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Hello 2012, Goodbye 2011

Happy New Year Neptunes! Lots of great content in this edition. Despite it being the middle of winter with all the holidays and everything that goes with them it appears many of the membership still found time to get out and enjoy the water. If you can't guess what the picture to the left is, dig in to the newsletter for the details. Also making the cover (and all of use jealous) for a second issue in a row is Mori (Photo below is courtesy Mori and Doug and their recent Mexican Vacation)

Friendly Reminder: membership fees are now due.
As of April 1, 2012 a late fee of \$25.00 will be added.

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2012

Neptunes Calendar:

Meeting

Wednesday January 4th

Meeting

Wednesday February 1st

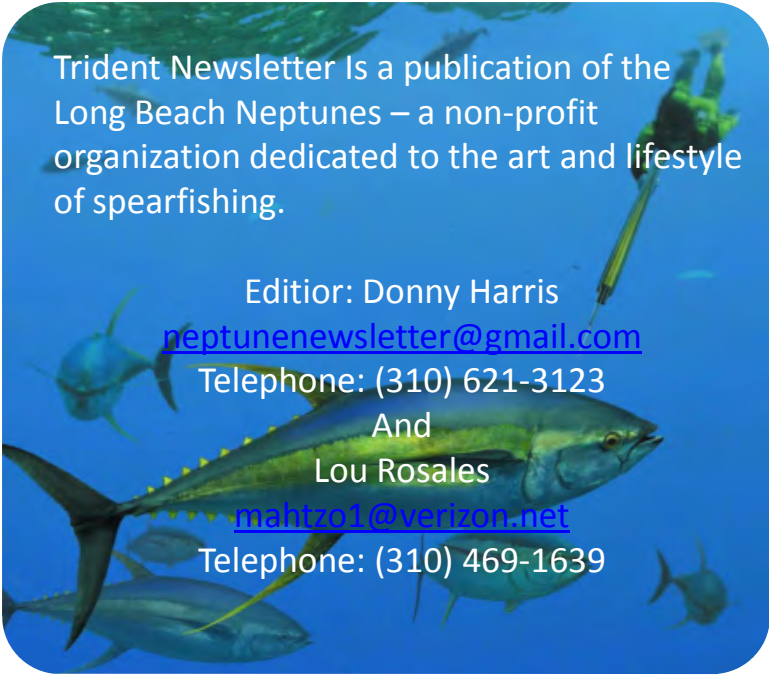
Meeting

Wednesday March 7th

Meeting

Wednesday April 4th





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2011 Calico Derby –

Seamus Callaghan (7.5#)

Calico Bass of the Year –

Ron Warren (10.2#)

Halibut – Jeff Bilhorn(29.4#)

Sheephead – Ron Warren (24.0#)

Yellowtail –

John Carpenter (33#)

White Sea Bass –

(John Hughes (64.5#)

Bluefin Tuna – **open!**

Lobster – (John Hughes (10.55#)

Big Tuna Out of Country

(Yellowfin) – **open!**

Big Fish Out of Country (Pelagic)

Masahiro Mori(283.4# Black Marlin)

Big Fish Out of Country (Reef)

Masahiro Mori(7.2# Huachinango)

Kent McIntyre Award - **open!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLPA Corrections for 2012

The new 2012 MLPA boundary lines have been changed again. The DFG issued new boundaries for some of the new MLPA's on 1/1/2012. Please view these changes at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/2010/632fregs.pdf>

A few changes that affect our local areas and local islands:
Page 8 Big Sycamore Canyon, It appears the MLPA has been deleted?

Page 10 Abalone Cove State Marine P-Conservation Area, boundary line changes.

Page 11 Point Fermin MLPA has been deleted?

Page 12 Catalina, Arrow Point to Lyon Head has boundary line changes.

Page 13 Catalina, Blue Cavern has boundary line changes.

Page 15 Catalina, Farnsworth Outer boundary line changes.

Page 16 Catalina, Lovers Cove MLPA has been deleted?

Page 20 Dana Point boundary line and regs changed.

The bottom line is there is a lot of confusion right now and the DFG officers can't know all these changes. If you will be fishing in an area with an MLPA boundary I'd recommend having a print out of that .pdf boundary map with you to avoid a ticket. All maps can be found at:

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scmpas_list.asp

2012 Fishing Regulation Changes

The recreational fishery for all fish is **open to divers and shore-based anglers year-round**. Boat-based anglers have more restrictions.

Cabazon; 15" minimum length, Limit 3.

