

Enforcement Program Update

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Presentation Summary

- Enforcement Program Results since June 2010
- Enforcement program meeting on May 27, 2010
- Monitoring program
- Challenges and opportunities

Enforcement Program Results since June 2010

- Joint inspection with CDFG
 - City of Long Beach: 4
- Individual inspection
 - CDFG commercial vessel: 4
 - CDFG recreational: 30
 - City of Long Beach: 12
 - Orange County: 36



Enforcement Program Meeting

- OC on May 27, 2010
- Focus of the market inspection will continue to be white croaker
- A new joint training is needed
- Joint inspection is helpful



Monitoring Program

 Continue to monitor the contaminant levels in market fish and pier caught fish



Challenges and opportunities

- Risk exposure pathway
- Adequacy of the existing catch ban
- Next year reassess the enforcement programs



Review Tactics

Accomplished/completed:

- Develop commercial fishing regulation layout;
- Make catch ban regulations accessible.



Review Tactics

In Progress/Ongoing:

- Reestablish/reevaluate catch ban area;
- County health departments conduct targeted market inspection;
- Increase enforcement of bag limit;
- Coordinated efforts and effective communication with regulatory agencies;
- Assess the geographic extent and frequency with white croakers reaching fish markets



Review Tactics

Have not done:

- Random sampling of white croaker at landing areas;
- Evaluate market availability of other contaminated fish caught locally, in addition to white croaker;
- Identify restaurants that regular sell white croaker and monitor and outreach to them.



Discussion