

# Chum Line



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Tuna in the Net. Photo by Bill Boyce.

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## Sept. 21 Dinner Meeting Speaker

Dan Thornton, a product specialist for Shimano will grace our meeting. Dan has been with Shimano for 6.5 years and offers technical support to both dealers and anglers. He is also active in the development of products for the fresh water market. Various websites offer new product information—Dan's job is being the expert at tackle shows, consumer events. He's promised an extensive Q&A period so come loaded with any kind of tackle or technique questions! (i.e. how to use the new butterfly jigs)

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The next MLPA meetings are Sept 9 & 10 at the Sheraton LAX on Century Blvd.



## MLPA UPDATE—And then there were three

### Report by John Ballotti

The past few weeks has seen a flurry of activity surrounding the MLPA in the Southcoast region. First, the Blue Ribbon Task Force met at the end of July and provided guidance for Round 3 deliberations. The BRFT informed the Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG) that 3 proposals would go forward into the 3rd round; External Proposal A, Topaz, and Lapis One. The BRTF emphasized that all proposals did not meet the Science Advisory Team (SAT) guidelines and much work needed to be done to meet those guidelines. The message was loud and clear that the BRTF expected the proposals to meet the guidelines and if not, substantial justification and rationale were required for it to be considered. In early August the RSG was divided into three groups based on member preference. Lapis

One, the least fishing friendly group, Topaz, the so-called middle ground group, and External A, developed by commercial and recreational fishing interests. Joining me in External A are LARRC members **Joel Greenberg, Merit McCrea**, and honorary member **Bob Fletcher**. We got to work and quickly realized that meeting the SAT guidelines was going to be a difficult and painful task, as each line on the map affected someone in a significant way. The last round 3 work session is scheduled for September 9 & 10 at a nearby LAX Sharon. I hope you can make it. I want to thank club members **Steve Simon, Eric Rogger** and **Michael Godfrey** for stepping up and making a public comment at our last meeting. A number of RSG members came up to me after the meeting and complimented LARRC for caring enough to be involved. Your voice does matter, so let's hear it. ■

## State to Further Restrict Fishing!

An article in the LA Times (8/6/2009) by Amy Littlefield reports that the state Fish & Game Commission voted in early August to ban or restrict fishing in about 20% of state waters along the North-Central coast in order to "rejuvenate marine ecosystems."

Protected areas, already designated along the Central Coast, as part of the MLPA, were hailed by conservationists. A plan for similar action is currently in the works for Southern California. Alternative plans proposed by fishermen were discounted by the Blue Ribbon Task Force in a 3-2 vote. The action applies to state waters (3 miles from shore) and takes effect January 1st. ■

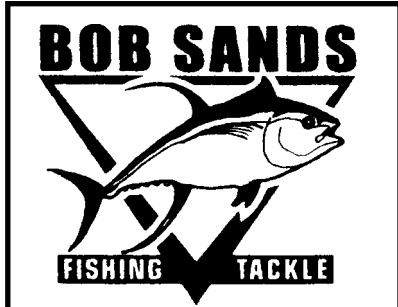
## Exxon Opts Not to Appeal Valdez Ruling

In the final chapter of the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska's Prince William Sound, plaintiffs stand to double the money they received from their punitive settlements earlier this year.

The oil corporation agreed to pay interest accrued on the punitive damages since 1996 per a ruling from the 9th US Court of Appeals. The court-ordered interest rate of 5.9 percent on the \$5-7.5 million Exxon owed in punitive damages adds up to another \$470 million. Checks ranged from a few hundred dollars to more than \$100,000.

Homer fisherman Frank Mullen says it's "going to be over" but we only got a small portion of what we should have had in the beginning. Punitive damages were set at \$5 Billion. "We've been through the depths of the Valley, he said"

Source: *National Fisherman* 9/09



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# Randy Sharon's Fathers Day Present

**F**or the last several years, LARRC past presidents **Pam & Earl Warren** (who reside at Los Suenos,) have asked me to come down and visit them in Costa Rica. This last Father's Day my gift from wife and kids was an airline ticket to a resort which was also reported on in the *ChumLine* last month by **Bob Selvin and Chas. Schoemaker**. Joining me was club member **Gabe Martinez**.

Earl had told me that I was set to arrive at the beginning of the rainy season, that fishing had been a little on the slow side, but that July was typically the month that the tuna would arrive. Unfortunately, the tuna had not yet showed up. Quite frankly, I did not have high expectations for great fishing, but I knew that I was going to have a great time no matter what. As it turned out, the trip turned out to be one of those fishing trips that you dream about.

