

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
OFFICE REPORT
May 24 – July 23, 2001

Management

The last week of May, Bill Douros met with regional and statewide managers of BLM's new coastal national monument. BLM wants to locate its staff/office in Monterey, with the MBNMS.

May 23, Bill Douros and Sean Morton attended the CINMS SAC Meeting and Marine Reserves Public Forum in Santa Barbara.

Andrew DeVogelaere and Bridget Hoover hosted a visit by Jennie Cary, a Senior Marine Ecologist with the Australian Department of Conservation and Land Management. She was interested in citizen monitoring, general monitoring, and Sanctuary resource management.

On June 1st, the SAC endorsed the proposed public meeting concept, outreach materials, and SAC schedule relative to the management plan review, with a request for Spanish interpreters in Santa Cruz as well as Salinas, a hearing in San Jose, and materials translated to Vietnamese.

A new SAC working group, the Business and Tourism Activity Panel (BTAP) met Thursday, June 7th at Moss Landing. Items on the agenda included the new role and status of the BTAP, the joint management plan, and fireworks permits. Bill Douros, Sean Morton and Karen Grimmer were on hand to address and discuss these topics. BTAP represents one of four official working groups that report to the SAC, and has been meeting ad hoc for the past five years.

Several MBNMS Staff participated in a NOAA, CSC workshop, sponsored by Sea Grant, entitled "Navigating Rough Seas: Public Issues and Conflict Management" in preparation of the upcoming management plan review.

On June 26th, MBNMS SAC sent a letter to Acting NOAA Administrator Scott Gudes on the need for NOAA to sponsor the Sanctuary's multicultural education program-MERITO.

Scott Gudes, NOAA Acting Administrator, visited with staff on June 26 for about two hours. He received a briefing that covered the status of the management plan review process, SIMoN and MERITO. The SAC letter of support for MERITO was hand delivered to Gudes.

Sean Morton traveled to the Gulf of the Farallones office to discuss the Communications Plan with Brady, Julie Barrow, Anne Walton and the GF/CB staff. The same crew presented the Communications Plan to MBNMS staff on July 17th.

July 17, Sean and Michele Roest attended Cal Fish & Game's Marine Life Protection Act Morro Bay meeting on Tuesday evening. Michele and Sean also met with coastal planning and environmental staff from San Luis Obispo County on Wednesday (7/18) to discuss the upcoming Management Plan Review and other coastal issues in the region.

Education and Outreach

Michele Roest is currently working with State Parks, Hearst/San Simeon district to develop a brochure for the State Park. They invited MBNMS to submit a panel, to include a map & description of the Sanctuary.

The regional winners of the National Ocean Science Bowl Competition (the Otter Bowl) were from Half Moon Bay High School. As part of their prize, MBNMS research staff took them on a sea otter monitoring and behavior survey up Elkhorn Slough, with natural history lessons interspersed between counts.

Dawn Hayes and Jen Jolly represented MBNMS at a Sanctuary Trail meeting, hosted and chaired by US Representative Sam Farr, to bring private, local, state and Federal agencies together on a proposed plan. Farr believes he and others can gather funding and implement a wide variety of tasks associated with obtaining lands, constructing a trail and providing interpretation along the sanctuary in the Monterey Bay region. Santa Cruz has a jump on the process and shared their plans. All parties agreed to have the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments act as the lead for housing information, mapping and administrative resources.

The steering committee for the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse met in San Simeon to discuss its upcoming transfer of ownership from the Coast Guard to BLM. The committee also discussed options for making the Lighthouse open to the public while still supporting the sensitive habitat and research projects there. Michele Roest from MBNMS and Bob Brownell from NMFS Gray whale research group attended.

About 65 campers at Sunset State Beach in Watsonville attended an evening campfire program on the MBNMS delivered by Jen Jolly.

