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What's On My Mind?

by John Ballotti



MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT—UPDATE

As many of you probably know by now, the California Fish and Game Commission by-passed the Department of Fish and Game's preferred alternative and created a new alternative, more restrictive to fishing. The environmentally oriented plan calls for a series of marine protection areas along 220 miles of coastline from Half Moon Bay to Point Conception. The panel approved the creation of 29 marine protection areas encompassing about 200 square miles. Is this the end of the world for recreational anglers in California? No, but it may be the beginning of the end. It is not that we do not recognize the need for a well-managed fishery. It is because the process, which resulted in the approval of a non-public input plan, is flawed at best, audaciously biased, and worst case corrupt. The Marine Life Protection Act of 1999, languished without significant activity until resuscitated by an influx of private money provided by environmental groups. By accepting private

money from organizations that have a vested interest in the outcome, the public process began its descent down the slippery slope starting with conflict of interest, making stops at backroom deals with private agendas along the way. "Money talks" was never more meaningful than in the creation of the marine protection areas along the central coast. I wonder what the outcome would have been if public money funded the MLPA as originally intended.. We will never know, however, we now have a glimpse of that to expect as the enviros set their sight on Southern California. If the past can predict the future, then a well-managed fishery will not be the result.

The inherent flaw in dealing with fishery management by only creating marine protection areas is that nobody told the fish. It is the equivalent of a doctor saying the operation was a success but the patient died of other complications. Fish travel—some great distances, others not so far. They are not going to stay in the marine protection areas throughout their life cycle. A well-managed fishery must deal with the complete marine biosphere. This includes gill nets, bottom trawling, long line, water quality, size and take

September 25 Dinner Speakers are: The LARRC Tackle Guys

Back by popular demand the thumbs up, thumbs down tackle rating duo **Sal Vallone** and **Michael Grossman**. Michael is recently back from the annual tackle manufacturers show in Las Vegas and Sal will be stocking many of the new products debuted at that show. They will have available for discussion and examination some of the most interesting new products including the award winning Best in Show saltwater reel from Penn—the Torque. Also on hand Shimano's new inshore Curado 300DSV. Be there!

Call in your dinner choices and reservations to: (818) 808-4909 or email larrcdinnersvp@yahoo.com ■

Channel Islands Fishing Under Fire!

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary currently lacks the authority to regulate fishing. This was established in their original Charter with the State of California. They now seek to break this agreement. All recreational fishermen must oppose this. See story on page 9.

limits. The marine protection area implementation may be a success, but until the indiscriminate killers are mentioned are eliminated, water quality improved, and rational science based size and take limits established, the future of our fishery will be dead on arrival. ■

LARRC'S TWILIGHT TRIP

The first Los Angeles Rod and Reel youth fishing trip departed Dock 52 in Marina Del Rey on Saturday, August 5 bound for the sand bass grounds in Santa Monica Bay. Chartermaster, **Bob Selvin**, greeted everyone upon arrival for the twilight charter. The 16 adults and 24 kids lined up to board the boat R & R for an evening of fishing and catching whatever the ocean would offer up.

With bait on board, the time to the fishing grounds was a brief 35 minutes. Exiting the harbor, we were greeted by a stiff wind and lumpy seas. The sky was clear, promising a spectacular sunset. Mother Nature did not disappoint. As the sun went down over Point Dume and lights on shore began to twinkle, the memory of the horrendous traffic on the 405 began to fade. San Bass starting coming over the rail

with regularity with barracuda occasionally jumping on thrown swim baits. Never wide open, the bite continued sporadically throughout the night. The wind was relentless, causing the skipper to reset as he was pushed off the spot. It didn't seem to bother the kids. Whether it was at the rail or in the galley enjoying the free food, their energy and spirits were high.

Sometimes, as adults, we forget what it is like to see the world through the eyes of a child. The presence of harbor seals and sea lions, often scorned by adults, were the source of endless amusement and wonder for the kids. If you have never volunteered or been a part of a club event involving children, you owe it to yourself to participate and see the smiling faces and happiness which result when a child discovers something new.

Editors Note: Yes the 405 is often a parking lot. This was exacerbated by some kind of political demonstrations at Wilshire government buildings and the clogging of those off ramps.

LARRC congratulates Bob Selvin for arranging this successful outing. ■



Kids' on Twilight Trip.

