

# OCEAN STEWARDSHIP

You too can help sustain the fisheries of the SBC region and keep the oceans healthy! Here are a few suggestions:

## Regarding fisheries and seafood consumption:

1. Learn more about the operations of local commercial fishing. Fishing operations often differ among locations. If you are worried about how the fish are caught or what the condition of the fish population is, talk to local fishery participants, managers and scientists about the fishery. Knowledge is power!
2. Buy delicious local seafood to support fisheries that many people (fishery participants, managers, scientists, public) work hard to sustain.
3. Get involved in fisheries management - you can influence local fishery regulations!

If you want to get involved, educate yourself and do some research. This will help you decide your own views on issues regarding local commercial fisheries. Remember, the issues are often different for local, regional, national and international fisheries.



## At the beach:

4. Help clean up your local beaches by not littering. If you see trash, pick it up and put it in the trash can so it doesn't go into the ocean. Did you know that it can take 200-500 years for a soda can to decompose? That minimum amount of time (200 years) is how long some sea urchins are believed to live!

## At home:

5. Be careful not to spill chemicals (such as gasoline, car oil and cleaning products) in your garage or on the driveway. If you do, do not wash the chemicals off the garage floor or driveway into the storm drains. Anything going into the storm drain will end up in the ocean, polluting the water and possibly killing marine life. Also, make sure you dispose of all chemicals in an environmentally safe way – dispose of them at your local hazardous waste site.

We, the Fin-atic Reporters, encourage you to chip in to help keep the ocean clean and healthy. If we all do our part, future generations can see and enjoy the same things we have. Being able to eat fresh, local seafood – or even just seeing it delivered at your local working harbor -- depends on everyone working together and doing their part to keep our environment healthy.



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## FUN FACT:

Local fishery participants also do many things to keep our ocean healthy and productive. Here are two such special activities:

1. They participate in the Fisherman Oil Response Team (FORT) where they use their boats and special gear to clean up spilled oil so they can help save marine animals and habitats in the ocean.
2. They continue to participate in research and management that helps with understanding and sustaining local fishery participants and marine resources. Some fishery participants also tax themselves to generate money for research and management.



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## OTHER STATEMENTS

The order of the top fisheries is based on the average of the ex-vessel value for a five-year period (2001 through 2005) for landings for the region (not a specific harbor), with the exception of the white seabass/yellowtail fishery. For detailed information, please refer to: Culver, C.S., J.B. Richards and C.M. Pomeroy. 2007. Commercial fisheries of the Santa Barbara Channel and associated infrastructure needs. California Sea Grant Technical Report. Publication T-062. 100 pp.

If you are interested in additional educational materials regarding California fisheries, please e-mail Dr. Carolynn (Carrie) Culver: cculver@ucdavis.edu. Also, please visit the Web site at: <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu>.

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