During our shuttle from the airport to the Los Suenos resort in Costa Rica, you could not help but notice that you were surrounded by a very green and lush forest. It felt like you were in the middle of a very beautiful and tropical rain forest, then I realized—I was in the middle of a tropical rain forest. Our first two days of fishing involved fishing for roosterfish on Earl's panga. Those two days were, by far, the best fishing for roosterfish that Gabe or I had ever experienced. Day 1 was a good day, and Day 2 was even better. On Day 2, we caught and released jack crevalle and 13 roosterfish from 25-55



**ABOVE: Randy Sharon with nice Rooster. LEFT: Gabe Martinez with Pargo.**

lbs.

Our last two days we decided to fish offshore. The first day of offshore fishing started on the slow side. We could see dorado and wahoo swimming right next to the boat, but we were only able to land a couple of fish. They simply would not bite the live bait or lures. With about one hour left of fishing that day we saw a large school of jumping yellowfin tuna. We pulled up to the school and had wide-open fishing on 30-40 lb. YFT—all on surface poppers. Seeing the fish go

after and eat the surface popper was absolutely amazing.

The next day of offshore fishing was even better! We started in the same area, but because we did not see any tuna in the a.m. we fished a couple of high spots for bottom fish. Many cabrilla, grouper, amberjack and pargo (up to about 25 lbs.) were caught mostly on jigs. Later in the day we found a large log floating that held yellowfin tuna and jack crevalle. Again, wide open fishing using the surface poppers and jigs. We caught wahoo, dorado, more tuna and rainbow runners—an unbelievable variety of fish!

Earl and Pam were the most gracious and hospitable hosts. An amazing trip! ■

# A Week in God's Country "Alaska"

**By Mark Manculich**

**M**y son Montana and I arrived in Anchorage on July 18th (his 12th birthday) having the advantage of being greeted by family members living in Alaska. Unfortunately, shortly after arrival we learned that a planned halibut trip had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Plan B was put into effect and that was to drive and float down the Kenai River in a small aluminum boat. The drive and scenery were beautiful and the river a grey fast moving body of water. We launched and after about an hour saw some salmon surfacing. We decided to pull out and fish from shore with Coho flies. We had fish on the line within five minutes. From there it was fishing off the hook for red salmon. At one point the four of us - cousins included - were hooked up and reeling in

red salmon simultaneously.

After about two hours of catching, we decided to move on as we had another seven miles of river to cover. As we passed the confluence of the Russian River fish were being pulled out everywhere but this "combat" fishing did not appeal to us. Shortly after we saw black bear on the shoreline. A mile further down river we saw a large grizzly in the river chowing down a salmon. A couple of more stops saw us on the reds again. I saw my son set on a fish and then lose his balance but he recovered and fought his fish for about ten minutes when my cousin pointed out that he had a large Dolly Varden. Prior to release we estimated that it must have been about 28". A local book I had purchased noted that one could expect to catch Dolly's in the Kenai of 12-20" and sometimes up to 30".



**TOP: Montana's Dolly Varden.**

**ABOVE: Mark holding Dolly Varden**

This was our outstanding catch of the trip!

We also fished the Kasilof and Bird Creek. We also assisted our cousin Andy by cleaning reds caught while dip netting.. Off Bird Creek is Turn-Again Inlet and there we caught rainbow trout, unlimited numbers of Pink and a few Chum Salmon. At the mouth of the creek we experienced

a bore tide. A 4-6 foot wall of water coming at us at about 15 mph. Some experience—like a freight train!

Finally, we also went off-roading with 4 WDs and motorcycles. We saw bald eagles, beluga whales, moose and other wild life. What an experience - Montana's final words: "When are we going back!"



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# Our Far Flung Correspondents!

Jim Carlisle reports on  
a July Kluane  
Wilderness Lodge Trip



On July 1 our  
LARRC group  
of Tom and

**Cinda Carlisle, Al Scow, Rick Uribe** and I headed north to Canada's Yukon Territory. This would be the 5th time we had the pleasure to fish at **Brian Dack's Kluane Wilderness Lodge**

([www.kluanelodge.com](http://www.kluanelodge.com)) beautiful Wellesley Lake. We flew north from LAX and changed planes in Vancouver. We then continued on to Whitehorse which sits on the Yukon River and is the capital of Yukon Territory. That evening we met up with the others that were flying into the lodge with us.