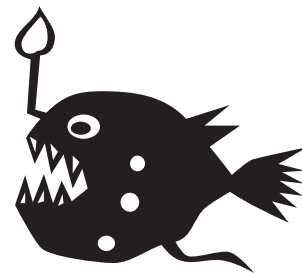
MIKE GROSSMAN ON THE ISLAND TAK

After the past couple of trips on "the Tak" which produced WSB bonanzas our group was anxious for and overdue for a good day of Calico fishing. You know, one of those days where everything just comes together...weather, water conditions, and the fish willing to play. That was just what we were treated to yesterday (July 26) aboard the *Island Tak* when **Capt. Steve Kelly** decided to fish down the coast instead of going to Santa Cruz (where the WSB bite had died off)

For six hours we had full throttle just about non-stop action. I doubt if there was any time during that period when we did not have a couple of people hooked up and a lot of the time it was almost everyone working a fish.



The quality was there, too, many fish in the three pound and up range. They ate the finbait (sardines and anchovies) and they ate the plastics and even a couple of fish on the iron. Topper for the day was this seven pounder caught and released by LARRC past president **Joel Zide**. ■



Joel Zide shows off catch from one of Michael Grossman's local island trips.

KING OF THE CALICOS...RANDY IS DANDY! Report by Steve Ex.

I must come clean and admit, that in the days leading up to July 28, and the King of the Calicos Tournament, I ran the same question through my head time after time. "Calico Bass?" Albacore and Bluefin are being caught within 1 day range of San Diego...White Seabass are WFO at the Channel Islands...Dorado and Yellowtail are thick on nearly every kelp paddy or anything else found floating in our local waters...And I'm going out fishing for Calico Bass?

To me, Calico Bass have never been a glamour species, but rather an incidental catch. I was to learn differently on this trip. The 19 of us met at Pierpont Landing around 8 pm on Thursday night. While waiting to board, we introduced ourselves, discussed the (then) Dodger's losing streak, and shared-on-the-water war stories. We boarded about 9:20, signed in and got underway. Club President and Tournament Director, **John Ballotti** went over the rules and handed out goodie bags donated by **Rick's Tackle in Long Beach**, a sponsor for the 2nd year in a row.

The game plan was to make a stop at Catalina to see if we could get the candy bait to float, then make our way to San Clemente Island, for a morning with some hungry Calico Bass. What a beautiful night on the water, calm and flat as could be. Shorts and T-Shirts were adequate. I made my way to the bunkroom to try and catch a short nap before arriving at the squid fishing grounds. It was not to be, however, and we were able to jig up only a single squid thanks to the determined efforts of **Steve Simon**. The crew was able to scoop a couple of small net fulls, but we soon realized that on this night squid was just not meant to be.

We awakened to the smell of fresh brewed coffee, flat calm seas and bright sunshine. I grabbed a cup, stood at the rail soaking in the beauty and magnificence of this July morning. The water was like a sheet of glass that extended as far as the eye could see. As we approached the near-shore kelp beds, we were treated to the sight of boiling calico bass! They were here indeed! The boat anchored up and Tourney Director Ballotti gave the "Let em go" sign, and the race to see who would be the King of the Calicos had begun. It wasn't but a few moments before we watched the bass work their way up our chumline, when all of a sudden, rods started bending. Fish began coming over the rail faster than the crew could weigh them. If you had a live sardine in the water, you likely had a fish on within seconds. It wasn't long before the few of us, who were determined to throw plastics, finally gave in to the fact, that on this day, live bait would be the ticket...and besides, some of the other (bait fishing) contestants already had 4 or 5 fish to their credit and we needed to catch up!

While we all enjoyed one of the more prolific days of calico fishing you could ask for, there was one individual in particular who stood out amongst the crowd. This individual was **Randy Sharon**. Often, when on a fishing trip, there is one person who seems to be the hot stick. Well, on this day, Randy was not just hot...he was on fire! It was almost routine, that each time Randy would hand a fish to Capt. Ray to be weighed, the weight called out was in excess of 2 lbs.

Late in the tournament, it became apparent that due to Randy's antics,

the individual crown was pretty much decided, and so the rest of us battled to try and land the 'Big Fish' title. However Randy had a plan of his own, and with just moments to go before the "lines out" command was called, Randy hauled over a toad calico which went 4 lbs. 10 oz. on the digital scale, good for big fish of the day. John quickly switched into the accounting mode, and with calculator in hand, tallied up the tournament totals. Soon thereafter, the results were posted and we had our 2006 King of the Calicos Individual Champion...Randy Sharon!

