



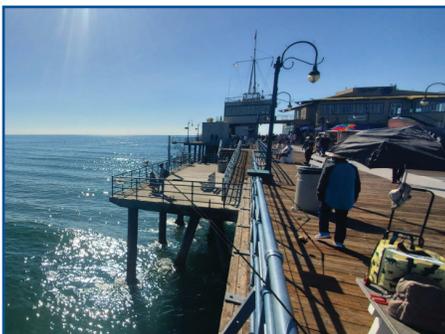
Fish Contamination Education Collaborative (FCEC)

Since 2003

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

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!**

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ANGLER OUTREACH

Pier Angler Outreach

October 2023 – February 2024

- Approximately 3,108 anglers reached
- 1,394 anglers were new contacts (45%)
- 2,002 anglers were aware of contamination (64%)

Watch for "Do Not Eat Contaminated Fish" Sign Updates in 2024!



Barred Sand Bass



Black Croaker



White Croaker
Kingfish, Tom Cod



Topsmelt



Pacific Barracuda

These fish are contaminated with harmful chemicals.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/RECENT EVENTS

San Gabriel Lunar New Year, February 17-18, 2024 — The annual San Gabriel Lunar Lantern Festival is held to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The event was organized by the City of San Gabriel in partnership with Sino TV and radios stations KAZN and KMRB. The festival offers a wide variety of entertainment, traditional activities, and delightful cuisines for all ages. This year's event attracted roughly 20,000 participants, of which the majority were a part of the Asian community living in the San Gabriel Valley area. Cultural activities and food booths were the highlights of the event, including carnival rides, games, a petting zoo, and bounce houses. Roughly 1,500 attendees visited the FCEC booth during the two-day event. Most attendees were Chinese-speaking adults. Throughout the event, 150 English tip cards and brochures, 850 Chinese tip cards and brochures, and 1,000 English Fish ID cards were distributed to event attendees.



African American Festival, February 24-25, 2024 — This annual festival by the Aquarium of the Pacific celebrates African American and African cultures. Performances included Mardi Gras second line dancing, hip hop and break dancing, West African dancing, drumming, and storytelling. Booths lined the hall of the aquarium’s main entrance, displaying works of African art and culture, educational workshops, and community organizations. The festival had over 7,000 attendees. The FCEC booth was near the aquarium entrance by the Blue Cavern, near the stage, which generated a lot of foot traffic to the booth during performances. The KTLA 5 News Station showed a clip of the FCEC booth live on television as the reporter talked about the various booths on display. Approximately 100 attendees engaged with the FCEC booth, of which most were not anglers and were not aware of the contamination. Booth staff distributed 28 tip cards and brochures, 97 comic books, 63 fish ID cards, and 5 curriculum guides.



Community Health and Resource Fair, March 23, 2024 — Held at a Buddhist temple in Westminster, the event connects the Vietnamese community to resources regarding citizenship and immigration, income tax filing, CalFresh enrollment, English as a Second Language classes, Medi-Cal enrollment, and more. The event also featured free food and drinks. Over 150 people attended, most from the areas surrounding the temple. The FCEC booth’s fish poster to quiz community members got a lot of interaction. Many people were drawn to the “What’s the Catch?” comic book; older members often took the comic book home for their children to read. Approximately 70 people visited the booth, with 5 Vietnamese tip cards and 50 English comic books distributed.



FCEC PROGRAM NEWS

Upcoming Events

23rd Annual Baja Splash
September 21-22, 2024

Lummis Day Fest
TBD October 2024

Recent Events

Annual Whale Festival
February 4, 2024

Community Health and Resource Fair
March 23, 2024

42nd Annual UVSA Tet Festival
February 9-11, 2024

International Children’s Festival
March 23-24, 2024

2024 San Gabriel Lunar Lantern Festival
February 17-18, 2024

CCHC Annual Walkathon and Carnival
April 13, 2024

African American Festival
February 24-25, 2024

Earth Day Teen Climate Fest
April 27, 2024

Noche de Estrellas
March 15, 2024

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:



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