



# Fish Contamination Education Collaborative (FCEC)

The FCEC works to protect the public from the health risks of consuming contaminated fish caught near the Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund Site.

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## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2025

The FCEC continues to support educational and outreach efforts to minimize the health risk to the public from consumption of contaminated fish. Over the past few months, FCEC partners have conversed with anglers at local piers and attended local events to educate the public about these risks. Like so many others, the FCEC outreach was impacted by the wildfires that affected Los Angeles in January 2025. EPA paused outreach during this emergency, and resumed outreach activities in mid-February 2025. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) and EPA have worked together to print the newly-designed Do Not Consume signage, and have begun installing the signs at local piers, including Redondo, Hermosa, and Santa Monica. Signs will continue to be replaced at other coastal piers and popular fishing locations.

## ANGLER OUTREACH

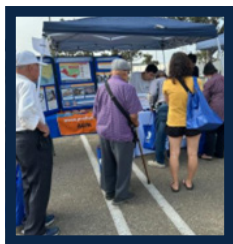
### Pier Angler Outreach

September 2024 – March 2025

- Engaged with 4,377 anglers, of which 3,626 agreed to speak with FCEC Outreach Educators (83%)
- Of the 3,626 anglers, 2,108 were new contacts (58%), and 2,019 anglers reported being aware of contamination (56%)
- Check out our “Do Not Eat Contaminated Fish” signs!



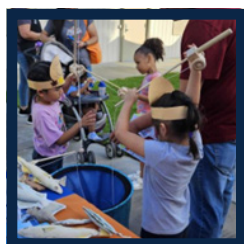
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS



### Nhan Hoa Health Fair

**October 4, 2024**

The event was hosted by the Nhan Hoa Health Center based in Garden Grove, Orange County. The Center helps connect Vietnamese families with free services. This event offered free health care services and free screenings for dental, vision, breast cancer, and bone density. The FCEC table was hosted by BPSOS and was visited by 145 people, with approximately 50 tip cards, 70 fish ID cards, and 90 comic books distributed.



### Clinton Corner Family Campus Annual Community Resources and Health Fair

**October 9, 2024**

This annual Health Fair connects parents in the community with various health resources and information. The event featured various activities for kids, including the FCEC fishing game. Approximately 100 community members attended the event. The FCEC booth, hosted by BPSOS was visited by 50 people, with approximately 5 tip cards and 30 comic books distributed.

## GET INVOLVED

- Check out the 2023-2024 Angler Outreach, Do-Not-Consume Sign and Enforcement reports, available at [www.pvsfish.org/resources/partner-documents](http://www.pvsfish.org/resources/partner-documents)
- Come talk with us at a local community event! Check out our upcoming events [pvsfish.org](http://pvsfish.org)
- Visit a local pier to see our new pier signs!
- Sign up for our electronic newsletter (sent twice a year)!



# NEW ANNUAL REPORTS

## Angler Outreach Program (AOP) Annual Report August 2023 – July 2024

The Angler Outreach Program engages anglers and communities that are at risk from fish contamination and provides educational materials to help local communities make informed decisions about the fish they eat. Here are some highlights from outreach conducted in the last report:

- A total of 9,699 anglers were contacted during outreach at nine piers off the coast of Los Angeles, California.
- A total of 5,852 anglers are reportedly aware of contamination, and the remaining 3,847 anglers either reported being unaware or did not provide this information.
- Do-Not-Consume signs and pier/angler outreach are the two most frequently reported sources of contamination awareness, highlighting the importance of these forms of outreach for those who may be most likely to consume contaminated fish.
- During angler outreach, tip cards are provided to anglers. The public may also find FCEC tip cards at any of the 40 bait shops that participate in the tip card distribution program. In addition to pier angler outreach, during this reporting period, the FCEC members participated in 15 local community events, with 4,096 people receiving information through their interactions with FCEC booth outreach educators.

## Do Not Consume (DNC) Sign Annual Report August 2023 – July 2024

DNC signs are posted across 17 coastal areas. The report summarizes the recommendations for the DNC signs by 17 pier areas and 69 individual sign locations. The recommendations include that 65 of the 69 sign locations need new signs installed.

## Annual Enforcement Report August 2023 – July 2024

Enforcement is one component of the Palos Verdes Shelf institutional controls program. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) conducted 86 recreational and 7 commercial inspections, met 1,712 anglers, and distributed 831 tip cards. CDFW reported no recreational or commercial violations related to the five Palos Verdes Shelf DNC fish species.



## REDUCE YOUR RISK

*Fish contaminated with PCBs and DDT do not look, taste, or smell any different than fish that are not contaminated.*

- 1 Follow local fish advisories:** Avoid eating fish with unsafe amounts of PCBs and DDT.
- 2 Eat only the skinless fillet:** PCBs and DDT build up in the fatty parts of the fish.
- 3 Bake, broil, steam, or grill fish:** These cooking methods let PCBs and DDT drip away.

## RECENTLY ATTENDED COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Cabrillo Aquarium Whale Fiesta  
February 2, 2025