On June 23, Jen Jolly assisted the Santa Cruz branch of the Coastal Conservancy with their Urban Watch Training. The Urban watch program has been monitoring storm drain runoff during summer months for several years now and is gearing up to expand to do rainy season monitoring regularly after the "First Flush" event.

July 9, education staff provided a two-hour tidepool program to a fifth grade, migrant education summer class. This is the third in a series of education programs targeting Hispanic school groups in Monterey County.

July 14, MBNMS staff sponsored 45 Hispanic students and 5 counselors from Watsonville, CA on a whale watching tour of Monterey Bay that was combined with a career mentoring program. The group was participating in a program from "Your Future is our Business." In addition to hearing about career opportunities in marine operations, education, and marine conservation, the kids saw orcas, blue whales, and humpback whales.

Education staff continues to try and "Make the Connection" between inland students and MBNMS. Presentations to summer school students living inland along the Carmel River highlighted their "connection" to Monterey Bay and the larger sanctuary.

Jen Jolly, Kelly Newton and Karen Grimmer are working with Urban Watch volunteers to monitor storm drain sites throughout the Sanctuary.

Research

May 26, 2001 marked 29 years of monitoring rocky shores at a former Santa Cruz sewer outfall and nearby control site. While the sites have reached a state where they are only slightly different, the project detected an introduced sponge species and a unique population of open coast, intertidal eel grass.

The MBNMS kelp canopy monitoring report for the year 2000 is now available at <http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/Research/techreports/cakelpreport2001/index.htm>

Moss Landing Marine Lab's graduate student Laurie McConnico will be working with MBNMS on recovery of rocky shores from a ship wreck and restoration techniques related to land-slide disturbances. This will be her thesis topic, and we completed a site selection survey on May 30.

Results of the May Beach COMBERS surveys indicated low levels of carcass deposition. Nearly all locations reported finding previously marked carcasses (20 - 30 percent of total), therefore our beaches appear to be retaining carcasses well. As expected, beaches in the southern portion of the Sanctuary (Cambria) reported very low deposition. Though not found by our volunteers, two unidentified, human dead bodies were found washed up on Salinas River State Beach over the month of May.

The report, "A Review of Marine Zones in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary," by Jennifer Brown, is now located on the MBNMS website at <http://www.mbnms.nos.noaa.gov/research/techreports/marinezones/index.html>.

Research staff has completed the two project compilation projects with the National Programs Branch: an on-line catalogue of marine zones, and survey of marine mammal studies requested by the Marine Mammal Commission.

On June 14, the MBNMS submitted a detailed proposal to the Packard Foundation to fund SIMoN projects. We expect an answer in September.

Resource Protection

On May 30, the MBNMS provided two days of boat and aircraft (thanks to LCDR Hrusovsky from CINMS) support for an effort by NMFS to locate, collect a tissue sample, and photo-identify a Right whale sighted in the northern Monterey Bay by several sources. Unfortunately, the Right whale was not found.

Holly Price attended a meeting at Point Reyes convened by Dan Basta with fishing representatives from around the country to discuss the perceptions of the industry about Sanctuaries, and the role of Sanctuaries in fisheries issues and marine reserves.

The Technical Advisory Committee established as part of the Sanctuary's agricultural runoff plan met Monday to finalize an implementation tracking protocol for sediment, nitrate and pesticide

management practices which will be used in the Farm Bureau pilot projects now underway in all the 6 adjacent counties. The on-the-ground tracking effort will begin this fall when the Farm Bureaus are hiring new water quality project coordinators for the industry in each county.

On May 31, Brad Damitz provided testimony at State Resources Agency hearing regarding coastal erosion and armoring, outlining the need for increased interagency coordination, evaluation of the cumulative impacts of coastal armoring to supplement case-by case permit decisions, and promoting the need to provide coastal managers with additional research on sources and sinks of sand throughout the region.

