

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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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 events to educate the public about these risks. Check out what we've been up to!

OUTREACH/RECENT EVENTS

San Gabriel Lunar New Year Festival, February 4, 2023—This event was hosted by the City of San



Gabriel in the Mission District. Festivities included a full day of cultural music and dance performances, community booths, tours of the eight historical landmarks of the Mission District, food vendors, petting zoo, and festival attendees were invited to create a joint community art piece—A Rainbow of Peace Cranes. The event was well attended, drawing 8,000 participants from diverse backgrounds. While reviewing FCEC booth materials, many attendees indicated that their family members do not fish in southern California. Festi-

val attendees were mostly unaware of the contamination but did indicate that they were interested in learning more. The outreach materials were found to be informative, especially the tip-card and fish identification cards, and the fishing game helped to draw attention from families with children. Hundreds of attendees were given informational materials in English and Chinese.



The Spring of H.O.P.E, Mach 17, 2023— The Spring of H.O.P.E. is an event hosted by Abrazar, a California 501(c)(3) non-profit community service agency dedicated to promoting the general welfare and prosperity of very low to medium income seniors and families in Orange County. The event was at the Delhi Center in Santa Ana. The event offered free activities for families, such as face painting, inflatable jumpers, lawn games, self-care wheel gardening, balloon animals, and community services with resource tables, food & drinks, gift giveaways, a COVID-19 clinic, health experts, Zumba classes, and more. The event was attended by 400 community members with 120 attendees stopping by the FCEC Booth. The FCEC booth was busy during the event and it included information on the Palos Verdes Shelf contamination and a fishing game for children to learn identification of contaminated fish. FCEC materials such as informational tip cards, brochures, and children's comic books were provided English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese to visitors that stopped by the booth.



Annual International Children's Festival, March 18&19, 2023— The Annual International Children's Festival was hosted by The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California. This event featured cultural presentations and performances by young children in celebration of remarkable children of various cultures. The booth was located in Great Hall by the Blue Cavern Stage, which generated a lot of foot traffic as performances occurred throughout the event. The event attracted many families, and approximately 300 individuals stopped by the booth. The comic books and the fish ID cards were again the most popular outreach material at the aquarium. They attracted many families to the booth which initiated a conversation with families while children read the comic books and fish ID cards. Approximately 85% of local anglers spoken to did not consume the fish they caught, an approximately 90% of local anglers were aware of some sort of local contamination.



CCHC Annual Walkathon and Carnival, April 15, 2023—The Walkathon and Carnival has been organized by the Chinese Christian Herald Crusades for over 20 years and the FCEC booth has regularly made an appearance at the event. The day's activities attracted approximately 700-800 community members. The FCEC booth was present with informational materials and a fishing game for children to identify and learn about contaminated fish species. The booth visitors took tip-cards, brochures, and fish identification cards in English and Chinese.



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Protect your health
Proteja su salud

Do Not Eat Contaminated Fish
¡No Coma Pescado Contaminado!



-  **White Croaker**
Corvineta blanca, Roncador blanco
白姑魚 | Cá Lù Đù Trắng
-  **Barred Sand Bass**
Cabrilla de arena
星雲副鱸 | Cá hanh sọc
-  **Black Croaker**
Corvineta negra, Roncador negro
黑姑魚 | Cá Lù Đù Đen
-  **Topsmelt**
Pejerrey
擬銀漢魚 | Cá Suốt
-  **Barracuda**
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Completed 2022 Community Events

- City of Industry Chinese New Year Fair—January 22-23, 2022
- City of Westminster Bunny Hop—April 9 and 16, 2022
- University of California, Los Angeles Vietnamese Community Health Fair—April 24, 2022
- San Gabriel Annual Walkathon and Carnival—June 18, 2022
- City of Anaheim Community Health and Resources Fair at Ponderosa Park—July 9, 2022
- City of Westminster Fall Fair—September 24, 2022
- Aquarium of the Pacific Baja Splash Cultural Festival in Long Beach—September 24-25, 2022
- California Department of Public Health-Abrazar Incorporated Community Event—November 18, 2022