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JUNE 29TH DINNER SPEAKER

Visiting us will be Paul Romanowski who is VP of Los Angeles Fathomiers, a group of spear fishermen. He's been one of the recreational stakeholder representatives on the MLPA process. Also a life long fisherman he was involved in the Channel Islands MPA process....we should have a lively discussion.

For reservations contact Mike Godfrey at the dinner hotline 818.808-4909 or email: larrcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com



CONSERVATION NEWS

UPDATE FROM JOHN BALLOTTI

I am frequently asked if public comment really matters. After listening to over 100 members of the public express their support for the MLPA process and pleading with the Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG) to design Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) with a measured approach that does not destroy their livelihood or recreational opportunities, I can say unequivocally—it matters. The RSG listened to the public for 5 hours ending at 1:00 a.m. By a three to one margin the public spoke in favor of minimum size MLPAs in general and External Proposal A (FIC/FIN) specifically. The RSG was in session for 16 hours that day. The next day we were sequestered in our work groups charged with finding middle ground and winnow our 9 Round 1 proposals to 6. This is where the value of public comment was evident. As each of the three working groups discussed high usage geography, the non-aligned RSG members would comment on what they heard the night before and select the alternative that would have minimum impact on recreational and commercial uses. In the end, two work groups were able to work out a compromise, while one was not. These two proposals (Topaz and Opal) were automatically put through to Round 3. The entire RSG was asked to vote for 4 of the 5 remaining proposals to go to Round 3. The proposals voted on were Lapis 1, Lapis 2, External Proposals A (FIC/FIN), B (UASC), and C (Santa Barbara/Santa Monica Bay Keepers). Public comment played a significant role at the last RSG

meeting and will play an even more significant role in future meetings when the 6 proposals will be reduced to 3. It is too bad that no one from LARRC took the trouble to attend the meeting and speak in favor of recreational interests.

—Report by John Ballotti

SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 6

FLASH UPDATE: In a stunning reversal of their previous direction the MLPA I-team and the BRTF Chairman decided to pass through all 5 of the remaining proposals despite External C (extreme protectionist 1(63), Lapis 2(61, External A(64), External B (39), and External C (29). My response to the Executive Director of the MLPA process was: "I am deeply disappointed that you have elected to send through all 7 proposals. It smacks of partisanship and undermines my faith in a fair and transparent process. The perception will be if the I-Team does not get the desired results, then they are free to change the rules." That about sums it up!

JUNE 29 DINNER SPEAKER MLPA 101 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The June speaker will be

Paul Romanowski, VP of the Los Angeles Fathomiers—one of the older fishing clubs in the US. Paul is also the representative member of FIC/FIN in the MLPA process.

Paul was born in Hawaii and has fished all of his life. Early on Paul worked the decks of sportfishers in Newport, San Diego and San Pedro. After his time in the sportfishing fleet, Paul took up commercial bait and trap fish-



Paul showing off his "prize" bug.

ing. Paul is an avid spear fisherman and top level competitor for the last 13 years. He was involved in the Channel Islands MPA process and the initial MLPA process in 2001. A discussion will help LARRC members better understand the complex and confusing nature of the process. He will present the issues in a clear and concise manner.

Paul will take questions and hopefully we will walk away with a better understanding of the challenges before us. ■

THE FOLLOWING FISH REPORT WAS RECEIVED 4/28 SHORTLY AFTER THE MAY ISSUE OF YOUR CHUM LINE WAS PUT TO BED! TO ALL CONCERNED WE OFFER OUR APOLOGIES! "SORRY FOR THE DELAY". MAYBE LARRC SHOULD MAKE THE CHUM LINE A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER....SIGH!

HI GANG Report by Barry Cohn



Nick with reds.

We anxiously watched the Friday and Saturday marine weather forecasts in contemplation of our scheduled Sunday night departure on the *Pacific Dawn* out of Ventura. Gale warnings, Friday, gale warnings Saturday. Sunday's forecast was downgraded to small craft advisories. I awaited the dreaded phone call from Pat Cavanaugh Sunday afternoon. "Not good, but doable, Let's Go". After a bouncy ride to Santa Rosa Island, we put on the 12-oz. sinkers—down we went to 200 feet. Instant reds. Between the winds and the currents, it was a challenge—bur hard limits all around for our ten anglers.

The fishing was all between 150 and 350 feet. The reds ranged up to 6 lbs.—nice size. One ling cod. Oh yeah! Pat was very excited about his upcoming three-day elk hunt on Santa Rosa Island!.

