

# MBNMS Superintendent's Report



## GFNMS Advisory Council meeting February 18, 2021

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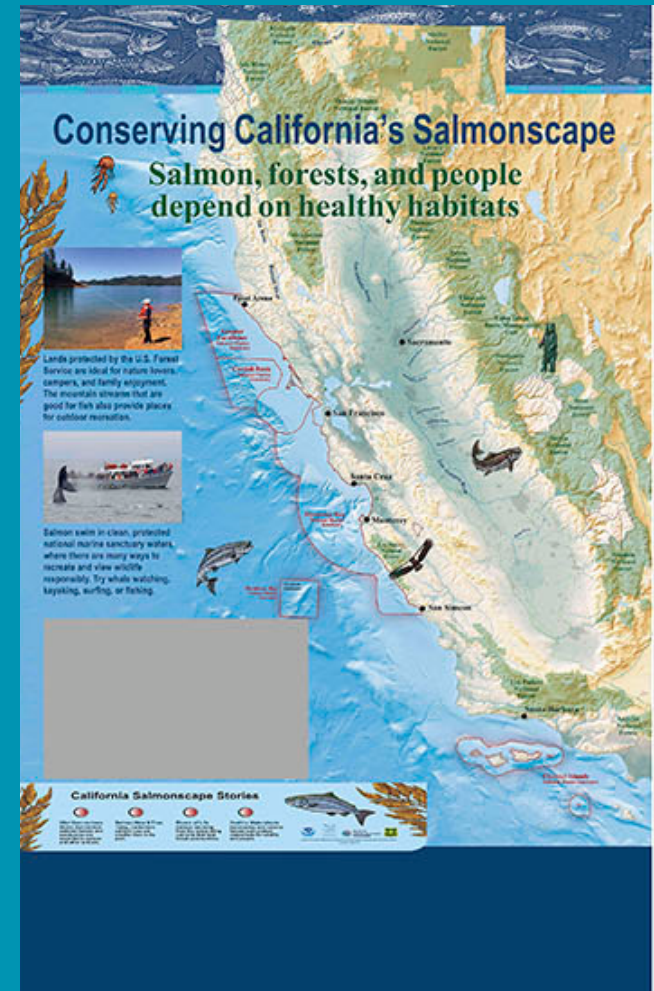


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## Education

- **Whalefest Monterey Highlights MBNMS**
- **Docent Enrichment Webinars:**
  - ✓ The Northern Elephant Seal: Prehistory to the Modern Conservation Movement
  - ✓ Monterey Bay Commercial Fisheries
  - ✓ Ocean Acidification
- **Distance learning programs continue**
  - ✓ 463 students (Mid-Dec to present)
- **MBNMS Staff Film Outreach Video** with the Santa Cruz Warriors
- **ONMS Webinar Series: Bioluminescent Blooms** in MBNMS
- **Salmonscape Panel #4 completed**



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## Research

### • Endangered Black Abalone Recovery Efforts in Big Sur

- ✓ Massive debris flows buried hundreds
- ✓ Multi-agency effort, led by UCSC
- ✓ 88 recoveries
- ✓ Effort continues
- ✓ NMSF facilitating grant funding



### • 2020 Ed Ricketts Memorial Award and Lecture awarded to Dr. Terrie M. Williams

- 338 attendees (including logins with multiple attendees), representing 26 states of the U.S. and six other countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, and Mexico).

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## Resource Protection

- **Fibershed Webinar on Soil and Sea**
- **First Flush Monitoring Complete**
- **S/V Bobbie Ann goes aground in extreme weather**



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## Operations and Administration

- MPR Process Continues:
  - All documents in first round of internal clearance
  - Conducting agency consultations
  - Making edits to the documents as review progresses

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