

# Chum Line

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## The Moose Tightens!

**I**n an extraordinary move, an official of the Department of Fish & Game, at a meeting in Foster City, June 15th, proposed the doubling of the boundaries of the Channel Islands no-take closure area.

It has been suggested in the past that I not use the pages of the LARRC *ChumLine* as a sounding board for fishery environmental causes. This move, however, strikes at the very heart of our recreational activity and comes on top of the machinations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Their activities—the result of the Marine Management Protection Act (1999) to “save our fisheries”—included hearing, at a May, Pasadena meeting, a suggestion that the entire California Coast be closed. I have been active in recreational fishery causes for many years and this is how I see it.

The “doubling” plan came without science and input by the public. It was a maneuver to keep the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) from assuming fisheries management powers from the Department of Fish & Game, The Fish & Game Commission, and the Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

The recreational community was “blindsided”, since up to now we had been assured that no new closures would be approved without good science and public input. We do not want CINMS to be able to shut down our fisheries.

We do need long term protection, since there is no legislation guaranteeing our freedom to fish. No-take zones should not be implemented unless science can prove recreational fishing to be responsible for a problem like depletion. In the event that an area is closed as a last resort, the closure should be as small as possible. Then science-based benchmarks should be in place so that progress toward conservation can be measured. Finally, the benchmarks would indicate reopening the closed areas when goals are achieved.

What can you do? Write on your letterhead to: NMFS, Southwest Regional Office, 501 W. Ocean Blvd. Suite 4200, Long Beach CA 90802-4213.

One suggested text is on page 5. —Thanks, Eric Rogger

**DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT! ■**

## Dinner Speaker for July 25

The most knowledgeable and affable **Captain Ernie Cazis**, the owner-operator of the popular six-pack, *Chubasco III*, will be at the Club’s dinner meeting. His topic will be six-pack fishing at Catalina and San Clemente. It should be a timely and informative session. His savvy second-ticket, **Darryl Sato**, whom many club members have met, will also be along to answer questions.

Call in your reservations on the hot line (818) 808-4909 or email: [larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com](mailto:larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com) ■

## Oct 24 Nostalgia Night Planned

The October Dinner Meeting will honor founders, past presidnets from the 60’s through the ’70s. We have invited Maurice Levy, Bill Pearlman, Ben Sussman, Earl Warren, Harold Price, Marty Dimand, Norm Port, Shelly Balzac, Bob Thompson, Otto Painter, Bernie Mayers and Dan Felger. We’ll see who can attend and possibly relay some old yarns.

**REMINDER: We will need everyone to help out as deckhands on the 2006 Kids’ Trip. Be at Pierpont landing on July 11th.**

# Twin 8-lb. Calicos Take Skiff Trip JP

By Tom Carlisle

Saturday, June 4th, saw 19 Calico Bass Fishermen depart on the *Qualifier 105* for the annual LARRC 7-day skiff trip. After taking on a load of mixed anchovies, sardines and mackerel, the *Q105* headed for San Benitos Island and arrived the next day in time to get in an afternoon skiff run. Charter Master **Dan Felger** wasted no time in assuming the jackpot lead by catching and releasing an 8-lb. Calico on a Fishtrap swimbait. Meanwhile the big boat scouted the area for yellowtail and landed 13 nice fish on surface iron or sardines. All 13 yellows were donated to the Disabled American Veterans for their upcoming BBQ.

The third day of the trip was spent at San Benitos Island and produced good bass fishing in the morning and slower fishing the afternoon in increasingly windy weather. The fish were definitely there but the wind limited the fishable locations. A few more yellows were caught.

Cedros Island was the fishing location on day four. The fishing was very good in the morning including several bass over 7lbs. and slowed in the p.m. as the wind continued to increase. One of the skiff runs had 7 small, white sea bass and 2 yellowfin croaker along with plenty of calicos. **Rick Uribe** tied Dan Felger in the jackpot race by catching and releasing a fat 8-pounder. **Levy Kempler** landed a 40-pound yellow from the skiff while **Tod Gruberger** got a 37-pounder.