Keep your rods bent. —Barry

BOB SANDS

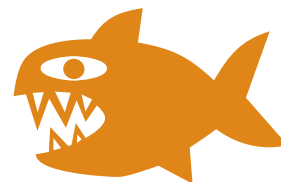
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SAVE THIS STORY FOR NEXT HALLOWEEN...

A report in *National Fisherman* (4/09) tells of a fearsome mutant fish with a taste for human corpses and the flesh of teenagers which has been satiating his appetite in the rivers of India.



According to reports from

The Sun newspaper, a large catfish known as a goonch has been lurking along a stretch of the subcontinent's Great Kali River where bodies are dumped after sizzling on funeral pyres.

Unfortunately, some of the goonch's victims have been arriving in advance of their funeral. An 18-year-old Nepali disappeared in 2007, dragged beneath the river by something akin to an elongated pig, *The Sun* reported. And, as long ago as April 1988 a 17-year-old Nepalese boy was dragged into the dark depths for all time in the midst of what might have been a refreshing and uneventful bath,

even as witnesses looked on. Three months later a young boy was dragged underwater as his father watched helplessly! ■

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TROPHY CONTENDERS 2009 AS OF MAY 25

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER			
Jack Crevalle	30	Earl Warren	26 8 *
Red Rock Cod	25	Barry Cohn	4 8
Roosterfish	30	Earl Warren	66 8 *
Roosterfish	50	Earl Warren	48 0
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Dennis Saylor	140 5
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	174 8
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dennis Saylor	182 2
Tuna, Yellowfin	125	Al Scow	237 0
Vermillion Rockfish	50	Nick Ekdahl	6 0 *
FLY ROD			
Bass, Calico	16	Jim Carlisle	3 2 *
Trout, Cutthroat	4	Bert Serden	3 3 *
FRESH WATER			
Bass, LG. Mouth	3	Andy MacDonald	3 13 *
Bass, LG Mouth	6	Andy MacDonald	3 9 *
Bass, LG Mouth	10	Joel Steinman	3 8 *
Bass, LG Mouth	20	Dan Felger	3 8 *
Bass, Striped	6	Scott Schiffman	11 9 *
Bass, Striped	8	Scott Schiffman	9 7
WOMEN'S			
Marlin, Striped	50	Jan Howard	Released
JUNIOR MEMBERS			
Bass, Lg Mouth		Miles Rosberg	3 2 *
Trout, Rainbow	4	Alexis Warren	6 5 *

*Possible Record.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Charter Master for the October 7th King of the Calicos Tournament, **Barry Cohn**, had to have an emergency appendectomy on May 5th. He's recovered splendidly and thanks all who extended good wishes.

Barry is also the new membership chair for LARRC, replacing **Larry Martinez**. His first report is on **Stan Choo**, who has applied for membership. Stan is a financial advisor and may not be blamed for the current recession! He was voted into

membership at the May BOD meeting. Welcome!

Barry also wants it known that new member **Kevin Jussila** caught and released a 180-lb. (approx.) black sea bass on the recent Amigo trip out of Newport. His son **Adam** landed a 30-lb. halibut on the same outing.

Call Barry with any new leads on prospective members and he will SELL them. Reach him at 310.479-9600 Ext.221 or email at bcohn@cohnhandler.com

CALENDAR

DINNER HOTLINE
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Dinner Meetings

JUNE 29

Next: JULY 27

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

At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

JUNE 22

Next: JULY 20

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Scott Schiffman at 818/341-7528, email schifty57@sbcglobal.net at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks

Other Dates

July 13

Annual Kids' Trip, Pierpont Landing

August 3

Marine Mentors' Trip
Marina Del Rey/ Betty O

August 9, 2009

Family Picnic

August 17

Marine Mentors' Trip
Marina Del Rey/ Betty O

October 7

King of the Calicos

OFFICIAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charters - official meaning that the club has a financial commitment to the boat owners are enclosed in a blue box on this page. Members signing up for a club trip are obligated to pay the full fare in case they cannot make the trip for some reason. We will attempt to fill your space - or you may do the same - in a timely manner.

ALL PACIFIC DAWN TRIPS—both Ventura and San Diego—are Chartermastered by Jim Carlisle. Information and confirmation questions should be addressed to him as follows: Jim Carlisle (562) 598-0940 (H), (310) 332-9770 (W)—EMAIL jncarlisle@verizon.net. Co-chartermaster is Jan Howard (949) 837-1431, EMAIL saltwaterwoman@cox.net.

For the second month in a row, our *Pacific Dawn* trip was cancelled due to high winds and had to be rescheduled. Our cancelled April trip has been rescheduled to fish on Monday, June 1st and is currently full. The May trip has been rescheduled to fish Monday June 22nd. Right now this trip is also full but there are always openings due to unplanned last minute emergencies. Call Jim Carlisle for latest information.