Sculpin; 10" Minimum size, Limit 5

Ling Cod, Still 22" min, limit 2. if filleting on a vessel, Fillet minimum size 14"

View all last minute reg changes before you go at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/mapregs5.asp>

2011-2012 Ocean and Freshwater Supplemental Regulations

Can be viewed at:

<http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=35232&inline=true>

All information provided herein should be considered unreliable and out of date. Please check the DFG websites above for the latest changes for your area before fishing.

South Coast Marine Protected Areas Effective January 1

New marine protected areas (MPAs) will go into effect Jan. 1, 2012 from Point Conception to the U.S./Mexico border. On Jan. 1, (DFG) wardens will begin enforcing regulations in these MPAs. Wardens will take appropriate enforcement actions starting on that day which could include education, warning, citation or arrest depending on the violation. Final regulations and maps for all MPAs can be found at www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scmpas_list.asp.

DFG's MPA mobile website, located at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/m/MPA/Map> has also been updated to reflect the new MPAs going into effect Jan. 1. The mobile website allows the public to search for any current MPA by name, county or general area to find information about the MPA's boundaries and regulations, and use an interactive map to locate any MPA and learn about its boundaries and regulations. Mobile device users can also find and track their current location using the device's GPS, locate the closest MPA(s) to determine whether or not the user is currently located within an MPA, and read a summary of regulations or the complete regulations for any MPA.

www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/southcoast.asp.

Locally Effected: The Pt. Dume area has an SMR No Take zone from the east end of Zuma Beach (at the creek) to the Paradise Cove pier. However, the SMR zone west of Zuma creek to about 200 yards east of Encinal Canyon Road off PCH, does allow the take of Pelagic Fin Fish plus Bonito and White Sea Bass by spear fishing. See the GPS map boundaries at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/scmpas2012/dume.pdf>

Palos Verdes area has an SMCA No Take zone from the east tip of point at the Terranea Resort north west to the large wash rock at the walking trail off of the street named Pacifica Del Mar. However, the SMCA from Terranea to the east point of Abalone cove allows the take of Pelagic Fin fish plus White Sea Bass and Bonito by spear fishing. See the map boundaries at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/pdfs/scmpas2012/vicabasmca.pdf>

The use of a GPS, DFG Mobile App, Google Earth or Google Maps should be enough to keep you out of trouble. This information should be correct as I've researched it but it is absolutely not a guarantee of accuracy. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the new closed areas and don't trust others opinions. Remember that any infraction of the DFG law will cost you no less then \$500. Know before you go!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Department of Fish and Game Honors Disabled Veterans

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) reminds veterans that service-related injuries need not keep them from enjoying wildlife and the great outdoors. America's disabled veterans get a break on the price of sport fishing and hunting licenses and are provided some special opportunities.

DFG offers reduced-fee hunting and fishing licenses to both resident and nonresident disabled veterans. The 2011 Sport Fishing License (Reduced – Disabled Veteran) and Disabled Veteran Hunting License cost only \$6.44 when purchased at DFG license counters.

Special hunting blinds have been constructed to be accessible to people with mobility impairments at some state wildlife areas and ecological reserves, and at some National Wildlife Refuges.

DFG also works with military installations on wildlife management and provides tags for those installations to issue to military personnel for deer and Tule elk hunting opportunities.

The first disabled hunting license must be purchased from a DFG License Sales Office. Proof of having taken a hunter safety course and certification from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs or a copy of a previous year's California Disabled Veteran Hunting License is required at the time of application. Subsequent licenses may be purchased from any license agent or online.

All California sport fishing licenses are valid Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 each year, and make excellent holiday gifts for veterans. The 2012 reduced-fee fishing license applications are on our website at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/sportfishingfreereduced.html. Reduced-fee hunting license applications are at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/reducedfee.html (hunting licenses are valid July 1 through June 30).

Fishing and hunting regulations and more information about licenses are available on the DFG website at www.dfg.ca.gov.

Lobster & Abalone Report Cards

If you have a 2011 Lobster or Abalone report card you must mail it back to the DFG for data collection before January 31, 2012. Please mail you cards to:

Abalone Report Card must be returned to the Department of Fish and Game, 32330 N. Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437;

Spiny Lobster Report Card must be returned to the Department of Fish and Game, Lobster Report Card, 3883 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123



Happy New Year California!

For those of you that may not be aware, the new MLPA's (Marine Life Protection Areas) have been etched in stone and are now part of our culture here in California. As of January 1, 2012, we have lost 15% of our coast to MLPA's. 15% doesn't sound so bad, but when you factor in a majority of the coastline isn't very productive for fishing due to several reasons, this 15% is a major blow to the sport fishing/spearing community. Although there are numerous closures and other areas where the fishing/recreational activities are limited, we'll be concentrating on the areas that are most used by the members of the Long Beach Neptune's.

