



Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council **Recreational Fishing** Newsletter

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Hello Larry Ankuda,

Hi everyone , 2019 has been the best season in decades for recreationally wild-caught Chinook Salmon within MBNMS. The excellent bite continued through the rest of the season which ended August 28 south of Pigeon Point. The great catches began at Morro Bay - [MORE INFORMATION](#)

In Monterey Bay, the season started well and continued through the season with better numbers and even better grades of fish. Some of the major factors for the resurgence of salmon numbers are the releases of salmon smolts into Monterey Bay and at Half Moon Bay. [MORE INFORMATION](#)

[Coastside Fishing Foundation Salmon Release Website](#)

MONTEREY BAY
"Fish & Fly" Project

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Monterey Harbor chinook salmon release program

Where: Monterey Convention Center
Calforn Room

When: Wednesday, August 21
4PM-6PM

Please join the Monterey Bay Salmon & Trout Project (MBSTP) for a public meeting and Q & A session to discuss the potential release of chinook along southern San Serrano Harbor on the summer of 2020. This work is being proposed as part of the California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) salmon habitat enhancement program.

This program supports sustainable California salmon fisheries, and also benefits local environmental quality. Many of the chinook released are genetically tagged (GAT) and monitored. For more information on the project visit our website [www.montereybay.org/salmon](#).

MBSTP is working to gather public support and input for the project, and welcomes to participate about the meeting and share their thoughts, ask questions, and learn more about this project. Salmon fishing is a way of life in Monterey Bay, and MBSTP is working to keep that way of life!

Based on recreational angler reports to various fishing websites, halibut fishing has also been great this year with generous catches from north of Santa Cruz to the Monterey harbor. Keep up to date on what's biting by following fish reports on various Central California fishing websites

At the August Advisory Council meeting (joint with Greater Farallones NMS Advisory Council) one of the topics was "**Threats to Pelicans from fishing gear**". We are interested in your ideas and thoughts on this very sensitive subject. How do we stop or limit fishing lines and hooks from entangling pelicans? We are always open to positive and creative ideas.

As your representative on the Advisory Council for the Recreational Fishing community I am available for meetings and events to share, educate, and answer questions. Please reach out and let me know where I can help.

Helpful Links
[Coastside Fishing Club](#)

Norcal Fishing Reports
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Drop an email at: pistoleroCaptain1@gmail.com
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Facebook Pages that are part of the Monterey Bay Recreational Fishing Community

You can also keep up to date by following Facebook pages of local angling groups such as:

- NorCal Kayak Anglers
- Monterey Bay Fishing Enthusiasts
- Monterey Bay Anglers
- Monterey Bay Sportfishing

29th "Annual"

Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc.
Wheelchair Rock Cod Fishing Derby
October 5, 2019



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For more information, contact: Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. PO Box 481 - Monterey, Ca. - 93942
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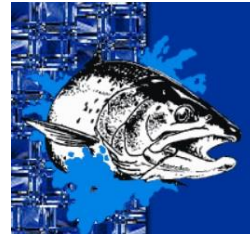
Upcoming Events

Monterey Bay Vets Rock Cod Derby -

The second fishing derby of the year, the Wheelchair Rock Cod Fishing Derby, is held in the fall of each year. The derby begins Friday night with pre-registration and a dinner. On Saturday, everyone meets at 6a.m. to check in and enjoy a continental breakfast, and then board the boats. On Saturday afternoon we host a banquet for the sponsors, participants and the volunteers to thank them all for all their hard work. If you would like to participate as a contestant or volunteer in this major event, please fill out the participant or volunteer registration forms below and e-mail or send it to the address indicated on the form.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Your Santa Cruz Fishing Report
courtesy of Bayside Marine.



Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project

Sport and commercial fishermen report that the 2019 Salmon season, so far, is the best it's been in years.

Part of the success could be attributed to the annual stocking of Chinook or King salmon in the Monterey Bay.

On Tuesday, 120,000 juvenile Chinook were released to support the local sport and commercial fisheries, and even a portion of the economy.

"Actually, it's been pretty good. The only problem, the fish are really deep, hard to catch but there's guus that have been coming in with pretty good catches," said Santa Cruz fisherman Joe Tomasello. Since the King salmon season opened earlier this month, the supply has been better than last years.



