

Fish Contamination Education Collaborative (FCEC)

The 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 partners have conversed with anglers at local piers and attended local events to educate the public about these risks. Check out what we've been up to!

ANGLER OUTREACH



Pier Angler Outreach March – September 2024

- Approximately 6,297 anglers reached
- 2,977 anglers were new contacts (47%)
- 3,188 anglers reported being aware of contamination (51%)

[“Do Not Eat Contaminated Fish” signs coming in 2025!](#)

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 Lú Dú Trắng

 **Barred Sand Bass**
Cabrilla de arena
斑雲附鱗 | Cá hành sọc

 **Black Croaker**
Corvineta negra, Roncador negro
黑姑魚 | Cá Lú Dú Đen

 **Topsmelt**
Pejerrey
擬銀漢魚 | Cá Suốt

 **Barracuda**
Barracuda
梭子魚 | Cá Nhổng

Choose healthy fish; check your local advisory.
Coma pescados saludables; infórmese con su asesor local.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH RECENT EVENTS

Garden Grove Police Department National Night Out, August 6, 2024 —

The Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) hosted its annual National Night Out, focused on fostering strong relationships between the GGPD and its residents. The GGPD welcomed various agencies to provide resources to the community. Attendees enjoyed live demonstrations showcasing the skills of GGPD officers, photo opportunities with GGPD K9s and SWAT vehicles, and conversations with GGPD officers. Families participated in giveaways, enjoyed free snacks and drinks, and engaged in fun activities like trivia, contributing to a community mosaic, and face painting. Approximately 77 people visited the FCEC booth, and 30 tip cards and 12 brochures in English and Vietnamese were distributed, along with 25 comic books and 10 fish ID cards.



A Day in Nature Festival, September 7, 2024 — The annual A Day in Nature Festival was hosted by Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation at the Deane Dana Friendship Regional Park and Nature Center (Nature Center) in San Pedro, California. The event featured approximately 20 local community vendors offering a variety of goods and services including local social program information, health and wellness information, artisanal goods, earth-friendly products, live animal shows, and free food. Demonstrations relating to the surrounding ecosystem and wildlife were presented in front of the Nature Center throughout the day. Approximately 150 people attended the event, and around 50 attendees engaged with the FCEC booth. Most were non-anglers and were not aware of fish contamination issues. Booth staff distributed 25 tip cards, 25 brochures, 24 comic books, and 25 fish ID cards in English and Spanish.



Baja Splash Cultural Festival, September 21-22, 2024 — The Aquarium of the Pacific's Baja Splash Cultural Festival celebrated and promoted the cultural heritage of Latin American countries through live music, interactive booths, and educational programs. Activities and presentations at the weekend event showcased Hispanic cultures from around the world and featured traditional dance, live music, and multilingual educational programming. Over 10,000 visitors attended, with an even distribution of visitors on each day. Multiple educators, city organizations, Latin American organizations, and school groups were in attendance. An estimated 700 attendees interacted with the FCEC booth, and staff distributed 250 tip cards, 120 brochures, 165 comic books, 194 fish ID cards, and 9 curriculum guides, with materials distributed in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

FCEC Program News

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.

pvsfish.org website updates:

- QR code to Newsletter sign up page ✓
- Frequently Asked Questions updates (coming soon!)
- New tip card design posted online ✓



UPDATE

Recent Events

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| • Central-West County Health Expo | September 7, 2024 |
| • Nhan Hoa Health Fair | October 5, 2024 |
| • Clinton Corner Campus Community Resources and Health Fair | October 9, 2024 |