MBNMS sent a comment letter to the State Department of Fish and Game's marine reserve process outlining Sanctuary goals and asking that the state collaborate with and consider input from our work with the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries.

On June 4, the second meeting of the Fishermen's Alliance Reserve subcommittee was held and included scoping of a potential socioeconomic study, review of the range of available GIS maps, and an update on the status of regional fish stocks. The group agreed to focus their next monthly meeting on review of the draft state proposal on reserves within the Sanctuary.

The MBNMS, GCOS, and ONMS determined that the US Navy must consult with ONMS and obtain explicit approval before proceeding with a cable repair project off Point Sur. MBNMS and GCOS will contact Navy General Counsel this week concerning consultation requirements.

Holly gave a presentation on the Agriculture and Rural Lands Plan and its implementation to a group of growers in Half Moon Bay on June 7.

The acclaimed Urban Watch storm drain monitoring program is expanding this summer to include the city of Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz program will be coordinated by the Sanctuary's WQPP partner, the Coastal Watershed Council. Jen Jolly will be attending the training this week and assisting as a monitor beginning in July.

Scott Kathey (MBNMS) and Stephanie Campbell (GCOS) spoke with US Navy officials concerning statutory and regulatory obligations of the Navy to consult with ONMS prior to repairing a submerged data cable off Point Sur. The Navy believes that the activity is exempt from regulatory review, but acknowledges an obligation to consult with ONMS under section 304(d) of the NMSA.

Scott is forwarding to the US Geological Survey for peer review a geotechnical report by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on marine sediment disposal which contends that their disposal practices at Waddell Bluffs are consistent with historical natural deposition patterns. MBNMS will use the peer review to determine if further environmental monitoring is required by Caltrans at the site.

Brad Damitz and Holly Price met with California Coastal Commission staff to initiate joint work on the development of regional guidelines for desalination plants within the Sanctuary. They agreed to join us in producing a joint document over the next six months building on work Brad

has already completed, with the Sanctuary focusing on marine impacts and CCC focusing primarily on terrestrial concerns.

The MBNMS sent a response letter to USN Engineering Field Activity, West informing them that the MBNMS cannot concur with the Navy's finding that a proposed submerged cable repair project near Point Sur constitutes a "military activity" as defined by MBNMS regulations and the Sanctuary FEIS/MP. The Sanctuary issued a permit on August 1, 2001 to the Navy to allow repair of the cable.

Holly Price spoke at a community stakeholder event in Watsonville convened by Congressman Farr to address flooding on the Pajaro River, indicating the sanctuary's concerns regarding the impacts of proposed large flood walls on water quality and anadromous species, and highlighting the need to include mitigation measures in the upper parts of this large watershed.

Deirdre Hall completed development of an outreach presentation on the ramifications of low-flying aircraft to marine mammals and birds, and delivered the first talk to the Monterey County chapter of women pilots, the 99's. The presentation was well received and will now be taken to a broader set of pilot organizations.

Deirdre Hall testified at a USACE scoping meeting for an EIR for the Pajaro River Flood Damage Reduction Project, stating the Sanctuary concerns about the removal of riparian habitat on water quality and anadromous species, and asked that the ACE examine mitigation possibilities in the upper watershed area rather than develop a large flood wall.

The Urban Watch season has officially begun in the Cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove. Five outfalls will be monitored by volunteers weekly from June through October. Training for Santa Cruz volunteers was held June 23 and monitoring will begin there in July.

June 23, The MBNMS hosted a teleconference between the MBNMS, NMFS, and the USFWS to discuss strategic goals for minimizing cumulative impacts of commercial fireworks displays within the Sanctuary. Participants tentatively agreed to work on an MOU that would outline sensitive areas to be excluded from consideration and establish criteria for inter-agency approval of fireworks in remaining areas.