Pacific Dawn Tuna Trip 2009: SAN DIEGO, Fishermen's Landing 1.5 Day TUNA TRIP Fishing Sunday, August 23.

- 1—Departure: Leaves Saturday evening 8/22 at 9 pm.
- 2—Return: Monday am. 8/24 at 6 am.
- 3—Cost: \$420 includes Mexican permits
- 4—Not included: fish cleaning, food & drink, tips.(15-20%), fishing license and fuel surcharge if required.
- 5—Limited Load: 16. chartermaster may overbook by one.
- 6—Deposit \$210 required to reserve spot. Balance \$210 due 7/15.
- 7—Call or email to confirm if spots are available.
- 8—Checks: payable to LARRC. Send to Jim Carlisle at 7128 Seawind Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803.



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Qualifier 105 Tuna Trip 5 Days—7/20 - 7/25/09

"New Pricing" This trip with 24 participants will be \$1995 per person (includes Mex.permits), with 23 anglers price will be \$2095, with 22 anglers price will be \$2195, with 21 anglers price will be \$2295.

All repeaters from the 2008 trip will be given first choice at spots and extra consideration when it comes to stateroom assignments. Commit now to secure your spot as we expect another sellout. Send a deposit of \$500 ASAP—additional deposits of \$500 will be due in December and March 1, 2009. The final deposit will be due June 1st 2009. **For additional information call the charter master. Dave Levinson at (818)785-1776 or email dajplevin@roadrunner.com**

Q 105 JULY TRIP STILL HAS A FEW OPENINGS—READ ON!

Some exciting albacore records are waiting to be broken...California records show that **Don Gilbertson** caught a 90-lb. monster off Santa Cruz. A 71.12 fish was landed by **Roy Ludt** in the San Pedro Channel on 16-lb. line., a 76-lb. fish off San Pedro on 20-lb. line by **Michael Bradley**, a 20-lb. fish on 4-lb. test off San Clemente by **Lorraine Carlton**. Etc.

Rich Holland in *Western Outdoor News* filed a report on some albacore found about 115 miles from Pt. Loma. He also cited news of bluefin and albacore along a 75-mile break along the Northern Baja Coast. The *Vagabond* reported the first albies of the season on a May 15th trip.

CALL IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR OUR JULY TUNA TRIP TO DAVE LEVINSON NOW! ANY CLUB MEMBER WHO CATCHES THE BIGGEST ALBIE ON THIS TRIP CAN WIN A BRAND NEW SHIMANO CORVALUS 400 REEL!

More Fishing Opportunities

Arnie Cohen Charter aboard RED ROOSTER

This five-day trip is scheduled for Aug. 18-23rd. Cost is \$1700. **Make a call to Arnie to get availability information at 818.368.5834. Deposits of \$300 go to Arnie Cohen, 11101 Viking Ave, Northridge, CA 91326.**

The 7-8/12 Vancouver Trip has "developed" one new vacancy. This trip was bought and paid for and the player will make buyer a "deal". Please call Bert Serden for details. 310. 278-3439 or email: bserden@roadrunner.com.

WLARR TRIPS OPEN TO ALL

The following trips were organized by WLARR but are open to all. The price includes the trips, galley, tips and fish cleaning. The asterisk indicates prior night departure. Double asterisk refers to special charter conditions listed below.

<u>FISHING DATES</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>LANDING</u>	<u>ANGLERS</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COSTS</u>
June 13-14*	Ultra	Newport	8	Alb. YT, WSB	\$595.
July 3-4*	Limitless	Newport	6	Alb. YT, WSB	\$630.
July 8-12	Vancouver**	QC Safaries	12	Salmon, Halibut	\$4000.
Aug.7-8*	Limitless	Newport	6	Alb.YT, Calico	\$630.
Sept.7-8*	Pacific Dawn	Fishermen's	15	Albacore, YFT	\$550.
Sept. 28	Highliner	Redondo	6	Calico, YT	\$280.
Oct. 17	Highliner	Redondo	6	Calico, YT	\$280.
Nov.7-12	La Paz**	David Jones	12	Tuna, Dorado	\$1500.

Please contact Barry Cohn for additional information and to book local trips. First come first serve (310) 479-9600 xt 221 - Mail deposits (25%) to Barry Cohn, 11400 W. Olympic #630, LA 90064.

