

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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OUTREACH/RECENT EVENTS

African American Festival, February 25, 2017—Held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, this 15th annual event included live performances, ethnic cuisine, and arts and crafts vendors to celebrate the rich diversity of the African-American and African cultures. Thousands of people attended the event and the participants were from diverse backgrounds. A majority of the guests were from the local community while others traveled from areas



Children playing the fishing game and identifying fish species



A parent encouraging her children to learn about the fish contamination

along the coast. Native speakers of English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Japanese were encountered at the FCEC booth. The fishing game was well received by children, allowing them to participate, learn, and engage their parents while learning about safe and unsafe fish to consume within the Palos Verdes Shelf area.



Festival activity as seen from the FCEC booth

Los Angeles Lantern Festival, March 4, 2017—This event was held in downtown Los Angeles to mark the Chinese Lunar New Year. Festivities included live musical performances, community booths, museum tours, food vendors, and arts and crafts stations geared toward the celebration of Chinese culture. Additionally, Korean and Mexican performances were featured at the event. The event was well attended, drawing hundreds of participants from diverse backgrounds including Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Indian, Japanese, and Caucasians. While reviewing FCEC booth materials, many locals indicated that their family members fish locally. Many were interested to learn about the safe and unsafe species to consume so that they could update their family who fish at the local piers. Hundreds of attendees were given information materials on safe versus unsafe fish to eat in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. In addition, dozens of comic books were handed out to local children, which help explain the contamination in a child-friendly manner.

Earth Day Celebration, April 23, 2017—Held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, this 17th Annual Earth Day event had successful attendance as in years past. The event included stakeholders from the Citizens Climate Lobby, U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Animo Leadership High School, Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds stopped by the FCEC booth and English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese information materials were handed out to attendees. The materials provided information on safe and unsafe fish to consume from within the Palos Verdes Shelf.

The fishing game was on display, where attendees were challenged to “catch” local fish, then determine if those fish were safe to eat. This game was a hit among the children in attendance, which brought more children and their parents to the booth where more questions were answered and information was distributed.



Participants look over FCEC booth display.

Technical Update

There is no technical update at this time

Completed and Upcoming Events

- Santa Monica STEAM Machines – March 2017, Santa Monica Pier
- Los Angeles Environmental Education Fair – March 2017, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden
- Noche de las Estrellas – March 2017, Aquarium of the Pacific
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Earth Day – Apr. 2017, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
- Manhattan Beach Earth Day – April 2017, Polliwog Park
- 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

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 Nhổng