FISHING for Our Future

Researchers, educators, students and the public are invited to learn about salmon, steelhead, and marine fisheries conservation and management issues in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Share your ideas with leaders in marine science, education and conservation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 16
The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region, present the current status of salmon and steelhead populations in the Sanctuary, the complex suite of causes underlying the decline, conservation approaches available under the Endangered Species Act, and activities to recover these populations.

8:00-8:45 a.m. REGISTRATION This is a free event. No pre-registration is necessary.
9:00-9:15 a.m. INTRODUCTION Introductory Remarks and Salmonid Poster Unveiling. William J. Doucet, Superintendent, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
9:15-9:30 a.m. WELCOME California Fisheries: Why Do They Matter? Fred Keeley, Assemblymember, 27th District
9:35-10:20 a.m. Salmon Decline: Why Care About Salmon? James Leaky, Assistant Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Services, Southwest Region
10:20-10:45 a.m. BREAK
10:45-11:05 a.m. FishNet 4C: A Proactive County Initiative for Salmonid Protection and Restoration Kallie Marie Kull, Program Director, FishNet 4C, Fishery Network of the Central California Coastal Counties
11:05-11:35 a.m. Department of Fish and Game Perspective on Salmonid Recovery Robert Floerke, Regional Manager, California Department of Fish and Game, Central Coast Region
11:35-12:10 p.m. Assessing Viable and Setting Recovery Goals for Salmonids: How Science Can Support Recovery Planning Dr. Eric Bjorkstedt, Research Fisheries Biologist, NOAA Fisheries, Santa Cruz Laboratory
12:10-1:15 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)
1:15-1:50 p.m. To Recover the Salmon: Conservation Options Under the Endangered Species Act Miles Croom, Recovery Coordinator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region
1:50-1:55 p.m. Perspectives from Various User Groups Moderator: Jeff Almquist, Supervisor, County of Santa Cruz
1:55-2:05 p.m. Mike Stiller, President, Santa Cruz Commercial Fisherman’s Association
2:05-2:15 p.m. Craig Bell, Northern Association of River Guides
2:15-2:25 p.m. Bud McCrary, Big Creek Lumber
2:25-2:35 p.m. Gary Smith, Executive Director, LandWatch Monterey County
2:35-2:45 p.m. Tim Rahn, Conservation & Water Quality Program Director, San Mateo County Farm Bureau
2:45-2:55 p.m. Karen Christensen, Watershed Program Director, Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District
2:55-3:05 p.m. Allen Smith, Chairman of the Board, Monterey Bay-Salmon and Trout Program
3:05-4:00 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION with Above Speakers

Saturday, March 17

Hear from fisheries experts—scientists, managers, conservationists and fishing representatives as they discuss marine fisheries conservation and management issues in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

8:00-8:45 a.m. REGISTRATION This is a free event. No pre-registration is necessary.
9:00-9:05 a.m. WELCOME Stephanie Halan, Boardmember, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments; Councilmember, City of Capitola; Sanctuary Advisory Council and William J. Doucet, Superintendent, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
9:05-10:30 a.m. SESSION I
Fisheries Conservation in Monterey Bay: What Have We Learned from the Salmon? Miles Croom, Recovery Coordinator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region
Coastal Pelagic Species: Where Are They All Coming From? Dr. Kevin Hill, Senior Marine Biologist, California Department of Fish and Game
Overfished Groundfish and the Sustainable Fisheries Act Dr. Steve Roblton, Research Fisheries Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory
Toward a New Ocean Wilderness: Bring Back the Fish Richard Charlier, Marine Conservation Advocate, Environmental Defense
10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK
10:45-12:15 p.m. SESSION II
Federal Fishery Management: The Challenge of Litigation Dr. Rebecca Lent, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region
Changes in Management Strategies for California’s Fisheries Patricia Wolf, Regional Manager, Marine Region, California Department of Fish and Game
A Vision for Sustainable Fisheries Along the California Coast: Protecting Habits for Fish and Humans Pietro Parravano, President, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Association
Now and the Future of Recreational Fishing Bob Stickland, President, United Anglers of California
12:15-2:30 p.m. LUNCH (on your own), POSTERS AND EXHIBITS
2:30-3:15 p.m. LECTURE A Local Story Haunting Again in Monterey Bay? Dr. Mary Silver, Professor of Ocean Sciences, Ocean Sciences Department, University of California, Santa Cruz
3:30-4:30 p.m. SANCTUARY AWARDS AND RECEPTION