Day 5 was spent in the lee of Cedros. The fishing ranged from good to slow depending on location and time of day. The wind wasn't a big problem in the lee, but everyone was



Chester Rock scene.

glad to not be off shore looking for tuna. Boats that were offshore reported very rough weather and slow fishing. **Tom Carlisle** landed a 47-lb. yellowtail from a skiff while fishing for bass with surface iron.

Chester Rocks was the fishing site for day 6. The morning bite was excellent from the skiff. **Al Scow** reported catching about 50 bass during his skiff run. The wind was back in force by 11 a.m. and prevented any more skiff fishing that day. A few more yellows were taken in the Chester Rock area and most were donated to the DAV. Rick Uribe won a *Q105* sweatshirt for catching and donating the most yellow tail to the DAV.

The weather was very rough on the night of the 6th day as the *Q105* pushed north. Making only 7 knots part of the night, it took until mid-day to reach San Martin Island. Two and ½

hrs were spent fishing for halibut and 8 nice fish were landed. Two were over 20 lbs. and one topped 30.

**John Ballotti** caught two new club-record calico bass during the week, 7 pounds on 10-lb line and a 6 ¼-pounder on 8-lb. line Other club members on the trip were: **Pete Giannini, Chaz Shoemaker, Dennis Saylor, Mike Price, Brad Stich, Eric Rogger, John Eads, John Seymour, Jim Carlisle, Vince Shriver, Ben Susman and Joel Steinman.**

The author would like to thank **Barry Brightenburg of Fishtrap Lures** for his sponsorship of the trip and for numerous swimbaits and five-aways that he provided. Included was a very nice Fishtrap jacket won by Dan Felger for catching and releasing the largest calico on a Fishtrap Lure. ■

# Sitka, Alaska Report — June

By Bob Jones

The trip organized by **Arnie Cohen** was just as great as it was last year. The weather was nice except for Tuesday when it rained, but we caught a lot more fish in the rain. This year, there were only 8 of us from LARRC who enjoyed the beautiful new accommodations at Kingfisher Lodge, the great meals each day and experienced boat captains who took us fishing at their favorite spots in Sitka.

Here is an example of a typical day at Kingfisher Lodge. Breakfast was at 5 a.m. A van drove us to the marina where each boat captain picked up our lunches and we headed out into the ocean at about 35 knots. We maxed out on large King Salmon. Then we moved to a spot where we caught our limit of Ling Cod and it was only 9

a.m.!. Then on to another area where we fished for Halibut and Yellow Eye. I caught a 96-lb. halibut and a few minutes later one of Norm Weinstock's sons caught a 160-lb. halibut. We caught our limit of Yellow Eye, which is a fantastic tasting fish and similar to Ling Cod. As it was only about 2 pm, we decided to come in early and were picked up and driven back to the lodge. Appetizers were delivered daily to our living room on our floor and a full dinner served at 6 pm.

I encourage everyone to experience such a great fishing excursion at Kingfisher Lodge each June with LARRC members and their families. As always we all had a great time and hope to see more of you in 2006. ■



Sally Vickers and Ger Steinberg doing their thing.

## Huge Freshwater Fish Catch Reported

It took an hour to haul in but Thai fishermen netted a fish as big as a bear in the Mekong area. The catfish set a world record say researchers working on a project for World Wildlife Fund to document and protect large freshwater fish.

The nine foot long catfish weighed in at 646 pounds and belongs to a critically endangered species. Efforts to release it were not successful and it was eaten by the villagers. ■

Source: USA Today June 30

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## The Department of Fish & Game

has developed a Recreational Groundfish Regulations Hotline at (831)649-2801. Callers can keep up on the latest rules concerning species, size and slot limits although they may not have a computer available. The service is available 24/7 according to the department. ■

Dedicated to Fishing, Fun, Relaxation, and Companionship!

# Tracer Charter to San Clemente Island MAY 30 - JUNE 1

By Mike Godfrey

**B**ob Selvin has organized this charter on *The Tracer* the past few years. This year, 10 anglers (**Bob, Dave Levinson, Eric Rogger, Dirk Perriseau, Randy Sharon, Eric Cohen, Bob Stern, Stan Snyder, Thor, a "fill-in", and myself**) left Pierpont Landing at about 8pm. *The Tracer* crew, Eric, John, Bill and Craig made our trip enjoyable because they were experienced hands and very helpful.