Randy not only weighed in an astounding 28 respectable fish, but his tournament 'ten fish bag' totaled a whopping 34 lbs. 10 oz. He was paired with Steve Simon in the team event, and their 20 fish bag total of 53 lbs. 9 oz. was enough to give them a clean sweep! **Billy Vaughn** and **Dave Levinson** were runners up at 37 lbs. 3 oz. The individual winners were Randy at 34lbs. 10 oz. with runner up **Michael Godfrey** at 27 lbs. 1 oz.

Following the tournament, we decided to try paddy hopping and managed a dozen or so yellowtail and 2 or 3 dorado. Icing on the cake for LARRC members!

What a wonderful day on the water.

Participants were: Andy MacDonald, Stan Richstone, Billy Vaughn, Dave Levinson, Randy Sharon, Steve Simon, Chas. Shoemaker, Steve Ex, Bob Jones, Michael Dickter, John Rhind, Michael Godfrey, Eric Lyden, Rick Uribe, Fred Trebow, John Ballotti, Jim Carlisle and Hunter Lyden.

COMPUTER PROBLEMS

Tech Support: Your password is the small letter "a" as in apple, a capital letter "V" as in Victor, then the number "7".

Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters?



Tech Support: On your keyboard!

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech Support: "P" ... on your keyboard!

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

A New Shark Repellent?

A hook outfitted with a small but powerful magnet could go a long way in preventing longline boats targeting tuna and swordfish from snaring sharks as bycatch.

The promise of the magnet's ability to repel sharks earned it the top prize in the World Wildlife Fund's annual International Smart Gear Competition, which seeks to support innovative, low cost solutions to reducing bycatch. For his novel efforts, the hook's inventor, Michael M. Herrmann, was awarded the contest's \$25,000 grand prize.

Herrmann, an electrical engineer by training is a partner in a New Jersey research company called SharkDefense. The prize money will be used to further test and develop the product.

Source: *National Fisherman* 8/2006

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MULTIPLE DAY CHARTERS

THESE TRIPS ARE PRIVATE CHARTERS AND THE FULL CHARTER PRICE MUST BE PAID BY LARRC IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. THEREFORE, IF YOU SIGN UP YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TRIP COST IN THE EVENT YOU CANCEL AND A REPLACEMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE. LARRC MEMBERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THEIR GUESTS.

The chartermaster on the Qualifier Trips will be Dan Felger.
ADDRESS: Dan Felger, Dart Realty, 860 Hampshire Road, Suite W, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. Dan can be reached at (805) 370-1632, (805) 370-1483(FAX) OR dan@dartrealty.net

Qualifier 105 — 8-Day LARRC Charter September 12-20, 2006— ONE OPENING

Note: There is one participant who can't make this trip. The trip had been sold out! Contact Dan Felger if interested.

Qualifier 105 — 5-Days July 21-26, 2007

- 1) \$2095—Only 3 openings left
- 2) Does not include, tips, permits, beverages, fuel surcharge.
- 3) Deposit \$500.
- 4) Payment schedule: Dec.1 \$500, Mar.1 \$500, June 1 \$595

Note: Charter Master on this trip is: David Levinson
 5444 Wortser Ave, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401 (818)785-1776
 email: dajplevin@adelphia.net Checks payable to LARRC

The Charter Master on the Pacific Dawn Trips will be James Carlisle. **ADDRESS:** 7128 Seawind Dr., Long Beach, CA 90803, (562) 598-0940 H or (320) 332-9770 W or email jamesnc@earthlink.net Or contact Jan Howard at (949) 837-1431 or email: saltwaterwoman@cox.net

Pacific Dawn Oxnard—Captain Hook Sportfishing

Preparations are being made for an additional overnight weekend charter. Exact dates late October or early November being negotiated. Contact Jim Carlisle. See address above.

Make all Checks Payable to LARRC. NOTE that Cancellations Do Occur. Call Charter Master for Latest Standby Information.

RED ROOSTER III — 4-Night Tuna Trip September 12-20, 2006— ONE OPENING

There are some spots open at this time...Price is \$1190

Note: Cancellations Do Occur.
 Call Chartermaster Arnie Cohen for information:
 home 818 368-5834 office 818 366-3300 ext 122

KINGFISHER LODGE — Sitka Alaska August 2, 2007

Final Cost to be announced. 4 nights and 3 days of fishing. Included will be food, fishing, lodging, snacks, soft drinks, fish cleaning and packaging for trip home, Alaska license and salmon stamps, rain gear, tackle, bait and transport from airport to lodge. Excluded are tips and alcoholic beverages. A \$500 deposit made out to Arnie Cohen will reserve your spot.