July 2, the State's draft on the proposed reserves within Central California was released and includes 22 reserves, conservation areas or parks within MBNMS. Holly Price and Erica Burton participated in a meeting with the Community Alliance of Sustainable Fisheries to review the Proposal. Bill and Holly participated in upcoming state hearings in Half Moon Bay and Seaside. On July 17th, Sanctuary staff sent a comment letter to California Dept. Fish and Game on the proposed designation of reserves in the MBNMS.

July 4, MBNMS, NOAA OLE, USFWS, and CA Departments of Fish and Game conducted extensive monitoring with night vision equipment of the Monterey Independence Day fireworks display to learn more about specific impacts to marine mammals and birds. Flushing of sea lions and pelicans was observed, with the most of the animals not returning to their sites for 6-12 hours.

On July 9, the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries Reserve Workgroup met at the Sanctuary to review the State's newly released proposals for marine reserves.

Scott Kathey attended a dispersant workshop sponsored by RRT 9 to provide information about characteristics, fates, and effects of modern dispersants. The workshop highlighted the need for advance review and consideration of dispersant deployment during an oil spill.

The MBNMS responded to the sinking of the 40' M/V Silver Prince in Stillwater Cove (Pebble Beach) on July 14. The vessel released a total of 90 - 100 gallons of diesel fuel, part of which was pushed by winds into a rocky intertidal area near Arrowhead Point. Several Federal and State agencies responded and ordered shoreline cleanup by sorbent materials. The fuel release was halted, and the vessel was raised the next day and towed to a Monterey Harbor dry dock.

Special Events

In May, presentations by MBNMS and GFNMS at Farallone View School's Oceans Week were highly attended and reached ~ 150 students, all before lunch! Both sanctuaries would like to increase the participation next year.

On May 12, Michele Roest represented MBNMS at the Rancho el Chorro Environmental Education Fair. About 1000 people attended, including many teachers.

On May 19, Jen Jolly gave an inspiring address on the evils of urban runoff and the Sanctuary's appreciation of volunteer support to a group of 20 volunteers organized by Surfrider of Santa Cruz. The volunteers spent the morning stenciling Santa Cruz storm drains with the "No Dumping" logo. CA Assemblyman Fred Keeley also spoke briefly, and TV press covered the event. For the rest of the day on Saturday 5/19, Jen Jolly staffed a Sanctuary information booth at the National Safe Boating Fair at the Santa Cruz Harbor.

The week on May 24th, Julie Barrow made courtesy visits to introduce herself as the new Community Liaison for the National Marine Sanctuaries, representing GFNMS and MBNMS on the San Mateo County coast to: Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's Palo Alto office, Congressman Tom Lantos' San Mateo office, Half Moon Bay Mayor Ruddock's office, and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Gordon's office. While there, she also delivered the new MBNMS Salmonid poster.

Michele Finn spoke with 25 "at risk" high school students, 6 parents, and 4 school counselors about career opportunities with OMAO. The career presentation was sponsored by a program supported by the Workforce Initiative Act.

Sean Morton and Jen Jolly attended a public forum in Santa Cruz. The forum included presentations on SeaWeb poll data, the Sanctuary's management plan review process, and the State's Marine Life Protection Act process. Save Our Shores, World Wildlife Fund, and the Center for Marine Conservation sponsored the forum.

Saturday, June 2, Jen Jolly exhibited at the Seacliff State Park Cement Ship Festival an MBNMS display and information. Approximately 2,000 people attended.

On June 22, at the invitation of Congressman Farr's office to the Sanctuary, Michele Finn and Holly Price attended a reception for Farr 's departing Chief of Staff Donna Blitzer.

Media Coverage, May 24th to July 23th, 2001.

These represent only those printed, televised or broadcast stories relating to the Sanctuary or ocean issues that have come to our attention. It is likely there are others.

Offshore drilling posed. 5/25/01, Monterey County Herald, front page. LA Times writer Kenneth Weiss. Federal panel advises seeking natural gas off (California) coast despite ban.