As we started out, we learned that the fishing had been spotty at San Clemente but we headed out there anyway. Each day there was a jackpot for the biggest Calico bass and the biggest "other specie" caught. The trip across the Channel was smooth and uneventful. We started fishing at gray light for yellowtail in and around other boats from San Diego and Los Angeles. DAY ONE proved to be a disappointment for yellowtail but we did land some big calicos and Thor landed a decent-sized ling cod.

Congratulations to Randy Sharon for landing the biggest calico on day one, weighing 4.5 lbs. (and kudos to Randy for releasing this "breeder"). Very early on, the trip proved to be a learning experience because Dirk Perriseau showed the gang how effective a "fire-cracker wham" on 12- to 15-lb line can be in landing calico bass time and again. I landed 10 calicos that day using the same set-up that Dirk was using although I occasionally added a strip of squid to the wham. Calico bass saved the day as we continued to hook them up, keep some and release many.

DAY TWO started pretty early (around 5:30 a.m.), as all of us wanted to be ready for the yellowtail we were drooling to catch. Alas, only 3 were caught—Stan Snyder hooked up and I landed two. The first one, about 16 lbs. was caught on a sardine using a Trinidad 20 using 30-lb. test. We kept moving and chasing yellow tail all morning because they were very skittish and chumming didn't seem to hold them in place. The second yellow I caught, surprised me as the fish hit my sardine as I was bringing it in for a replacement bait. This "tail" weighed approximately 18 lbs. Oh, Randy Sharon also won the second day's jackpot with a 5-lb calico (and released it).

The fishing was not "wide open", but thanks to a congenial bunch of guys on the boat, calm seas, and moderate fishing success, all of us relaxed and had fun. ■



Mike Godfrey—The fruits of his labor!



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# CALENDAR

## LARRC Charters 2005

2005 Weekday Charters on the *Sea Biscuit* berthed at Ciscos Landing in Oxnard.

RULES FOR 2005 ARE:

- 1) Usual Departures are 4 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m. (\$130)
- 2) Charter Master will notify of early departures.
- 3) Children are half price with a full-price paying adult. Limit is 12 adults.
- 4) Boarding is open after 6 p.m..
- 5) The boat has a full galley—please no ice chests!

Checks should be made payable to Arnie Cohen. For additional information please call Arnie at (818) 368-5834 hm or (818)366-3300 xt.1221 (ofc.)

### SCHEDULE

|              |     |             |       |
|--------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| July 27      | Wed | October 19  | Wed   |
| August 10    | Wed | November 16 | Wed   |
| August 20    | Sat | December 1  | Thurs |
| September 21 | Wed |             |       |

### Suggested Letter for the National Marine Fisheries Service

NMFS - Southwest Regional Office  
501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4213  
(562) 980-4000

The Recreational Fishing Alliance is deeply concerned with the PFMC re: recent approval of an extension of the Channel Islands Marine Reserves into federal waters.

As a component to an amendment to the Groundfish Management Plan, it is completely inappropriate to ban all gear types, all fishing for all species in this area.

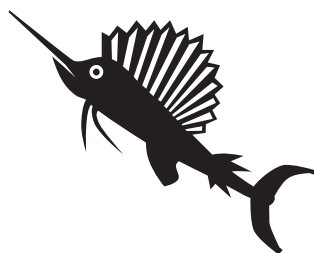
The California Department of Fish and Game failed to present any information about this proposal to the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel at the June Council meeting in Foster City.

Drastic measures such as this need to be properly noticed, fully debated and no such deliberations occurred in this case.

The RFA urges NMFS to drop this proposal from the final preferred alternative of the GMP/EIS on Essential Fish Habitat.