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2007 QUALIFIER 105 Skiff Trip Announced

The Los Angeles Rod & Reel Club has chartered the Qualifier 105 for a 2007 skiff trip. The dates selected are 2 weeks later than previous trips, which should mean better weather and fishing. The details are as follows:

1. The dates are Saturday, June 16 - June 23, 2007
2. The cost is \$2175 per person.
3. Limited load of 18. Charter Master may overbook by 1.
4. Not included: drinks, beer, tackle, fish cleaning, tips and Mexican permits, jackpot and fuel surcharge.
5. A reservation will only be accepted if accompanied with an initial deposit of \$575. Subsequent deposits of \$400 each will be due October 15, 2006, January 15, 2007 and April 15, 2007. Check to be made payable to LARRC & sent to Dan Felger. See policy message above.

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C A L E N D A R

LARRC Charters 2006



Dinner Meetings

September 25

Next: October 30

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.

THE VALLEY INN
4557 Sherman Oaks Avenue, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

September 18

Next: October 23

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Ballotti at 310.252.2258 at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

THE VALLEY INN
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Membership News

Paul Giannini, son of long time member Pete G. has applied for membership in the club. Paul is an attorney. He lives on the west side.
Email address is: plgnnn@yahoo.com

Health Welfare & Happenings

Condolences are due **Phil Bell**. His mother Betty passed away last month at age 92.

Phil Bell's post surgical recovery reports his knee ligaments are healing fine.

Sherwood Kingsley had knee surgery in late July is also on the mend.

2006 Weekday Charters on the Sea Biscuit berthed at Channel Islands Landing in Oxnard.

- 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 x1221 ofc.

S C H E D U L E :

September 13, Wednesday	October 25, Wednesday
September 27, Wednesday	November 15, Wednesday
October 11, Wednesday	

DELICATE MATTER

A married couple was in a terrible accident and the man's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from his body because his was too skinny.

So the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only suitable skin from her body was her buttocks. Everyone agreed that they would honor this secret.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the man's new face. He looked more handsome than ever;. Friends and relatives commented on his appealing youthful looks.

One, day he was alone with his wife, and he was overcome with emotion at her sacrifice. He said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I repay you?"

