

Fish Contamination Education Collaborative (FCEC)

FCEC works to protect the public from the health risks of consuming local contaminated fish from the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site

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Since 2003

The FCEC continues to support educational and outreach efforts to limit the health risk to the public from consumption of contaminated fish. Over the past few months, FCEC personnel have attended local festivals and even provided an instructor to a summer camp to educate the public about these risks. Check out what we've been up to!

OUTREACH/RECENT EVENTS

Exposition Park Summer Camp, June 29, 2017—FCEC personnel discussed the contamination of fish in the Palos Verdes area at a local summer camp. Held at Comrie Hall in Whittier, California, this camp had about 300 day campers aged 6 to 17 years old. Campers were taught what fish are safe to consume, how to prepare fish, and how much to eat. Campers asked questions about how the contamination happened and how long it would take to improve. Following the presentation, the children played a fishing game that teaches them how to identify contaminated fish. Each child was given a comic book to take home that provides further education about the fish contamination.



Campers reading the display board.



Campers reading comic books.



Campers playing the fishing game.

Northeast Los Angeles 8th Annual Concert in the Parks and Fireworks Show, July 2, 2017

—FCEC provided a booth at this concert event that was held at Eagle Rock Park in Los Angeles, California. The event featured community booths from LA City Council member Jose Huizar's office, LA Department of Transportation, and various local Chambers of Commerce and neighborhood councils. The event was attended by 7,000-8,000 people from the community, so FCEC personnel were able to connect and educate a large number of people. Many of the FCEC booth visitors talked about regularly fishing off the coast and were interested to learn about the fish contamination and safe consumption of fish. Hundreds of FCEC comic books, tip cards, and brochures were handed out — many people even took extra FCEC materials to give to their families and friends. FCEC used a fishing game to teach children and their parents how to identify the different species of fish that are contaminated and engage them in conversation about safe fish consumption.





Parent helping child identify contaminated fish at the FCEC booth display.

Annual Autumn Festival, November 5, 2017—FCEC personnel had a booth with educational materials at this exciting annual event held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. The festival always has interactive displays and performances highlighting Asian and Asian-American cultures of China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. FCEC looks to find ways to connect with Asian Americans who tend to consume fish caught in the area of the contamination. The FCEC booth received a lot of interest during the event, often from multi-lingual visitors speaking Chinese, Spanish, or Vietnamese. Many visitors to the booth indicated that they fish off the affected coast line, so information about properly cleaning and eating the fish was important. As is often the case, the fishing game was a major attraction at the FCEC booth providing both children and their parents an opportunity to learn how to identify the contaminated fish. Many visitors took FCEC materials in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The booth visitors provided positive feedback about the FCEC display board information as it is translated into four languages.

Technical Update

There is no technical update at this time

REMINDER!!

Protect your health
Proteja su salud

Do Not Eat Contaminated Fish
¡No Coma Pescado Contaminado!

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	White Croaker <i>Corvineta blanca, Roncador blanco</i> 白姑魚 Cá Lù Đù Trắng
	Barred Sand Bass <i>Cabrilla de arena</i> 星雲副鱸 Cá hanh sọc
	Black Croaker <i>Corvineta negra, Roncador negro</i> 黑姑魚 Cá Lù Đù Đen
	Topsmelt <i>Pejerrey</i> 擬銀漢魚 Cá Suốt
	Barracuda <i>Barracuda</i> 梭子魚 Cá Nhông

Completed and Upcoming Events

- Ho'oilina Foundation Heritage of Aloha – May 2017, Heritage Park
- Lummis Day Festival – June 2017, Sycamore Grove Park
- LA Department of Recreation & Parks – June 2017, EXPO Center
- 8th Annual Concerts in the Park and Fireworks Show – July 2017, Eagle Rock Park
- Autumn Festival – November 2017, Aquarium of the Pacific
- Autumn Sea Fair – November 2017, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
- Lunar New Year Celebration – February 2018, Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
- International Children's Festival – March 2018, Aquarium of the Pacific