Sincerely,

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### Dinner Meetings JULY 25TH

August 29

Use the hotline for your reservations (818) 808-4909 or email [LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com](mailto:LARRCDinnerRSVP@Yahoo.com). RSVP at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

THE VALLEY INN  
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

### Board Meetings JULY 18TH

August 22

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Bob Selvin at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

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### Foundation Meetings

Nov. 7—Mon.  
Valley Inn

### Other Events

- July 11 Annual Kids' Trip, Pierpont Landing
- July 30 Interclub Tournament at Thunderbird LA Harbor Sportfishing
- August 1 & 22 Mentor Trips, Marina Del Rey
- Aug. 21 Annual LARRC Picnic at Lake Sherwood Picnic
- Sept. 18 King of the Calicos at Thunderbird LA Harbor Sportfishing
- Feb 19 '06 Annual Brunch/Installation/Auction

## MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS- 2005

Private Charters by the LARRC represent a commitment and the full charter prices must be paid irrespective of number of participants. If you sign up you are responsible for the full amount of the trip cost in the event that you cancel and a replacement cannot be found. LARRC members are responsible for the conduct and financial obligations of their guests.

TRIPS UNDERWRITTEN BY THE LARRC MAY BE FOUND WITHIN THE BOXED AREA.

### **RED ROOSTER III—4-Day Tuna Trip July 9th to July 14th**

This trip is sold out.

Call Charter Master for Last Minute Availabilities

People do drop out!

### **RED ROOSTER III—3-Day Tuna Trip Sept. 9th to Sept. 12th**

#### NOTE CHANGES IN DATES

There are currently two openings on this trip. Call Chartermaster for availability.

For information call Arnie Cohen at (818) 368-5834 (h) or (818)366-3300 (w) or the

Red Rooster at email: [www.redrooster3.com](http://www.redrooster3.com)

### **PACIFIC DAWN Weekend Charters**

#### **San Diego—Fisherman's Landing**

#### **1 1/2-day trip August 28**

Note the August Charter is now sold out!

Cancellations do occur... Call Jim Carlisle for info (562)598-0940 or email: [jamesnc@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesnc@earthlink.net). or co-charter person Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: [saltwaterwoman@cox.net](mailto:saltwaterwoman@cox.net)

### **NOTICE TO TROPHY CONTENDERS:**

Please note that due a fax machine glitch there will be no listing in this issue of *ChumLine*. Your editor was out of town and by the time this was realized Joel Steinman, record keeper, was away enjoying his grandchildren. —Sorry, your editor!

### **QUALIFIER 105 – 5-Day Tuna Charter July 13th — June 18th**

**THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY SOLD OUT...**

**CONTACT CHARTER MASTER DAN FELGER FOR INFO.**

### **QUALIFIER 105 – 5-Day Tuna Charter**

**1-Departure:** Noon, Wednesday Sept. 7

**2-Return:** 7am Monday, Sept.12

**3-Cost:** \$1695 per person

**4-Limited load:** 23 Chartermaster may overbook by one.

**5-Not included:** soft drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning if permitted, crew tips, jackpot, Mexican permits and fuel surcharge.

**8-Deposit:** Payment must be received prior to July 1st. This is a LARRC charter and when you sign up you are obligated to the club in case a replacement cannot be found. Club members are responsible for the conduct and fees of their guests.

**9-Checks:** payable to LARRC. **Send to Dan Felger at 860 Hampshire Rd. Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Call (805) 370-1632.**

### **POLARIS SUPREME**

#### **Aug 13-18**

Tuna Time — Two spots have opened for this ultra-limited load (18) trip at the highlight of the blue fin season.

For information call Eric Rogger @ 310 476-5936.

### **FIVE DAY CALICO BASS SKIFF TRIP**

#### **Sept 11-16 by Bob Selvin**

The "Go For Broke", luxurious six-pack charter from Sept. 11-16 Great Fall Fishing for six people. Five already signed up.

\$1667 — DOES NOT include tips. **Call Bob for information @ 310 652-1100 or email [calicobob1010@aol.com](mailto:calicobob1010@aol.com)**

### **FIVE DAY CALICO BASS SKIFF TRIP**

#### **Oct 19-Oct 23**

Aboard the *Pacific Dawn* — Limited to eight anglers!

We leave Oct.19 from Fishermen's Landing in San Diego and Return on Sunday Oct. 23.

\$1425 — Includes everything but tips.