Monterey Bay is a premier angling destination - By [ALLEN BUSHNELL](#)

From the start of every spring to the end of fall, Monterey Bay is a premier angling destination. King salmon fishing segues into hunting for halibut, rockfish and lingcod. If we're lucky, we might see some big white sea bass. When we're really lucky, we can pursue offshore albacore and bluefin tuna. By the end of December seasonal closings, rough ocean conditions and the annual movement/migration of target species slows things way down. Like all the anglers who come here for good fishing most of the year, sometimes we have to travel during wintertime in order to satisfy the addictive need of pulling on a big fish. Happily, we have a number of options.

[More Information](#)

MBNMS helps train SeaLife Stewards Kayak Volunteers

Inspired by MBNMS' Team Ocean volunteer program in Monterey, CA State Parks started a SeaLife Stewards volunteer program to interpret the marine bird and mammal life in Morro Bay Estuary, as well as teach wildlife viewing etiquette from kayaks. MBNMS' Carolyn Skinder was invited to present the life history of seals and sea lions for the 3rd year in a row to new trainees. Special focus was placed on how to interpret the day to day needs of animals in the bay, that, like people, animals also have "personal space" requirements, and the warning signs animals demonstrate when people get too close. Working with agency partners on programs with similar goals and objectives helps to instill stewardship of our natural marine resources beyond the borders of MBNMS.

Host US Navy West Coast Liaison Wind Farm Planning



The regional director and regional policy coordinator hosted a meeting with the US Navy's west coast governmental liaison to get updated information about the Navy's, and Department of Defense's (DoD) more broadly, recent planning regarding where to host Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) wind farm development. DoD has been very concerned about how large wind farms can complicate the Navy's sophisticated coastal radar systems. Extensive planning has been underway across California, but most specifically in the central coast south of MBNMS, for OCS wind

farm development. Agencies have been considering several complicating factors - industry interest in possibility hosting some wind farms in existing or proposed national marine sanctuaries in this region, yet ONMS permitting is unclear; and, DoD's reluctance to see large scale wind farms in active military operational ranges. The Navy rep and ONMS staff discussed several ways to advance planning without adversely affecting - disproportionately affecting - any one agency in this portion of the California coast. The Navy is meeting with other agencies too, including the state of California and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Team OCEAN Starts It's 19th Season

On June 1, Team OCEAN started its 19th season on the water. Team OCEAN volunteer and staff kayakers contact fellow kayakers and ocean users on the water to help educate about avoiding sensitive marine wildlife such as sea otters and harbor seals. Team OCEAN operates Saturdays and Sundays in Elkhorn Slough, Moss Landing and along Cannery Row, Monterey California from the start of June to the end of September.

Annually, program participants contact over 6,500 people on the water and talk about local marine wildlife, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and other topics. Team OCEAN staff and volunteers contact ocean users in the environment where their actions directly impact local marine wildlife.



By assisting ocean users in making wildlife friendly choices, ocean users can avoid disturbing sensitive wildlife species. No other program within Monterey Bay contacts ocean users at that specific decision point where disturbing wildlife, or not, is made.

2019 MBNMS Advisory Council Meeting Schedule and Locations

December 13th - Monterey



[Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary](#)

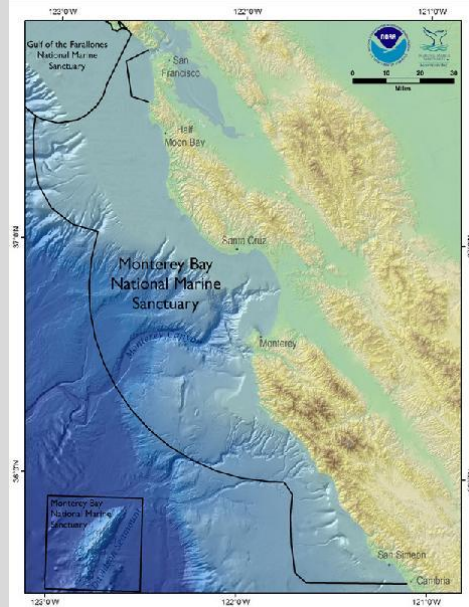
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[Marine Mammal Center - Moss Landing](#)

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) is a federally protected marine area offshore of California's central coast. Stretching from Marin to Cambria, MBNMS encompasses a shoreline length of 276 miles and 6,094 square miles of ocean.

It is home to one of the world's most diverse marine ecosystems, including numerous mammals, seabirds, fishes, invertebrates and plants in a remarkably productive coastal environment.

MBNMS was designated in 1992 for the purpose of resource protection, research, education, and public use of this national treasure. MBNMS is part of a system of 14 National Marine Sanctuaries and two marine national monuments, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Official Website](#)