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July meeting 2023

Wednesday July 26, 2023 7:30 pm

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1.1 Present:

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CenCal as of July 15, 2023: = 69
USOA membership = 11

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3.1 Balances, 5/30/2023: \$ 18,850
General Fund \$ 3,085
Skin Spear \$12,766
Legal Defense \$ 3,000.

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4.1. Worlds - Australia July 17-29 -

4.1.1 there are some world team players from CenCal area clubs on all 4 teams: elite men/women and masters men/women.

4.1.2 As 7/26/23, USOA Mens Masters having success.

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4.1.3 USOA has 3 world referees participating.

4.2 PCCs – bid for Oct 28-29 from Santa Clarita

4.3 USOA uwh now has a scientific peer reviewed paper supporting the safety in uwh play!!

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5.1 Events:

5.1.1 Worlds - July 7-15 Montreal, Canada just completed

Top 4 Women: Colombia, Norway, Germany, Australia

Top 4 Men: Colombia, Germany, Denmark, Norway

USOA Men finished 6th; Women finished 8th

5.1.2 Boston *Narwhals Tournament* open to all Clubs Sept 23-24.

CenCal has full info – just ask.

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7.1 National Championships, June 15, 2023, in Kona, HI.

7.1.1 CenCal Mens teams placed 4th and 14th with 22 teams in the division. No CenCal teams in other divisions.

7.2 World Championships Spain Sept 7-10, both Men and Women teams

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8.1 *Kelp Recover & Management Plan* (. 5 0 3) for giant & bull kelp: The KRMP development process is anticipated to occur over the course of three to five years. More details and information will be made available on the California Fish and Game Commission's website (opens in new tab).

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9.1 Scholarship – CenCal Annual \$1000 Scholarship – basic criteria – must be diver (skin or scuba) and enrolled in CA college, university.

91.1 *Sandra Travers*, graduate student at Cal Poly Humboldt. Graduated from the UC Santa Cruz; worked as a Marine Science instructor and aquarist at the Catalina Island marine institution. Now pursuing masters in marine biology at Cal Poly Humboldt

9.2 National Marine Sanctuaries: there are 15 US sanctuaries. Six new ones presented including 1 in mid CA, 1 in Hawaii, 1 in NY and one covering some of Lake Erie. Each sanctuary is specific by purpose.

9.2.1 All sanctuaries have advisory councils - one of which is skin scuba diving. Each sanctuary has a separate management plan.

9.3 Abalone update:

9.3.1. At recent MRC (Marine Resources Committee of CDFW Commission) meeting, the abalone recovery plan (RARP) was on the agenda but was not discussed as time ran out – 7pm – long meeting, so no discussion of sea otter translocation in relation to RARP

9.3.2 In 2022, 6 of the 10 grid sites were evaluated. The remaining 4 sites will be done in 2023. It is apparent, so far, the status of red abalone population is worse not better. No update

9.4 Sea Otter translocation – translocation of southern sea otter to Sonoma coast proposed by National Fish & Wildlife Service. Meetings held – southern Oregon Coast and Sonoma/Marin/east Bay coasts. Meeting locations not terribly convenient or accessible – ie Bodega Bay

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9.41. Not actual meetings in classic sense but table presentations; no public input requested/allowed.

9.4.2 No reason has given for translocation other than 'Congress.'

9.4.3 Why move an endangered species into area with two recent ecological disasters?

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Secretary CenCal meets odd months on O D W e d n e s d a y

CALENDAR 2023

August

August 7-13 **CMAS PanAmerican Finswimming Champ's – Columbia**
August 22-23 CDFW Commission Meeting – North Coast

September

Sept 5 *Labor Day Holiday*
Sept 7-10 **World Championships Skindiving Spearfishing, Spain**
Sept 11 Patriots Day
Sept 23-24 Boston Narwhals Underwater Rugby Tournament- Open to All
Sept 27 CenCal BOD
Sept 30 Rosh Hosanna – begins sunset

October

Oct 8 Yom Kippur – begins sunset
Oct 10 *Columbus Day Holiday*
Oct 11-12 CDFW Meeting – San Jose
Oct 31 Halloween

November

Nov 5 Daylight Savings Off
Nov 11 *Veterans Day Holiday*
Nov 16 CDFW Marine Resources Meeting – San Diego
Nov 24 *Thanksgiving Day Holiday*
Nov 29 CenCal BOD – 5th Wednesday

December

Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 13-14 CDFW Meeting – San Diego
Dec 22-30 Hannukah
Dec 25 *Christmas Day Holiday*