## The Politics of Fishing by E. Rogger

### FISH FARMS OFF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

Congresswoman Lois Capps, of Santa Barbara, is particularly interested in the use of decommissioned oil rigs in the Santa Barbara Channel. In the July issue of National Fisherman, Bill Hogarth, Director of NOAA Fisheries, notes that an act to permit aquaculture in the EEZ (exclusive economic zone—3 to 200 miles) has been sent to Congress.

Americans import more than 70% of their seafood and consumption is increasing. So is fish farming part of the solution? A recent story (4/04) appeared in the newspaper Columbian (New Orleans). It asked, "Can fish farming some of the 3500 idle platforms in the Gulf become a reality?" Despite recommendations contained in the US Commission on Oceans Policy report, there appear to be major hurdles.

Southern California might see a depletion of our valuable forage fish which will surely serve as feed. Hey, where's our bait? Pollution, and the spread of diseases to wild stocks are other considerations. Never mind that some studies have shown it costs more to raise a farmed fish than a wild one! A farm-raised Red fish cost \$22

per pound while his wild cousin was \$3.50 in the market.

Let's go slow with this Ms. Capps — There's not much fun fishing inside a containment anyway!!

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### CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

#### THE SAC (Sanctuary Advisory Committee) SPEAKS UP

Many Southern California fishermen—"the Red Shirt Brigade"—notwithstanding, felt the establishment of no fishing zones was a foregone conclusion.

Now the administrative staff of the CINMS, SAC (Sanctuary Advisory Council) is seeking to change their "Sanctuary Designation". Their request has gone to the PFMC (Pacific Fish Management Council)—i.e. NOAA to put this into effect.

The change in designation would make them the actual fishery managers of the sanctuary. All fishing around the Channel Islands could be shut down or tightly controlled by the sanctuary staff. They would also be able to expand existing restricted areas or extend them into federal waters.

RFA Board members Dan Toomey and Dave Bacon attended some of the meetings on behalf of the recreational fishing community. An overlapping authority with other agencies—DFG and PFMC, the lack of management expertise and fiscal resources are among the reasons that speak against this.

Stay tuned for decisions to be announced later this year.

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### CALIFORNIA COASTAL MONUMENT CCNM VIA BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)

Established by Pres. Clinton in 2000, the California Coastal Monument includes 20,000 rocks and pinnacles that line the entire coast. California's resources were to be protected, scenic formations preserved and habitat maintained. Early drafts of this act resulted in some concerns over possible effects on recreational fishing but also boating, diving, etc. These concerns were addressed by the monument manager,

Richard Hanks after a series of meetings and much correspondence.

A May press release announced a RFA/BLM alliance to protect the California Coastal National Monument including its natural resources as well as public fishing access. RFA Board Member Dr. Fred Hollander and RFA Regional Director Jim Martin received "high fives" for their input on this issue.

A final RMP (Resource Management Plan) and EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) document was announced June 10th. Copies are available via e mail: [cacnm@ca.blm.gov](mailto:cacnm@ca.blm.gov) or phone (831) 372-6115.

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### MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

#### 200-MILE PIECE OF COAST GETS SCRUTINIZED

A 200-mile section of our central coast has been designated the first of 3 regions to be studied for possible MPA's. An administrator for this area was appointed by the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Mr. Mike DeLapa, who has been a co-founder of the Monterey Bay National Sanctuary Foundation was chosen. After the central coast has been given close scrutiny, the BRTF will be presented with recommendations for the remaining sectors of the coast.

Meetings for the balance of 2005 (July through December) are 9 in number They will have their precise locations posted to the dfg web site. See <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/mlpa/meetings.html#central> for details.

Stakeholders, and advisors, whether they be scientists or academics—hopefully "neutral"—are difficult to recruit. They have jobs and time limitations restricting their input. Funding may pose a serious case of tainted money. The David & Lucile Packard Foundation, Marisla Foundation, and the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation have entered into a private/public partnership through the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation (RLFF) with the California Resources Agency as well as the Dept. of Fish & Game. We all remember that the state is out of money and that this arrangement facilitates the advancement of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative.

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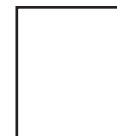
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