At 8 am. the next morning we boarded the two float planes that would take us to the lodge. It's a beautiful 90-minute, 200-mile flight. Once at the lodge, we quickly got unpacked, ordered up lunches to go and headed out to try our luck at fishing. Our fishing targets would be lake trout and northern pike. The lodge's accommodations are comfortable cabins, good food, and each pair of anglers is assigned their own skiff complete with radio and fish finder. Fishing is all catch and release with single barbless hooks and you can fish conventional, spinning, or fly (our choice) tackle. This time of year there are 24 hrs. of daylight so fishing time is unlimited. A typical day is to wake up at 7 am., enjoy breakfast at 8 am., and be on the lake by about 8:45 am.



**TOP: Rick Uribe with jumbo trout**

**ABOVE: Cinda & Tom Carlisle** **BOTTOM RIGHT: The Moose!**

We'd take lunch with us and fish all day returning to the lodge in time for a cocktail and then dinner at 6 pm. After dinner it was back on the lake for more fishing followed by a cocktail and a camp fire. Not a bad life at all.

The lake holds jumbo lake trout and northern pike. Our friend **Buck** was targeting the pike most of the time but everyone else was primarily after the big lake trout. We

caught most of our trout trolling flies on sinking lines. The best fliers we've come upon are 6- to 9-inch long leech patterns. We also caught fish in shallow water sight casting flies to them on the gravel bars around the lake. We caught a lot of nice fish during the day and the average trout is in the 6-8 lb. range. The really big fish seemed to come out and play more in the evening. We all started con-

gregating most nights in a deeper area called the flats. Al and Cinda seemed to have the hottest hands during the evening sessions. Last year those two tied for biggest fish with honors with matching 26.5-pounders. This year Cinda quickly raised the bar to 28 lbs. on the second night at the lodge. Al and I swung into the area a little later that evening and Al quickly rained on Cinda's parade with a beautiful 36 pounder on the fly, which he quickly followed with a 20 pounder. We also targeted pike from time to time. The most fun was dragging a foam popper through shallow weed beds and watching the fish repeatedly come out of the water trying to eat the popper. You could realistically go catch 30 or 40 pike in a half day if you wanted to.

We didn't see any bears or wolves this year but we did see lots of eagles daily plus there were numerous moose at the lake. Tom and Cinda went on a daily photo mission and came back with lots of good moose pictures on most days. Our nine days in paradise quickly passed and we flew out of the on the morning of July 11. After a wonderful vacation, it was back to the reality of Southern California. We are ready to do it again! ■



# TROPHY CONTENDERS 2009 AS OF JULY 25

**SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB.OZ.**

**MEN'S OCEAN WATER**

Bass, Calico	4	John Ballotti	4 15 *
Bass, Calico	6	John Ballotti	5 13 *
Bass, Calico	15	John Ballotti	4 15 *
Bass, Calico	20	Joel Steinman	4 0
Bass, Calico	30	John Ballotti	7 3
Bass, Calico	12	Steve Simon	4 11
Black Sea Bass	40	Kevin Jusilla	Released
Halibut, California	8	Rob Baldwin	30 0 *
Halibut, California	12	Steve Simon	23 4
Halibut, California	16	Paul Varenchik	35 5
Halibut, California	30	Randy Sharon	46 0 *
Jack Cravalle	20	Chas. Schoemaker	16 2 *
Jack Cravalle	30	Earl Warren	26 8 *
Jack Cravalle	65	Chas. Schoemaker	25 0 *
Red Rock Cod	25	Barry Cohn	4 8
Roosterfish	30	Earl Warren	66 8 *
Roosterfish	50	Earl Warren	48 0
Salmon, King	20	Barry Cohn	25 0
Sierra	40	Bob Selvin	10 2 *
Tuna, Bluefin	30	Dan Felger	32 4
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 *
White Sea Bass	20	Larry Dinovitz	25 0
White Sea Bass	20	Dirk Perriseau	21 4

**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	6	Scott Schiffman	5 9 *
Bass, LG Mouth	10	Joel Steinman	3 8 *
Bass, LG Mouth	20	Dan Felger	3 8 *
Bass, LG Mouth	20	Dan Felger	3 15
Bass, Striped	6	Scott Schiffman	11 9 *
Bass, Striped	8	Scott Schiffman	9 7
Trout, Lake	12	Al Scow	36 0