My darling, "she replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

Trophy Contenders as of August 25, 2006

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.	OZ.
MEN'S									
OCEAN WATER									
Albacore	12	Wayne Caywood	21	12	Trout, Lake	6	Ben Susman	20	0
Albacore	60	Larry Martinez	14	5	Trout, Lake	16	Al Scow	17	0 *
Bass, Calico	4	John Ballotti	3	4	Trout, Lake	16	Jim Carlisle	14	13
Bass, Calico	6	Chas. Schoemaker	3	4	MEN'S RELEASED				
Bass, Calico	12	Joel Zide	7	0	Bass, Peacock	8	Joel Steinman	Released	
Bass, Calico	30	Chas. Schoemaker	7	8	Dorado	20	Curtis Hunter	Released	
Cod, Red Rock	30	Barry Cohn	6	0 *	WOMEN'S				
Cod, Red Rock	25	Steve Simon	10	4	Albacore	20	Lynne Ballew	33	4 *
Dorado	65	Joel Steinman	19	0 *	Albacore	25	Jan Howard	42	8 *
Halibut, California	40	John Ballotti	22	0 *	Dorado	20	Robin Hunter	Released	
Rooster Fish	40	Earl Warren	42	6 *	Dorado	40	Pamela Warren	43	0 *
Rooster Fish	40	Charles Schoemaker	35	0	Pike, Northern	8	Mimi Susman	21	0 *
Salmon, Coho	8	Earl Warren	13	0 *	Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Jan Howard	50	5
Salmon, Coho	12	Earl Warren	11	6 *	Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Jan Howard	81	2 *
Salmon, King	8	Earl Warren	25	8	Tuna, Yellowfin	40	Jan Howard	106	6 *
Salmon, King	25	Barry Cohn	36	0	Yellowtail	40	Jan Howard	29	1
Salmon, King	25	Earl Warren	27	8	SARDINES				
Sheephead	4	John Ballotti	5	7 *	Bass, Calico	15	Ian Sharon	1	0
Sheephead	10	Barry Cohn	6	8 *	Bass, Large Mouth	8	Holden Rosberg	2	2
Tuna, Yellowfin	130	Dan Felger	228	0	Bass, Large Mouth	8	Ian Sharon	2	13
Yellowtail	12	Steve Ex	13	4	Bass, Large Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	2	14
Yellowtail	12	Tom Carlisle	25	0	Bass, Large Mouth	8	Miken Rosberg	1	12
Yellowtail	60	Tom Carlisle	46	3 *	Bass, Sand	15	Todd Gruberger	3	0
White Sea Bass	10	Wayne Caywood	30	8	Bass, Sand	15	Harrison Hunter	Released	
FLY ROD					Bass, Sand	15	Samantha Hunter	Released	
Trout, Brown	15	Don Lee	16	3 *	Bass, Spotted Bay	4	Jack Uribe	1	3
Trout, Lake	12	Tom Carlisle	13	0 *	Croaker, Spotfin	6	Marco Uribe	1	13
Trout, Lake	16	Rick Uribe	10	0	Dorado	25	Hunter Lyden	11	7
White Fish, Lake	6	Tom Carlisle	5	0 *	Grouper, Salmon	20	Cooper Lyden	4	3
FRESH WATER					Halibut	20	Mitchel Weinstock	10	0
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Joel Steinman	2	11	Marlin, Striped	30	Eric Lyden	Released	
Bass, Large Mouth	8	Dan Felger	4	2	Marlin, Striped	50	Hunter Lyden	83	3
Bass, Large Mouth	10	Joel Steinman	3	7 *	Rockfish, Widow	20	Cooper Lyden	2	3
Bass, Peacock	8	Joel Steinman	2	0 *	Trout, Rainbow	4	Corryn Barney	1	5
Bass, Sand	15	Harrison Hunter	Released		Trout, Rainbow	4	Hunter Barney	1	5
Bass, Sand	15	Samantha Hunter	Released		Whitefish	20	Cooper Lyden	6	0
Bass, Striped	20	Joel Steinman	13	0 *	Yellowtail	20	Christian Hernandez	26	3
Burbot	30	Al Scow	6	7 *	* New Club Record				
Pike, Northern	15	Al Scow	15	11 *	FIRST GAMEFISH OF THE YEAR				
Pike, Northern	6	Ben Susman	10	0	David Levinson—White Sea Bass—17 lbs. 8 oz.				
Salmon, Coho	8	Pamela Warren	10	6 *	FIRST ALBACORE OF THE YEAR				
Salmon, Coho	12	Pamela Warren	11	6 *	Larry Martinez—14 lb. 5 oz.				
Salmon, King	8	Pamela Warren	25	8					
Salmon, King	16	Pamela Warren	29	6					
Steelhead	8	Bert Serden	12	0					
Trout, Brown	15	Don Lee	16	3 *					

One for the Books! Boundless Enthusiasm! A Very Supreme Time!

The much anticipated 5-day annual charter that I run on the *Polaris Supreme* got off to an 11 a.m. start on August 12th with an ultra-limited load of 18 people. We headed directly for Guadalupe Island with an arrival scheduled there about 8 a.m. Sunday.

Tommy Rothery at the helm concluded that this was our best option due to a lack of favorable reports on open ocean fishing. The lack of internet reports by the way is not always due to sloth on the part of the skippers. Some have really found that their catch information only invites competitors, including the commercial boats. Several other boats were already headed for the Cedros/Benitos area and indeed we found two boats already testing the waters at Guadalupe. The 73-degree water seemed just right for yellowtail and yellowfin. The weather was virtually perfect. Blue skies against the sere brown hills of the island. Those of you who haven't fished this island for a while will be happy to note that the Mexican Fisheries Dept. has imposed an additional license fee of \$4. per day. This will be sold on the boat and you will be issued a wristlet and told that you must wear this if you intend fishing there. Look out for the gunboats!

Sunday and Monday were spent looking for the elusive fish although some nice yellowtail cooperated as well as a sprinkling of tuna. Whitey was also in attendance and chewed at least half the fish on these days. I am told these sharks have lived there all the time since their normal food is the pinnipeds that breed there. Lately however the arrival of the long-range boats has acted as a dinner bell for these huge monsters. Fish heads were tied to buoys, and with a restraining rope, tossed over the side. This was to act as a distraction but proved to be unsuccessful. And so we continued scratching, trying to horse in any hooked fish as fast as possible.