CALICO TRIP CONTEMPLATED

The 2009 King of the Calicos tournament is scheduled for Wednesday October 7th. Departs night of the 6th. Several boats are being considered with an approximate price of \$175. Final choice to be made soon. Ten sign-ups so far! Need a bigger boat? If interested contact bcohn@cohnhandler.com; (310.479-9600) ASAP

LARRC CALICO EXPRESS 1 1/2-Day Charter

Exclusively for Calicos. Will leave Sunday night Nov. 1st. Returns Tues. about 6:30a.m. We will depart from Cisco's Landing in Oxnard aboard the Coral Sea and fish San Nicolas Island. Cost of \$325 includes all meals. Beverages, fish cleaning and tip are extra. Contact Bob Selvin via email calicobob1010@aol.com. This trip will fish San Nicolas only. In case of cold water, adverse wind conditions or Navy closures, this trip will be cancelled. Rockfish will only be targeted if there is a lull or possibly during the final hours of the trip. A full refund will be given if trip is scrubbed.

****For information re: these out of country trips contact Bert Serden: (310) 278-3439 or email bserden@roadrunner.com**

DRAFT PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Venues to be announced

JUNE 29—OXNARD

30—CARLSBAD

JULY 1—DANA POINT/LAGUNA

6—SAN PEDRO

7—LOS ANGELES

9—SANTA BARBARA

refer to page 2

FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

One Hundred (100) Deckhands Needed Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club 59th Annual Kids' Trip Scheduled for July 13th at Pierpont Landing

This is our biggest and most important annual event. We need the support of all members and friends. Departure will be from Pierpont Landing—near the Aquarium in Long Beach. Be at the dock by 6 am. and breakfast will be served. Return approximately at 1 pm.

Those interested in fishing—after the kids leave—will be taking a boat out for the “afternoon” bite at no charge. You real diehards are asked to join the tackle set up at 5 pm. on Sunday, July 12th at Pierpont. All those in attendance will be served a gourmet BBQ and will get accommodations on the *Five Star Yacht Toronado*.

YOUR CONTACTS ARE:

Paul Varenchik 818.521-7261

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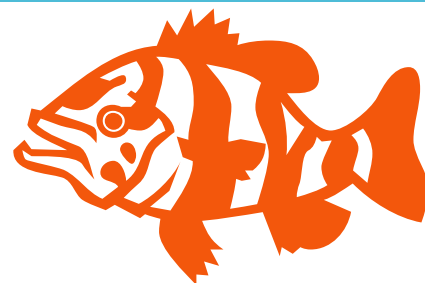
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THE PACIFIC OCEAN—OUR FISHING HOLE

An amateur marine researcher from Long Beach, **Charles Moore**, wrote this in *Natural History* some time ago. He had placed third in the Transpac, a Los Angeles to Hawaii sailing race, and on the way back wanted to save some time driving his aluminum catamaran back to the mainland. This meant traveling across the doldrums of the North Pacific subtropical gyre – a vast windless tract—halfway between Hawaii and California.

Here the currents move in a slow, clockwise eddy. He noted plastic debris littering the surface, bottles, caps wrappers etc. and said he never found a clear spot.

This area was later dubbed the “Eastern Garbage Patch”. The area actually is said to be the size of TEXAS. It contains a plastic soup of fragments accumulated from debris discarded by the various populations of countries bordering the Pacific. Researchers have noted other such areas with a total estimated volume to be near a hundred million tons. Birds and fish consume some of this debris to their detriment.

(Source: *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 12/2001) ■



Miles Rosberg 10 year old fisherman shows off his 3.2lb large mouth bass caught on 8 lb line at Lake Sherwood. Proud Grandfather Dan Felger was in on the action.

AND NOW FOR SOME REAL ACTION!

Sportfishing Magazine reports a pending record bluefin catch in their June issue.

New Zealand’s winter sport tuna fishery (it is Winter down there) is producing trophy-sized tuna. A 590-lb., 13-oz. Pacific bluefin was caught last August, and is now pending for record IGFA status in the 80-lb. class. It is also pending as a junior angler record for 16 year old **Andrew Hargen** of Christ Church, NZ. He bested the beast in one hour.

The IGFA also noted a remarkable fish weight-to-tippet strength—20-to-1 ratio in a catch made by **Dotty Ballantine**, of Bozeman Montana. The fish was a 75-lb., 8-oz. whaler shark caught at Crooked Island in the Bahamas this past March. The fish was subdued after an hour using only 4 pound tippet. ■

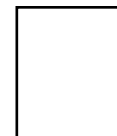
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Announcement made by the California Dept of Fish & Game. Information is available at (916) 928-6899 or (916) 804-1714.

All resident and non-resident licenses, annual or short-term and special stamps may be purchased on line, 24-hrs. a day, seven days a week. Selections may be made via www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/intro.html ■

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