Each newsletter, we'll be touching on a new area that is either closed-"No Take" or open to certain activities/species of game. These will be brief descriptions of the areas with the coordinates given and maps furnished by the DFG. Don't take what is said in here as gospel, but just a guide to hopefully better acquaint you with the rough boundaries of these protected areas. The rules as far as what can be taken from these areas are somewhat confusing and vague at times. For exact answers regarding these questions, please refer to the DFG.

Our first area in question is the Point Dume (Or is it now DOOM?) SMCA and SMR. SMCA refers to a State Marine Conservation Area. These areas are not prohibited to "No Take" but have specific does and don'ts as far as what activities and methods of take one can use for specific species. The boundary for this area is:

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

34° 02.28' N. lat. 118° 53.00' W. long.;

33° 59.14' N. lat. 118° 53.00' W. long.; thence southeastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to

33° 56.96' N. lat. 118° 49.20' W. long.; and

34° 00.76' N. lat. 118° 49.20' W. long.

And the Permitted/Prohibited Uses are as follows:

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: Take of all living marine resources is prohibited except:

1. *The recreational take of pelagic finfish, including Pacific bonito, and white seabass by spearfishing is allowed.*
2. *The commercial take of coastal pelagic species by round haul net and swordfish by harpoon is allowed.*
3. *Take pursuant to beach nourishment and other sediment management activities is allowed inside the conservation area pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits, or as otherwise authorized by the department.*

Pelagic Finfish include the following species: as defined for purposes of MPA regulations, are a subset of finfish defined as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), barracudas (*Sphyraena* spp.), billfishes* (family *Istiophoridae*), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), salmon shark (*Lamna ditropis*), shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp.), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), tunas (family *Scombridae*), and yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*). *Marlin is not allowed for commercial take.

This clearly rules out the take of Calicos, Sheephead, Sand Bass, Rockfish and Halibut. You are still able to sling shafts at white seabass, bonito, tuna (Yeah right), and white seabass. Obviously, there is no longer a chance to grab a bug here either. Although we're still able to shoot whites sea bass, this is a pretty devastating blow to our sport. I don't get to hit this area very often, but the ability to no longer shoot halibut, calicos and grab bugs is pretty sad to say the least.

This SMCA appears to begin in the area of where Encinal Canyon Road meets with Highway 1 (PCH) and ends at the area of Zuma Canyon Creek. This is where the SMR or State Marine Reserve begins. The boundaries for the Point Dume SMR are as follows:

Boundary: This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

34° 00.76' N. lat. 118° 49.20' W. long.;

33° 56.96' N. lat. 118° 49.20' W. long.; thence eastward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to

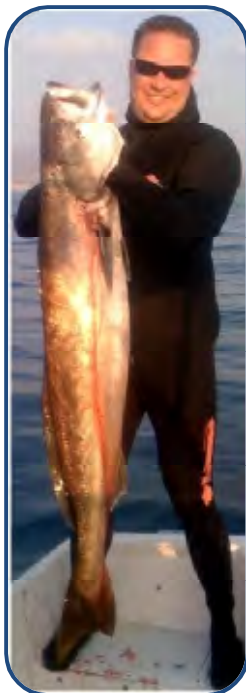
33° 57.06' N. lat. 118° 47.26' W. long.; and

34° 01.20' N. lat. 118° 47.26' W. long.

Permitted/Prohibited Uses: *Take of all living marine resources is prohibited.*

Not too much to discuss about this location as you can't take anything. You can anchor and dive until your legs are sore, you just can't take any game or be in possession of game taking devices while in the water. Don't get me wrong with that statement, you can have spearguns and fishing rods on your boat, just don't have fishing lines in the water and don't carry a speargun/game bag while diving. These SMR's are now video camera only. The SMR ends in the area around Ramirez Canyon Creek. You can transit through these areas with fish and game taking devices on board, just don't have them deployed so to speak.

See the attached photograph for the DFG map which includes the GPS numbers. I strongly suggest putting these numbers in your electronics and trying to mark the MLPA's via the water to determine point of reference lines/monuments on the beach. I can only imagine the enforcement nightmares that may begin with diving/fishing right on the boundary lines of some of these areas. The SMCA is marked with the blue while the SMR (No Take Zone) is in "caution" red. Remember, these zones extend 3 miles out into the ocean.