Rethink drilling ban, US advised. 5.25.01, The Tribune. LA Times writer Kenneth Weiss. Panel suggests identifying most promising areas (similar to above)

Cambria CSD sues Chevron over leak. 5/25/01. The Tribune, Kathe Tanner. MTBE nearly spread to water supply at Santa Rosa Creek. If it reaches, it will also enter MBNMS.

•Santa Cruz Sentinel--Armoring of the Coast-- includes quote from Brad Damitz re Sanctuary position on seawalls

•Monterey Herald, Santa Cruz Sentinel, and San Francisco Chronicle- Duke Payoffs Alleged--Article regarding environmental groups negotiations on power plant discharges

•Tasty Mollusk Designated as Endangered; Beleaguered White Abalone, Once a Delicacy, Gets Federal Protection. (5/30/01) San Francisco Chronicle. Glen Martin.

•Friends of Coast prepare to Fight Offshore Oil Drilling. (5/24/01)Sonoma West Times. Dawn Pillsbury. GFNMS and CBNMS mentioned.

•Saving the Steelhead Through Genetics. (5/24/01) Sonoma West Times. Dawn Pillsbury. Sonoma State University student is doing NMFS/CDFG-funded genetic research on Warm Springs Hatchery fish stock.

•Cowell Beach Water unsafe to swim. 6/1/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, staff. Source of contamination unknown.

•Remote Possibility. (5/31) Coast Weekly. Catherine Koczela. Local middle and high school students explore marine technology in ROV-building contest. (Sponsored by MBNMS education partners Monterey Bay Aquarium and Monterey Advanced Technology Education Center.)

•Calamari to stay on the menu. (6/2) Monterey County Herald. Anna Davidson. Statewide squid strike ends: buyers to pay \$250 a ton.

•Erosion plan focuses on prevention. 6/2/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Brian Seals. Mentions MBNMS concern about seawalls and quotes Brad Damitz.

•Abalone are endangered. 6/2/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, staff.

•Backers say lighthouse proposal within reach. 6/4/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Brian Seals. Santa Cruz residents raising funds to build a lighthouse on the Santa Cruz Harbor jetty.

•Environmentalists accused of sellout in Moss Landing. 6/4/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, AP. Regarding Duke Energy payment of mitigation and monitoring funds for Elkhorn Slough.

