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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940

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Management of *Undaria pinnatifida* in Monterey Harbor

Dear Volunteer Diver,

I would like to welcome you to our scientific research project. I have received your contact information from either Tish Sammon at the City of Monterey Community Resources and Volunteer Services Center, Scott Pryor, Field Office Assistant with the Office of the Harbormaster (646-3950), or from direct contact via email or the phone. I am the primary researcher and data collector with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), which is currently taking the lead on this project.

This is a collaborative effort between the City of Monterey, Department of Fish and Game, MBNMS, and several other local agencies. Upon your first visit to the Monterey Harbor, Scott Pryor will give you a short dockside safety orientation and I will train you on the correct procedure identification and removal of *Undaria pinnatifida*. For your convenience, we have scheduled the following dates in January and February for training and removal dives:

January 5 (Monday), 12 (Monday), 16 (Friday), 23 (Friday), and 26 (Monday)
February 6 (Friday), 9 (Monday), 20 (Friday), 27 (Friday)

For any of the above dates, you should plan to arrive at the Harbor Office by 9:30 AM. The Harbor Office is a two-story, brown building just west of Wharf #1. You will be issued a free parking pass for the day and have access to a changing room. Orientation will take about 30 min for first time volunteers. Once you have your dive gear on, you can choose to dive as long as you like; depths are very shallow, with 20 feet a typical maximum (depending on the tides). In 2003, divers typically spent 45 min in the water, and typically ended the day by noon.

If you have a 1-2 inch putty knife that you can use underwater and a small goodie bag (10-14 inch), please bring them.

For more information on the web, please visit the following websites:

www.biology.ucsc.edu/people/potts/lonhart/undaria.html

www.mbnms-simon.org/sections/rockyShores/project_info.php?pid=100184&sec=rs

Scott and I would like to thank you for your interest in this important project. We look forward to your participation and getting to know you. Also, we would like your permission to pass on your contact information to the rest of our group for easy access. If you do not want us to do so, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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