# 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 27, 2016—Held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long

Beach, this event included performances, arts and crafts vendors, and ethnic cuisine. This popular event attracted over 400 stakeholders to the FCEC event booth. Many of the stakeholders that stopped at the booth did not know about the contamination and were appreciative of the information provided. Children had a great time identifying the fish that they caught while playing the fishing game, which enabled event staff to discuss the issues in the area with their parents, including safe practices to follow indeed batching fish from the Palos Verdes Shelf.



FCEC table setup at the Aquarium of the Pacific.



An FCEC volunteer providing information to a Spanish-speaking family who frequently fish offcoast.

Noche de Estrellas, March 18, 2016—This event was also held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. The FCEC table was located in the Great Hall, which was an excellent place to display FCEC and Palos Verdes Shelf information in both English and Spanish, and to distribute *Do-Not-Eat* tip cards to event attendees. The fishing game was again 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, as well with a local teacher from the Anaheim Union High School District. The teacher was interested in sharing information about local fish, and the FCEC group in general, with her class.

### International Children's Day Festival, April 9,

2016—This international event included live performances, arts and crafts vendors, and children's tours at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Children were very engaged and interested in identifying the various fish that they caught while playing the fishing game, leading to discussion with their parents on safe practices when buying or catching fish from the impacted area. Several parents were interested in learning more about when the contamination took place and if local fish markets were also notified.



Children and their parents catching and identifying fish using their tip cards.

# **Technical Update**

No technical update at this time.



#### **REMINDER!!**



# **Recently Completed and Upcoming Events**

- **Earth Day Celebration**—April 23, 2016. See: http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/archive/earth day celebration
- **Fiesta Broadway**—April 24, 2016. See: http://www.eventcrazy.com/Los-Angeles-CA/events/details/8736-Fiesta-Broadway
- **Urban Ocean Festival** —April 30, 2016. See: http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/archive/urban\_ocean\_festival
- City of Torrance Environmental Fair—June 4, 2016 See: http://www.torranceca.gov/18280.htm
- Lumis Day Festival—June 5, 2016. See: http://www.lummisday.org/
- **Pacific Islander Festival**—June 4-5, 2016. See: http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/pacific\_islander\_festival/