



For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Kristina Kurasz
(213) 744-7446
kkurasz@cscmail.org

“Sharing the Ocean: Protecting Fish and Fishing”
*Science Matters Program Explores the Compatibility of a Marine
Protection Program and the Fishing Industry*
Presented by the California Science Center

Los Angeles- The California Science Center's Science Matters, a speaker's program that explores science issues in the forefront of public concern, will present “Sharing the Ocean: Protecting Fish and Fishing” May 1, 2010 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The program is free to the public and will take place in the Loker Conference Center at the California Science Center.

Is a marine life protection plan compatible with a viable fishing industry? Scientists have long documented the need for conservation measures to save our oceans. But others contend that environmental plans overestimate the amount of protection needed and that current conservation measures are killing the fishing industry. Expert panelists will explore both sides of this urgent issue, presenting different sustainable fishing strategies within the context of marine science and fishery management.

Conan Nolan, *NBC4 reporter* and co-host of *News Conference*, will serve as moderator for this panel discussion.

Panelists include: **Robert Warner, PhD.**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara; **Mike McCorkle**, Commercial Fisherman and President of the Southern California Trawlers Association; **Michael Bell**, Marine Project Director for the Central Coast Groundfish Project, The Nature Conservancy, California; and **Kelly Sayce**, Public Outreach and Education Coordinator, Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, Los Angeles.

Program attendees will have a chance to hear the debates on this issue and to ask questions of the panelists at the end of the program. All those interested in attending may RSVP at 213-744-2420.

About the California Science Center

The California Science Center's mission is as follows: "We aspire to stimulate curiosity and inspire science learning in everyone by creating fun, memorable experiences, because we value science as an indispensable tool for understanding our world, accessibility and inclusiveness, and enriching people's lives."

General Info: Admission is free; to reserve a seat please RSVP at 213-744-2420.

The California Science Center and IMAX Theater are located in historic Exposition Park just west of the Harbor (110) Freeway at 700 Exposition Park Drive, Los Angeles. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. General admission is free. For recorded information, including IMAX show times, call 323.SCIENCE (323.724-3623). IMAX ticket prices range from \$5.00 to \$8.25. For advance ticket purchases, group rates, or to make reservations for any visiting group of 15 or more (*required*), call 213.744-2019. Parking is available in the guest lot at Figueroa and 39th / Exposition Park Drive at \$8 per car, \$25 for buses or oversized vehicles. Both the Science Center and IMAX Theater are wheelchair accessible. For further information, please visit our website at www.californiasciencecenter.org.

#