That's the point Dume MLPA zones in a nutshell. Next newsletter we'll be focusing on the Pt. Vicente SMCA and Abalone Cove SMCA. Hope the rest of the New Year brings you health and happiness, as this obviously doesn't.

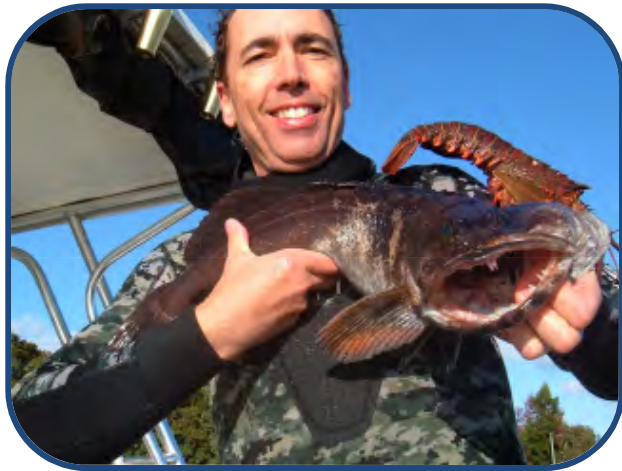
Mark Hultgren

Long Beach Neptunes President 2011/2012

Neptunes Fish Pictures



New Neptune member Hobie Ladd shows some real commitment! Nice 8.9# lobster too.



Mark Navas modeling a nice model of roach and cod from a recent dive. Mark's crew below.

John Hughes with his most recent "Donkey Bug"



Neptunes Fish Pictures



Mori goes to Mexico... again

Last issue had a some fantastic pictures of his first trip but he definitely takes it to another level here....

"The water finally cooled down to about 81 degrees on the outer banks and the water is still super clear. There are lots of tuna in Banderas bay, but the viz is bad. On the outer banks, we got tuna up to 90 lbs and tuna up to 50 lbs in the Banderas bay. Doug got a nice blue marlin on hook and line and I got a nice black marlin on the spear. There are not as much Dorado as there were a month ago, but there are still some, if you take the time to look. There is lots of spawning bait in the water and there are lots of whales eating the pinhead bait. I got this feeling that the larger tuna are going to show up in the next few weeks. If you can make the time, it is totally worth taking the time to go there.

Couldn't ask for better weather and dive conditions. Water is 82 degrees and the viz is about 80 ft. oceans are relatively flat. Tons of small tuna in the 40-90 lb range here. Got a couple nice marlin to boot. The dorados that were plentiful last time I was here are nowhere to be seen. Got a nice 7.2 lb huachinango real deep. These suckers are hard to shoot in real deep water. "



Neptunes Fish Pictures



Neptunes Fish Pictures (plus stories!!!)

Neptunes story...

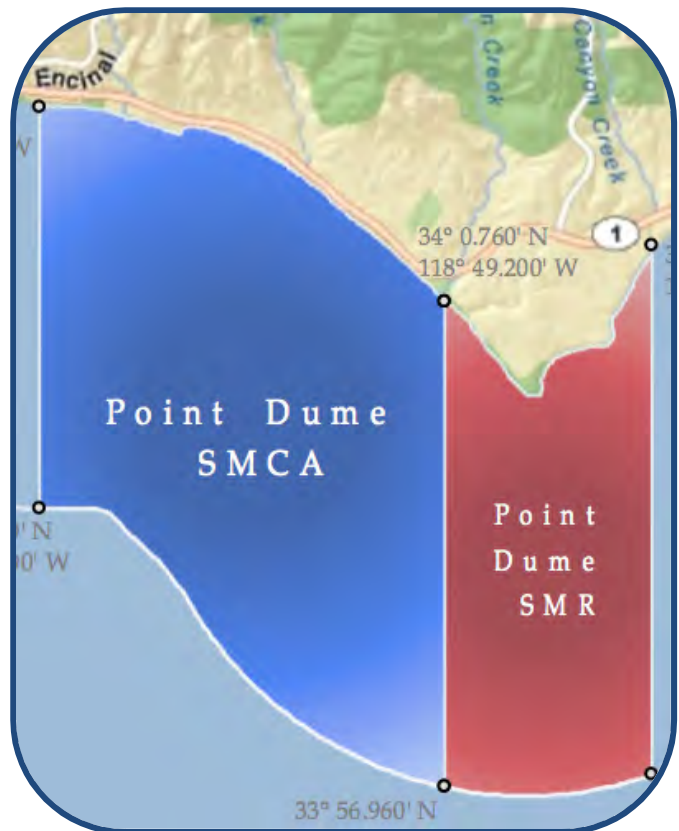
Last Dive of Pt. Dume

By Mark Navas

Wednesday 12/28/11 my buddy and I kayaked from Escondido beach to Pt. Dume to hunt one last time in the future MLPA No Take zone. The 30'+ vis, sunny sky and no wind or swell made this 6 mile round trip dive adventure the best dive of the year.