- Norton refuses to rule out more oil drilling off coast. 6/7/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, David Whitney of Scripps-Mcclatchy Western Service. Says Bush admin will abide by moratoriums through 2012, but lease areas not covered by the moratoria may be considered-- specifically mentioning Santa Barbara area.
- Polluted creek flows undammed across beach. 6/7/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Jondi Gumz. City of Capitola hasn't yet dammed their creek into a lagoon like they usually do in the summer. Article not actually about water pollution.
- Young whale moseys along local beaches. 6/9/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Stett Holbrook. Front page with photo.
- The next wave: Energy from harnessing the sea. 6/10/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Michelle Locke. About a local engineering company designing equipment to generate electricity from waves.
- Article misrepresented fight over power plant. 6/10/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel Op-Ed page, submission from Kaitilin Gaffney & Vicki Nichols. Rebuttal to earlier article accusing environmentalists of "selling out".
- Sea otter population figures lower than experts' calculations. 6/13/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Brian Seals. Front page with photo.
- Soquel Creek salmon enhancement gets boost in bill passed by House. 6/14/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Brian Seals. City of Capitola has eye on funds that will be available if the Senate passes the Pacific Salmon Recovery Act.
- 145 acres slated for preservation. 6/18/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Liz Kellar. Freshwater wetland habitat along Harkins Slough outside Watsonville.
- House Increases Funds for Saving Pacific Salmon; State's Share Would Reach \$120 Million Over 3 Years. (6/14/01) San Francisco Chronicle. Edward Epstein, Chronicle Washington Bureau.
- Replace fisheries service officials, Editorial Opinion. (6/15) Monterey County Herald.
- Fewer sea otters along coast: Spring Otter Count. (6/13) Monterey County Herald. Spring count down 7%.
- Groups Act for Environment. 6/17/01, Monterey County Herald. Op Ed page, submission from Kaitilin Gaffney & Vicki Nichols. Rebuttal to earlier article accusing environmentalists of "selling out".
- Op-Ed's Monterey County Herald 6/5: Support 'no take' refuges, Jim Willoughby on Pacific Grove's MarineGardens Refuge. 6/5: Harvest Kelp responsibly, Frank Emerson on the pro's of managed harvest.
- Bacteria at Del Monte Beach (6/7). Advisory posted
- Floats converted into "bunkers" to provide shade for baby trout. 6/20/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Brian Seals. on the Soquel Creek, where there is small population of steelhead trout.
- Beach once again declared safe for swimmers. 6/20/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, staff. Capitola Beach was closed June 14-18 due to high bacterial counts.
- And the new name is...Ocean Conservancy. 6/20/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, staff.
- A Slough of Issues: Conservationists don't trust Duke Energy plan (6/20). The Monterey County Herald. Environmental groups trying to persuade state regulators to strengthen environmental safeguards.
- A guide for savvy fish eaters. (6/21). The Monterey County Herald. The Seafood Choices Alliance aims to offer professional chefs, fishermen, grocers and others in the business of selling fish an easy way to check up on the sustainability of what they sell.
- Sides Fail to Agree on Marine Reserves (6/21). The SLO Tribune. Environmentalists & fishermen could not agree on recommendations on marine reserves to CDFG and CINMS.

- Whale Count Takes a Dive, Local Otter Numbers Hold Up Overall. (6/21). The Cambrian.
- Lighthouse Plans Moving Forward (6/21). The Cambrian.
- NASA oceanographer says El Nino conditions may be lurking in the wings. 6/22/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, AP.
- Judge suspends leases for offshore oil, gas: Central Coast exploration halted. 6/23/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, David Kravets of AP. A federal judge ruled no exploration until EIS & Coastal Commission approves--affects proposed developments off San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura counties.
- Judge denies environmentalist's request to leave whale alone. 6/23/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, AP.
- Tsunami watch canceled. 6/25/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, AP. The CA coast was on a tsunami watch briefly after Peru's 7.9 earthquake on Saturday.
- Pacific Grove fish count seminar aired on public access Channel 24 "Science and Nature" on Friday, July 6th at 4pm and 10pm and Monday, July 9th at 5pm and 11pm.
- "Divers take fish census at San Carlos Beach". Sunday July 8th, Monterey County Herald, Anna Davison.
- Seaside Fisherman Charged. The Herald, 7/4. Commercial fisher caught with illegal amounts of black cod.
- Something's fishy. The Herald, 7/5. Salmon season anything but brisk.
- Seeking Sanctuary. The Coast Weekly, Newsbrief Section, 7/5. Talks about the Management Plan process and why it's stalled.
- Capps wants to halt work on offshore oil leases. Tribune, June 30. Congresswoman Lois Capps accuses MMS of ignoring a court ruling to suspend work on 36 offshore oil leases in Central CA.
- Hearst Corp busies itself selling revised project. Tribune, July 1. Hearst Corporation's plans to conserve majority of holdings and build a resort on the remainder doesn't please everyone.
- The offshore oil battle continues. Tribune July 1. Op-ed piece about the continuing battle over undeveloped offshore oil leases. Slow season for Salmon Fleet. Tribune July 1. Northern CA fishing fleet finding fewer salmon.
- Officials recommend limits to fishing. Tribune, July 4. State & Federal officials have recommended keeping 25 % of water around Channel Islands National Park off-limits to fishing.
- Feds halt oil exploration off coast. Tribune, July 4. MMS has indefinitely postponed 2 public hearings on proposed offshore oil exploration in the Central Coast.
- Spoiled View All Over Again. Cambrian July 5-11. Letter to editor by William Allen, President of the North Coast Alliance, names the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in its opposition to development by the Hearst Corp.
- Sunken Tanker Raises Funds. Cambrian July 5-11. Cambria artist's painting of the Montebello, a tanker attacked by a Japanese sub during WWII off Piedras Blancas, CA raises funds for a Maritime Museum in Morro Bay.
- Fireworks blamed for generating ozone. Tribune July 8. The latest issue of Nature reports that light emitted from fireworks triggers ozone formation.
- Who will best care for Hearst Ranch? Tribune July 9. The Hearst Corp plans to place 83,000 acres, one of the largest private coastal land holdings in the US, into conservation easement. Five conservation groups vie for the right to manage it.

