A Voyage of Science, Community and Heritage Through Local Fisheries Knowledge

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Incredible diversity of marine habitats and species
Rich History and Tradition of Fishing in Monterey Bay

- Whale Flensing
- Falluca boats
- Sardines
- Abalone
Fisheries in the Monterey Bay
Predominant Gear Types

- **Trawl** (groundfish)
- **Purse seine** (wetfish)
- **Hook & Line** (salmon/tuna)
- **Traps** (crab/black cod)
VOICES OF THE BAY
Fisheries Education Project

*Needs assessment survey:*
- High interest by teachers for fisheries education.

- There is little *place-based* fisheries education in current curriculum.

- Generally, those that live on our coast don’t even know what is fished in their backyard ocean.
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Laying the Groundwork

Idea

Partners: National Marine Sanctuary, Monterey Maritime Museum, Monterey County Office of Education

Advisory Group: Experts to provide guidance

Social Scientists, Fishermen, Fisheries Scientist, Curriculum Developers, Teachers,

Curriculum Development Grades 8-12, Community College

Fish Curricula search

Needs Assessment

Fisherman in the Classroom Program

Need and interest is established
3 workshops
Mission developed

Pilot in Schools

Train 20 teachers
Mission: “To create a place-based education project where local fisheries, fishing communities and their rich maritime history and culture are a focal point for students to learn about the marine environment, the ecological and human dimensions of marine resource use and its management.”
VOICES OF THE BAY
Curriculum

Capturing the Voices of the Bay

Balance in the Bay

From Ocean to Table

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Green Seas, Blue Seas: The California Current Ecosystem, Sustainable Fisheries and Climate Change
Working individually, and in groups, students research, plan and conduct personal interviews, first with each other and then with actual citizens in the fishing community, to capture the rich stories, traditions and knowledge that define Monterey’s fishing legacy.

Dedicated to Joey Jones

David Crabbe - retired commercial squid fisherman talks with students

Mike Stiller - Santa Cruz Salmon fishermen is interviewed by students
Through role-playing, teamwork and a little fate, students get an “insider’s” view of what it takes to be an active stakeholder in a commercial fishery and some of the unanticipated gains and losses that can occur.

Students learn what path seafood takes from the ocean to the table.
Students take part in a simulated squid fishery taking on various roles in the fishing community. They learn quickly the challenges involved in maintaining a balance that sustains both the natural squid population and the economic well-being of those associated with the fishery that rely on this common resource.
**Skills/Outcomes**

- Students will gain an understanding of some of the inter-related factors involved in the ecosystem-based management of a marine resource.
- Students will learn to effectively apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to respond to natural and man-made challenges.
- Students will learn how to apply ecosystem-based management principles to find solutions.
- Students will learn to use basic arithmetic to calculate and record numerical values, prepare and interpret graphs and charts, and make decisions based on their understanding of these numbers.
BRING A FISHERMAN TO YOUR CLASSROOM!

The National Marine Sanctuary Program and the Monterey Maritime and History Museum have partnered to provide your students with an opportunity to learn more about the rich culture and history of fishing and fisheries in the Monterey Bay and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries.

Have a local commercial fisherman come into your classroom to discuss this fascinating field with your students.

ALL FOR FREE!

CULTURAL HISTORY BIOLOGY

ECONOMICS

SOCIAL SCIENCE NATURAL HISTORY

For more information or to schedule a fisherman, please contact: Sabrina Beyer at 831-420-3994, sabrina.beyer@noaa.gov (Santa Cruz, Moss Landing, Monterey and vicinity)

OR

Peter Winch at 415-425-6450, pwinch@farallones.org (San Francisco, Coastside, Marin, East Bay and vicinity)

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Day 1: Fishing for Market Squid
- Introduction to the topic
- All students are fishermen fishing for a common resource in an unregulated environment

Day 2: Seeking Balance in the Bay
- Students brainstorm strategies for sustainability
- View PowerPoint on the Monterey Bay squid fishery to build knowledge for decision making
- Introduction of new roles: Marine Scientist and Regulatory Agency Representative

Day 3: Ecosystem-based Management in Action
- Test student strategies for sustainable fishing while adding new roles and ecosystem-based challenge cards
- Review California state squid fishery regulations
- Discuss the challenges of achieving a “Balance in the Bay”
### Key Subjects/Standards

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<td><strong>Science:</strong> NS.9-12.1 Science as Inquiry. NS.9-12.6 Personal and Social Perspectives: population growth, natural resources, environmental quality.</td>
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<td><strong>Math:</strong> NM-NUM.9-12.3 Number and Operations: compute fluently and make reasonable estimates. NM-PROB.CONNECT.PK-12.3</td>
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<td><strong>Connections:</strong> recognize and apply mathematics in contexts outside of mathematics.</td>
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<td><strong>Economics:</strong> NSS-EC.9-12.1 Scarcity. NSS-EC.9-12.11 Role of Money. NSS-EC.9-12.13 Role of Resources in Determining Income.</td>
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<td><strong>Social Sciences:</strong> NSS-GK.12.2 Places and Regions. NSS-GK.12.3 Physical Systems.</td>
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<td><strong>Science:</strong> Grade 9-12, Ecology (6): Sustainability in an ecosystem is a balance between competing effects. Grade 9-12, Investigation &amp; Experimentation (1): Scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations.</td>
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<td><strong>Math:</strong> Algebra I (3.0): Students solve equations and inequalities involving absolute values. Algebra I (5.0): Students solve multi-step problems, including word problems, involving linear equations and linear inequalities.</td>
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<td>2. The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems. (f)</td>
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<td>3. The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected. (b, c, e, g)</td>
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### Balance in the Bay