

Minutes of August 11th, 2009 General Meeting

Meeting held at La Jolla Brew House – called to order at 7:00 pm by John Leek, Secretary



Introduction

President Scott Anderson was on sabbatical leave in Northern California where a person can freedive for abalone. John Leek gave a quick overview on 3rs, MLPA and Children's Pool, before introducing the speakers for the evening.

1. 3rs

Reminder was given the last 3rs will be at "Casa Cove" on 8/22.

Last week's 3rs was at Hospital Point, hosted by the Sea Dogs. The event actually started at the south side of Horseshoe Reef and then came back to Hospital. Then we went back out to swim around another reef to beach at Wipeout. The Council has assumed full ownership of the 3rs after the City cut funding.

2. MLPA

A quick review for an audience already pretty well aware of the proceedings. The RSG was sent back to the drawing board on most of its 6 maps by the Science requirements, and is working to refine them, and come out with 3 final maps to present to DVG. These maps are also found at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/scrsg-dprops-r2.asp#lapisa>

3. SB 428, the bill to make Children's Pool a "marine mammal park"

The Council Secretary presented a summary of events. The City has filed the signed, but not in effect new law allowing the City to add "marine mammal park" to the set of allowable uses of Children's Pool

The federal case the City used for its major argument for this bill had been dismissed.

The opposition pointed out that the State had not considered a court order in 2005 in which the State agreed to be bound by the original court decision, and that the Marine Mammal Protection Act itself disallows State management of marine mammals or their protection. The issue will be revisited in the first week in October, at which time the judge will have to rule on whether a law not in effect with so many conflicts built into it should derail the court order to restore Children's Pool to public use..

4. Speakers: The Humboldt and Clubhook huge squids.

Dr. Kent Trego gave an introduction from his research at Scripps on deepwater marine invertebrates. Two large squid species use the La Jolla Canyon to access the La Jolla Marine Reserve. One is the humboldt squid (*Dosidicus gigas*) and the other is the clubhook squid (*Moroteuthis robusta*). The humboldt squid has been given a maximum length of 4 meters (13 feet plus) and the clubhook squid has been given a maximum length of 7 meters (21 feet plus). The humboldt squid is from the Panamic Province and is not native to San Diego ocean waters while the clubhook squid is found in the North Pacific and San Diego is at its southern range border in the eastern Pacific.

He turned the floor over to Danna Staff, a graduate student doing research on the beasts out of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station. She had maps of the expanding range of Humboldts and could answer questions on the changes that might bring them up from the depths. Primary changes cited were the overfishing of tuna and sharks, the pimaray predators, and

leaving their potential food sources for the squid to adapt to.

The squid are not strong swimmers, so if their food source wanders toward the surface, they can follow, to be caught in surface currents.

5. Next General Meeting scheduled 9/15/09 at the La Jolla Brew House

Guest speaker, not yet confirmed. If you have suggestions for a guest speaker, please emails us at: info@sdivers.com

5. Open offices in the Council

We have openings for several offices and will accept nominations at any meeting. In fact we will accept volunteers on the spot. We have more projects than organizers.

6. Membership Cards

Membership cards in the Council have been made, and members in good standing are able to pick theirs up at any meeting. If you don't know if you are a current Council member, inquire at JLeek001@san.rr.com.

Submitted 8/14/09

John Leek, Secretary