**SPECIES LINE TEST ANGLER LB.OZ.**

**MEN'S RELEASED**

Black Sea Bass	40	Kevin Jusilla	Released
Halibut, Pacific	100	Dietmar Kruger (320+)	Released
Roosterfish	20	Chas. Schoemaker	Released
Roosterfish	25	Brad Stich	Released
Roosterfish	50	Bob Selvin	Released
Roosterfish	65	Chas. Schoemaker	Released
Sailfish	25	Rob Baldwin	Released

**WOMEN'S**

Amberjack	30	Pamela Warren	26 8
Mackerel, Sierra	30	Pamela Warren	10 12 *
Marlin, Striped	50	Jan Howard	Released
Roosterfish	30	Pamela Warren	17 8

**JUNIOR MEMBERS**

Albacore	25	Dominique Perriseau	34 9
Albacore	30	Sophia Perriseau	39 3 *
Albacore	30	Dominique Perriseau	38 6
Barracuda	10	Arthur Schiffman	10 0 *
Bass, Calico	12	Dominique Perriseau	5 2 *
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Ryan Weinstock	3 0 *
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	3 2 *
Bass, Lg Mouth	8	Miles Rosberg	3 2 *
Bass, Striped	8	Arthur Schiffman	11 8 *
Blue Gill	8	Drew Dickter	Released
Halibut, California	15	Dominique Perriseau	26 1 *
Red Rock Fish	25	Dominique Perriseau	8 1 *
Sheepshead	25	Dominique Perriseau	12 6
Trout, Rainbow	4	Alexis Warren	6 5 *
Tuna, Bluefin	30	Sophia Perriseau	47 1 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	25	Dominique Perriseau	37 2 *
Tuna, Yellowfin	30	Dominique Perriseau	43 12 *
White Sea Bass	15	Dominique Perriseau	20 8 *
Yellowtail	30	Dominique Perriseau	31 8

\*Possible Record.

First Game Fish of the Year—White Sea Bass, 21.4  
Dirk Perriseau-- 22 May 09

First Game Fish of the Year  
Dan Felger--Albacore--6/08

## 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.

### **Pacific Dawn Tuna Trip 2009**

Pacific Dawn Charter Master Jim Carlisle, sent in a memo indicating that all of his charters were filled again during 2009. "Finances were in the black!" Dates for next year 2010 are being crystallized. Looks like Sat. March 13, Sat. April 10, and Monday, May 03. The San Diego 1.5 day trip will be repeated but no date set as yet. Stay tuned via the *Chum Line* for further details and prices.

### **ATTENTION!!!!**

The long range sport fishing fleet in San Diego has introduced a "FISHING CODE OF ETHICS".

They want to encourage responsible angling practices and promote a positive image of our sport. A minimum size of 28" will apply to yellowtail and dorado and grouper (2 per angler). Tuna and albacore will have a minimum size of 24". Sailfish and marlin will be released unless mortally wounded. Sharks will be released as will all Black Sea bass.

Mexican regulations allow for a total limit of 30 fish on trips of 3 days or more but no more than 15 of any species. Dorado are excepted and you may only take six which will count as 15 toward your total of 30.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT...**

Eric Rogger's annual *Polaris Supreme Charter* is scheduled for Aug 7-12, 2010. The days are Saturday through Thursday. Price not yet announced. (310) 476-5936 or [wstridge@aol.com](mailto:wstridge@aol.com).

### **King of the Calicos Tournament--2009 Version**

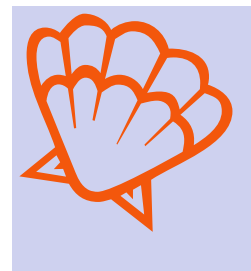
There is still time to sign up for this years' "King of the Calicos Tournament". We are planning to take 13 teams and need additional players. Departure time will be Tuesday night October 6 tentatively scheduled on the Toronado out of Long Beach. The tournament will begin Wednesday a.m. and we will return in the evening Oct. 7th. The cost of this trip is \$175. Don't have a team mate? We'll fix you up! Please call Barry Cohn, Director - at 310.479.9600 x221 or email: [Bcohn@cohnhandler.com](mailto:Bcohn@cohnhandler.com). Join the fun - Call Now!

**NOTE:** The listings of the former WLARR trips are being withdrawn as they are sold out.. A new schedule will appear when booked. Bert Serden has announced that he is in the early stages of planning a five day trip in July 2010 to a lodge 35 miles NW of Prince Rupert in British Columbia.