- New sample processor boon to algae research. 7/1/01, Santa Cruz Sentinel, Robin Krieger Mejia. About MBARI's new remote HAB detector.

- Local Public Access Channel 24 filmed the GAFC seminar in PG. The 2-hour segment will air sometime in July.

°11 Get of Sinking Boat at Stillwater Cove. 7/15/01 Monterey County Herald.

- Marine Reserve Proposal Stirs Debate. 7/16/01, Monterey County Herald.

- Abalone bacteria spreads. 6/13/01, Monterey County Herald. Transplanted by seed to state's north coast. Scientists battling bacteria that causes withering syndrome.

- Harbor of Resentment. 7/12, 2001, Coast Weekly. Bitter personal politics could sink the Moss Landing Harbor District.

- Casting a wide net. 7/12/01, Coast Weekly Newsbriefs. Marine Life Protection Act public workshop announcements for Half Moon Bay, Moss Landing, Monterey, Santa Cruz and Moro Bay.

- Coastal draft plan released. 7/12/01, Monterey County Herald. State official have released a preliminary plan for a network of marine protected areas strung along the California coast.

- Coastal plan outdated. 7/12/01, Monterey County Herald. Activists urged the California Coastal Commission to have coastal counties and towns update their plans for coastline protection, some of which are 10 years overdue.

- Panel Votes to Limit Hearst's Coastal Plans. (7/13/01) San Francisco Chronicle. Kelly St. John. California Coastal Commission recommends limiting development by the Hearst Corp. along the San Luis Obispo County coast.

- Coast to Have Greater Protection. (7/13/01) San Mateo Times. California Coastal Commission action to limit Hearst development is the result of adopting the updated Local Coastal Plan for San Luis Obispo County.

- Plan to Restrict Fishing Draws Waves of Protest. (7/12/01) San Mateo Times. Laura Linden. California Fish and Game begins workshops on proposed marine protected areas in Sebastopol and Half Moon Bay. Article also mentions the upcoming federal process to look at this issue.

- Agency Behind on Review of Coast Protection. (7/12/01) San Mateo Times. California Coastal Commission urged to have cities update long overdue Local Coastal Plans. Six of eight LCPs in San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties are over 17 years old.

- No-Take Zones Wouldn't Put Fishermen Out of Business. (7/11/01) Half Moon Bay Review. Letter to the Editor from Molly Ober and Susan Danielson, Save Our Shores. Supports the state proposal to create marine protected areas and the continued economic viability of the fishing industry.

- Conference Focuses on Marine Science Issues. (7/09/01) San Mateo Times. T.S. Mills-Farauto. About 160 international delegates attended the Fifth Regional Symposium of the Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology, entitled, "Environmental technologies for Sustainable Maritime Development", in Burlingame, CA.

- State's No-Fishing Plan Angers Some Coastsiders. (7/04/01) Half Moon Bay Review. Nicole Achs-Freeling. Fishers upset over proposed marine protected areas; state workshops announced.

