

Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP)
PV Shelf Project Strategic Planning Meeting
Update March 26, 2009

General MSRP

- **MSRP Symposium-March 31, 2009** (Channel Islands National Park Service HQ, Ventura, CA) MSRP is holding a public event that will showcase all of the restoration work we have supported in the southern California region over the last several years. We will hear first-hand from the biologists and scientists that are completing the on-the-ground restoration work. Speakers will present on the four main topics of restoration that MSRP identified in their Restoration Plan. The restoration topics include bald eagle, peregrine falcon, seabird, fishing, fish habitat restoration, and outreach.
- **Phase II Restoration Planning-2009**-MSRP will begin Phase II Restoration Planning this year. An Environmental Assessment will be drafted and public meetings will be held in early 2010. Phase I projects will continue to be implemented during this process and Phase II projects may begin before Phase I projects are complete

Fishing and Fish Habitat Restoration Projects

- **Belmont Pier reef project** – The Belmont Pier reef project should be moving along starting in May or June once contracts are in place. The next step is to conduct baseline biological monitoring and site evaluation. The Trustees hope to have these studies complete by the end of the year, so permit applications and environmental documents can be prepared early in 2010.
- **Wetlands Restoration** – The Trustee-funded component of the Huntington Beach Wetland Restoration project is nearing completion. Tidal flow was re-established to the Brookhurst Marsh for the first time in nearly a century. The trustees have funded California State University, Long Beach to conduct acoustic tagging and stable isotope studies to investigate the wetlands functional recovery as nursery and foraging habitat for coastal marine fishes, particularly California Halibut.

Fishing Outreach

- An RFP for outreach mini-grant projects was released through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Proposal applications are due April 24, 2009. See hand-out for information about applying. A total of \$30K will be awarded supporting three projects at \$10K each.
- MSRP is working on a fishing education plan to be implemented when the updated fishing advisories are released this year. The plan includes the use of a variety of outreach tools including 1) developing informational signs; 2) outreach to local fishing groups; 3) MSRP comic book/fish ID card; 4) Fish Contamination Ed. Curriculum; 5) outreach mini-grants; 6) permanent exhibits; 7) fish webcam; 8) films/media.