Pt. Dume always has a stiff current that brings in all of the species for a complete food chain. Why the DFG is closing this self-sustaining reef system is beyond belief. I wish they had closed ½ of Malibu instead. Places like Trancus and Broad Beach are void of life and need protection, which is what I wrote to the DFG many months ago but got no response.

The Pt. Dume outer wash rocks and pinnacles were full of life as expected. I took this 8lb Cabazon and many other fish there. Just inside the cove, I took a limit of Lobster from my secret spot. This confirmed what I had always believed, that Pt. Dume would be closed unnecessarily. The further we got from the point rocks, the less life we saw while free diving our way back to Escondido. After 7 hours of diving we ended the day with 45lbs of fish, octopus and lobsters. Dead tired, we reflected on the great journey we had, one last time.





2012; what has changed?

...Unfortunately A lot if you are a fisherman or spearo that lives in Southern California but you have already read about that here and elsewhere so what has stayed the same? The neptunes board for one thing. The entire board is basically unchanged with the exception of Lou Rosales who is my new newsletter partner. Also I have started a new email account dedicated to the newsletter so if you would be so kind as to save this address neptunenewsletter@gmail.com and forward all future newsletter material there it will keep things tidy and easier for me and Lou to do our newsletter housekeeping.

I'm looking forward to the new year and enjoying the bounties of the ocean. In that spirit I am attaching a cheat sheet a friend forwarded me to decipher DFG rules and regulations. These things have a habit of changing frequently so use at your own risk and it would be wise to double check all the info so you can confidently stay within the legal boundaries of the DFG regulations. Happy hunting Neptunes,

Donny Harris

Summary of 2011-12 Fishing Regs for So. Cal. Divers

All Fish – Open year round – Limit 20 in combination (10 per species max).

Rockfish & Cabazon – Limit 10 in combination.

Rockfish – Limit 10 – No min. size – Fillet w/ whole skin attached.

Cabazon – Limit 3 – 15" min. – Cannot fillet at sea.

Lingcod – Limit 2 – 22" min. – 14" fillet w/ 1" skin.

Calico Bass & Sand Bass – Limit 10 in combination – 12" min. – 6 ½" fillet w/ 1" skin.

Ocean Whitefish – Limit 10 – No min. size – 6 ½" fillet w/ 1" skin.

Sheepshead – Limit 5 – 12" min. – Any size fillet w/ 1" skin.

Scorpionfish (Sculpin) – Limit 5 – 10" min. – 5" fillet w/ 1" skin.

Halibut – Limit 5 – 22" min. – 16 ¾" fillet w/ entire skin intact – fillets split lengthwise along midline must remain joined for 2" at one end.

Other Flatfish – Limit 10 per species (except no limit on Sanddabs) – No min. size – Cannot fillet at sea.

Barracuda – Limit 10 – 28" min. – 17" fillet w/ 1" of silver skin.

Bonito – Limit 10 – 5 fish any size + 5 fish 24" min. fork length or 5 lbs. – Any size fillet, 10 max. w/ 1" skin (all fillets considered part of allowable undersize catch).

White Sea Bass – Limit 3, except 3/15 to 6/15 limit 1 – 28" min. – 19" fillet w/ 1" of silver skin.

Yellowtail – Limit 10 - 5 fish any size + 5 fish 24" min. fork length – 10 fillets any size w/ 1" skin + 10 fillets 17" min. w/ 1" skin.

Perch – Limit 10 per species, except, 20 Shiner Perch may be taken in addition to the 20 fish daily limit – No min. size – Any size fillet w/ 1" skin.

Pismo Clams – Limit 10 – 4 ½" min. – Must be kept in shell – Rebury undersized clams.

Mussels – Limit 10 lbs. (in shell) – Annual quarantine May 1 to Oct. 31 – Marine toxin updates, special quarantines and public warnings available at (800) 553-4133.

Rock Scallops – Limit 10 – Any size – By hand w/ knife or abalone iron only.

Crabs – Limit 35 – 4" min. – By hand only – May be brought to surface for measuring.

Lobster – Saturday before the first Wednesday in October through the first Wednesday after the 15th of March – Limit 7 – 3 ¼" min. – Must be kept whole - Report card required.

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