most Fishes Caught in a Trip - 2021

(Point Lobos Only)









Rank	Name	# of Fishes Caught
1	EC O.	113
2	Stanley S.	92
3	Mark A.	90
4	Josh Ab.	86
5	Eddie G.	82
6	Robert W.	81
7	Joan B.	80
8	John C.	79
9	Katie S.	76
10	Jen C.	67
Total Number of Fish Caught per Trip in 2021









Rank	Trip Location	MPA/REF	Date	# of Fish
1	Point Lobos	MPA	7-Sep	661
2	Point Lobos	MPA/REF	10-Aug	538
3	Point Lobos	MPA	9-Aug	524
4	Ano Nuevo	MPA/REF	21-Jul	464
5	Ano Nuevo	MPA/REF	28-Jul	458
6	Ano Nuevo	MPA/REF	24-Aug	451
7	Ano Nuevo	MPA/REF	29-Jul	444
8	Point Lobos	MPA/REF	8-Sep	438
9	Ano Nuevo	REF	23-Aug	349
10	Point Lobos	MPA/REF	9-Sep	342
11	Ano Nuevo	MPA	18-Aug	172
12	Point Lobos	REF	11-Aug	151

Top 10: Average No. Fishes Caught per Trip

(All MLML Locations - 5 trips min.)







Rank	Name	Avg. Fish Caught per Trip
1	Bill S.	78.13
2	Robert W.	69.17
3	Joshua Am.	59.86
4	Ron S.	58.83
5	Chris A.	57.63
6	Richard K.	56.71
7	Manuel P.	56.17
8	Victor A.	56
9	Stanley S.	55.55
10	Kris H.	55.22

Top 10: Average No. Fishes Caught per Trip

(Año Nuevo Only - 5 trips min.)









Rank	Name	Avg. Fish Caught per Trip
1	Bill S.	79.92
2	Richard K.	64.83
3	Andrew H.	61.6
4	Manuel P.	59.27
5	Chris A.	55.83
6	Ben R.	54.35
7	Kris H.	53.5
8	Manny L.	51.82
9	Nick I.	50.54
10	Keri C.	50.22

Top 10: Average No. Fishes Caught per Trip

(Point Lobos Only - 5 trips min.)



Rank	Name	Avg. Fish Caught per Trip
1	Joshua Am.	59.86
2	Lester Y.	59.57
3	Ron S.	58.83
4	John C.	56.75
5	EC O.	55.75
6	Eddie G.	55.07
7	Gary K.	48.5
8	Nick I.	46.77
9	Ben E.	46.6
10	Joan B.	43.52

Who caught the LARGEST fish of 2021?



Top 10: LARGEST Lingcod of 2021







Rank	Name	Length (cm)	Length (in)	Location	MPA/REF
1	Ben R.	89	35.0	Ano Nuevo	REF
2	John H.	84	33.0	Ano Nuevo	REF
3	Ken Y.	82	32.2	Ano Nuevo	REF
4	Scott Y.	81	31.8	Ano Nuevo	REF
5	Tim W.	79	31.0	Ano Nuevo	MPA
5	Mark A.	79	31.0	Point Lobos	REF
6	Manny L.	78	30.6	Ano Nuevo	MPA
7	Nick I.	75	29.5	Ano Nuevo	MPA
7	EC O.	75	29.5	Ano Nuevo	REF
8	Ken Y.	74	29.1	Ano Nuevo	MPA

Top 10: LARGEST Vermilion Rockfish of 2021







Rank	Name	Length (cm)	Length (in)	Location	MPA/REF
1	Keri C.	54	21.3	Ano Nuevo	MPA
2	Keri C.	53	20.9	Ano Nuevo	MPA
2	Michael H.	53	20.9	Ano Nuevo	REF
3	Clara R.	52	20.5	Ano Nuevo	MPA
3	Ben R.	52	20.5	Ano Nuevo	MPA
3	EC O.	52	20.5	Point Lobos	MPA
4	EC O.	51	20.1	Ano Nuevo	MPA
4	Mark A.	51	20.1	Ano Nuevo	MPA
4	Ken Y.	51	20.1	Ano Nuevo	MPA
5	Ed M.	50	19.7	Ano Nuevo	REF

Top 10: LARGEST Cabezon of 2021









Rank	Name	Length (cm)	Length (in)	Location	MPA/REF
1	Scott Y.	56	22.0	Ano Nuevo	REF
1	Matthew C.	56	22.0	Ano Nuevo	REF
2	EC O.	55	21.7	Ano Nuevo	REF
2	Mark A.	55	21.7	Ano Nuevo	REF
3	Manuel P.	52	20.5	Ano Nuevo	REF
3	William S.	52	20.5	Ano Nuevo	REF
4	Stanley S.	50	19.7	Point Lobos	MPA
5	Paul B.	47	18.5	Ano Nuevo	REF
6	Alex N.	43	16.9	Ano Nuevo	REF
7	Scott Y.	42	16.5	Ano Nuevo	REF

Who caught the smallest fish?







Name	Species	Length	Site/Area	
Phil E.	Gopher RF	5 cm (2.0 in)	Point Lobos - MPA	
Dave K.	Gopher RF	6 cm (2.4 in)	Point Lobos - REF	
Darrell B.	Blue PE	6 cm (2.4 in)	Point Lobos - REE	
Michael C.	Dide Kr	0 cm (2.4 m)		
Paul R.	Scalyhead Sculpin	6 cm (2.4 in)	Point Lobos - REF	
Bonnie R.	Blue RF	7 cm (2.8 in)	Point Lobos - REF	
Victor A.	Black RF	8 cm (3.1 in)	Año Nuevo - REF	
Matthew D.	Scalyhead Sculpin	8 cm (3.1 in)	Año Nuevo - MPA	
Joan B.	Yellowtail RF	8 cm (3.1 in)	Point Lobos - REF	
Hernan P.	Blue RF	8 cm (3.1 in)	Año Nuevo - MPA	
Jim R.	Blue RF	8 cm (3.1 in)	Point Lobos - REF	
Andrew V.	Unknown RF	8 cm (3.1 in)	Año Nuevo - MPA	



Unique Catches From 2021













Want to know your fish stats from the **MLML 2021** sampling season?

Send us an email at mlml-ccfrp@sjsu.edu



- Central Management Area
- Rockfish, cabezon, greenlings, lingcod
 - Closed between January 1 March
 31 for boat based anglers
 - Cannot fish seaward of the 50 fathom depth contour (300 feet)
 - See CDFW website for 2022 ocean sportfishing regulations pamphlet
 - <u>https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?</u> <u>DocumentID=199167&inline</u>



NO RETENTION:

Bronzespotted RF

Yelloweye RF





- Bag limits
 - 10 fish in combination/person (RCG complex)
 - Vermilion Rockfish 4/person
 - Quillback Rockfish 1/person
 - Copper Rockfish 1/person
 - 2 Lingcod/person
- Minimum size limits
 - No size limits for rockfish
 - Cabezon 15" total length
 - Greenlings 12" total length
 - Lingcod 22" total length
- Don't forget to leave skin on your filets!





Copper RF

- CDFW Office & Regulation Booklet
- CDFW Website
- Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline:

831-649-2801

 Californians Turn in Poachers and Polluters (CalTIP):

888-334-2258

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