Monday night an attempt was made to get some squid for bait but this was only marginally successful. Of course the boat chummed their ample supply of sardines throughout but we also wanted to supplement those with Spanish Mackerels which were caught Tuesday evening after dark. With everyone sporting a bait rig—bait fishing is mandatory if you wish to use it—we filled one of the upper deck tanks in a couple of hours. As I recall, slightly over 50 hefty tuna were caught Sunday and Monday. Virtually all were over 40-50 lbs.

Towards late afternoon Tuesday, Tommy, who'd been making many moves, found us a high spot near the south end of Guadalupe which turned out to hold a large school. What a difference the mackerel made. All hell broke loose with at least half the group hooked up and fighting tuna simultaneously. The crew was up to their elbows untangling lines, passing rods around the anchor and helping those who could no longer lift. Fishermen's heaven! It was not unusual to see wraps with five people involved, several got spooled and I broke one of my rods. Mostly 30- and 40-lb line was used and the frenzy didn't stop until dark. You know that saying about hours of boredom with minutes of bedlam. This was it, people cursing, sweating, making a dash for the bait holders, always in another attempt to add one more to your hoard. Nobody worried about the absence of white sharks at this stop....maybe they were still sated from the prior days.

It was certainly a once-in-a-decade bite!. These frantic scenarios don't happen very often and we are SO fortunate to have the means and time to experience them. A most adequate substitute for a wild albacore bite.

Wednesday morning, another beautiful day, and we had to think about the 22-hr. ride back to San Diego. Awakened for breakfast at 5 a.m., we fished from dawn

until about 11 a.m. Again the fish bit like crazy. Get your line in the water with a Spanish mackerel and you were on! More bedlam—more excitement. The school was such that Tommy had the deckhands chumming all our remaining bait, including the Spanish, to keep the school going so we could hand it off to the "American Angler". They arrived within a half hour and we learned later that they scored 90 fish that day!

Our total was about 100 tuna—didn't keep track of the yellowtail—of a very hefty size indeed. The jackpot fish was 105.4 (Phil Bruce), 2nd biggest was 87.8 (Dietmar Kruger), 3rd place was taken by my nephew Alex Rogger at 79.2—his personal best! We also saw a couple of wahoo come over the rail. One wound up as wahoo enchiladas.

One angler had a fish that turned out to weigh 110.2 but when he was almost spooled, a deckhand helped him to try to regain some line...this is a no no as far as the jackpot is concerned. Can't say enough good things about the crew nor the group of players, including some new guys. I can't think of anything negative that happened. Now that's a fun way to go fishing. Let's try it again next year!!!! This was not an LARRC trip although members, **Barry Cohn, Sam Rubinfeld, John Seymour, John Eads** and me, **Eric Rogger**, tried to hold up the traditions. ■



DO YOU FISH THE CHANNEL ISLANDS?

CHANNEL ISLANDS SANCTUARY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSALS FOR MARINE RESERVES, MARINE CONSERVATION AREAS.

Report by Joel Greenberg.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has released for public comment the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for consideration of marine reserves and marine conservation areas in the NOAA Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

The DEIS contains proposed alternatives for a network of marine zones in the sanctuary. Also included is a description of the affected environment, and an evaluation and comparison of environmental and economic consequences including cumulative impacts.

Two types of zones are being considered: marine reserves and marine conservation areas. Under the preferred alternative, all extractive activities (e.g. removal of any sanctuary resource) and injury to sanctuary resources would be prohibited in all zones of the sanctuary designated as marine reserves. Certain lobster fishing and recreational fishing for pelagic species would be allowed within zones of the sanctuary designated as marine conservation areas, while all other extraction and injury would be prohibited. Proposed sanctuary regulatory changes are presented and analyzed in the DEIS.

The DEIS will undergo extensive public review from Aug. 11, 2006 through Oct. 10, 2006, including public hearings scheduled for Sept. 26, 2006 and Sept. 28, 2006 in Ventura and Santa Barbara. All comments must be received or postmarked by Oct. 10, 2006 at the sanctuary office at 113 Harbor Way, Suite 150, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, by email at cinmsreserves.deis@noaa.gov or by fax at (805) 568-1582. Call (805) 884-1472 to get copies of the DEIS.

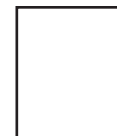
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**Tues. 9/26 6:15 to 9:00 pm
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**Thurs 9/28 6:15 to 9:00 pm
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