He says "British Columbia is favored over Alaska because the fish limits are generally higher, they favor barbless hooks and fly rods, and they fish two to a boat, giving you more chances to catch your limit"

The Haa Nee Naa Lodge only holds 12 guests, and offers 5 days of fully guided fishing for about \$3200 plus air to Vancouver and gratuities. Double rooms with ensuite baths are the accommodations.

If you think you might be interested in joining this group, please indicate your interest by email to [bserden@roadrunner.com](mailto:bserden@roadrunner.com). First come, first served, No deposits due until October.



**C A L E N D A R**

# Pablo Varenchik Reports on the Aug. 9, Lake Sherwood Family Picnic

**A** wonderful day on the shores of Lake Sherwood. Our annual LARRC picnic was once again a huge success attended by over 80 adults and kids. We had wonderful weather, great food, topped off with **Linda Simon's** wonderful dessert.

Fishing was a little tough because of heavy weeds but once we went to the drop shot technique we scored very well. Probably 50-plus largemouth bass and 20-plus big bluegill. **Wayne Caywood** made over 200 casts with a diving plug to finally connect with a nice 3 pounder.

**Dan and Carolyn Felger** were great hosts and provided some scenic cruises around the lake.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen and don't miss next year's event.

*Editors Note: Pictures Covering this event were not received....Sorry!* ■



## Dinner Meetings

**SEPTEMBER 21**

**Next: OCTOBER 26**

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.

*At Valley Inn  
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks*

## Board Meetings

**SEPTEMBER 14**

**Next: OCTOBER 19**

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

Discussions re: the next BOD meeting to possibly take place in West LA took place during the 8/24 meeting. You will be informed if this materializes via email or contact Scott Schiffman at [schifty57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schifty57@sbcglobal.net) or cell 818 577-8045

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm

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## Other Dates

**October 7**

**King of the Calicos**

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

Stan Richstone reports that **Linda Simon, Steve's wife** is healing well after an accidental fall.

**Will Ebersman** is recovering from a bout with pneumonia. **Good wishes to both!**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Chair Barry Cohn reports two new members are now in the club. **Bruce Powell** has been approved as a regular member. Nick Ekdahl sponsored his brother **Kris Ekdahl** as a non-resident member. **Welcome to both! See you at the rail!**



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# Plenty of "First Fish" Memories, Thanks to LARRC'S Marine Mentors' Trips

By Frank Polak, Marine Mentors Co-Chair

**A**s any fisherman knows, there's nothing quite like the feeling of catching that "first fish". And on August 3rd and 17th, 24 special youngsters got to experience that feeling, thanks to our Marine Mentors program.

New Directions for Youth, based in North Hollywood, were the first group aboard the Betty-0 in Marine Del Rey on the 3rd. Almost all of the 12 young guests were either on their first fishing trip or experiencing their first time on a boat. Ranging from 9-15 years of age, the kids quickly caught on...and many caught their first-ever fish. The catch ranged from sand and calico bass to a variety of smaller species that were returned to the water. Included were 3 big calicos in the 4 lb range that were also released.

How much did they enjoy the trip? Their group leader told me

that it was all the youngsters talked about when they came in the next day! The final tally was 23 keeper bass...about 100 small or miscellaneous fish released. And nice weather to boot.

Next up on August 17th was Phoenix House, an adolescent drug rehab facility located in Lake View Terrace. Just about everyone, including the counselors, enjoyed their "first fish" experience. The star of the day was a teenager named Jesus, who caught not 1 but 2 sheephead in the 7 lb range (along with several keeper bass and a number of released fish)

Not bad for someone who had never been fishing or been on a boat!.

Each summer, Our Marine Mentors trips sail on the Betty-0 from Marina Del Rey. A big thanks to Capt. Mike, his wife Patty and

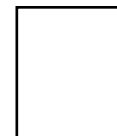
first mate Garrett for their generosity and accommodating our first time anglers. None of this would be possible without funding from the LARRC Foundation. Your donations help bring big smiles from some very deserving kids. Please keep this in mind when donation time comes around at the end of the year...or at the Foundation auction in February.

And finally, a huge Thank You, to our mentors: Steve Simon, Scott Schiffman, Joel Steinman, Dave Levinson, Allan Rische, Chas. Schoemaker, Andy MacDonald, Mike Godfrey, Arthur Schiffman, Shelly Fried, Sam Rubinfeld, Bob Siegel (First timer!), George Meigs, Allan Mannheim (another first timer!) Stan Choo (yet another first timer!) Joel Greenberg and Rob Baldwin. We could not have done this without you!!!



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