- Fishermen Care About Sanctuary Too. (7/04/01) Half Moon Bay Review. Letter to the Editor from Steve Fitz, commercial fisher. Supports the (Monterey Bay) Sanctuary but opposes fishing restrictions proposed by the state.

- Support Your Local Half Moon Bay Fishing Community. (7/04/01) Half Moon Bay Review. Letter to the Editor from Jim Salter, commercial fisher and member of Community Alliance for Sustainable Fisheries. Supports the (Monterey Bay) Sanctuary but opposes fishing restrictions.

- Creating No-Fish Zones Is Not a Good Plan. (7/04/01) Half Moon Bay, Sustainable Fisheries Organizer, North-Central Region. Marine reserves oversimplify a complicated problem.
- S.F. Bay May Get Chinook Season (7/30/2001) Monterey County Herald. California Fish and Game Commission to vote on Friday in Sacramento on whether to allow a one month experimental commercial chinook season in San Francisco and San Pablo bays.
- Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind (7/29/2001) Monterey County Herald. Commentary by Julie Packard, Executive Director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, lending support to Rep. Sam Farr's Fisheries Recovery Act.
- Pollution Trashes Ocean Life (7/29/2001) Monterey County Herald. Beachcombers Turn Some Trash Into Treasure. Commentary by Dru Sefton outlining the enormity of marine debris.
- Harbor Boss Packs His Bags But Keeps His Job, For now (7/26- 8/1/2001)Coast Weekly. Another Closed-Door Session Yields No Action on Dismissal, or on Slander Claim.
- Water Out Of Fish (7/26- 8/1/2001)Coast Weekly. Reports of declining fish populations have inspired several recent regulatory moves, including a new bill by Rep. Sam Farr.
- BLM begins takeover of historic lighthouse. SLO Tribune 7/16. Official steps have begun to complete transfer of Piedras Blancas Lighthouse from the Coast Guard to Bureau of Land Management.
- Desal impact on NMS agenda. Cambrian, July 26-Aug1. Describes upcoming SAC meeting in Cambria and informs residents of topics on teh agenda, including desalination plant projects within MBNMS.
- Desal design funds dropped from budget. July 26-Aug1. Funding of \$1 million for environmental design and planning for Cambria's proposed desalination plan did not get approved, due to President Bush's 'no new projects' mandate.
- Not waiting until squid hits the skids. Sacramento Bee 7/27. Editorial on the greater quantities of squid caught by today's fishermen compared to catch sizes in the 1970's, 80's and 90's.
- Power Plant Expansion Faces Suit (7/26/2001) Monterey County Herald. Impact on Slough at Issue.
- Sea Otters Need To Be Saved (7/26/2001) Monterey County Herald. Opinion Section.
- Catellus Options Draw A Crowd (7/26/2001) Monterey County Herald. Public Weighs in On Alternatives for Beach front Properties.
- Previously Unknown Whale Species Unearthed (7/26/2001) Monterey County Herald. Fossil remains discovered in La Jolla, CA.
- Harbor Panel Adjourns Without Stilwell Decision (7/25/2001) Monterey County Herald.
- Survey Finds Activists Didn't Hurt Plover Nests - Vandenberg Air Force Base (7/24/2001) Monterey County Herald. State News Section.
- Court Upholds Tuna Labeling (7/24/2001) Monterey County Herald. Fleets That Use Encircling Nets Aren't "Dolphin-safe".
- Set to Sail (7/24/2001) Monterey County Herald. (Photo Only) Highlighting International Hobie Cat Race.
- City Hearing On Fate of Waterfront Lots (7/24/2001) Monterey County Herald. Public Testimony to Assist Decision. Local Section. farming Will Help Otter Population (7/22/2001) Monterey County Herald. Commentary Section.

- Salton Sea Algae Growth a Concern - Salton City (7/21/2001) Monterey County Herald. State News Section.
- Tangled Sea Lions Elude Would-be Rescuers (7/21/2001) Monterey County Herald. Front Page Section A.