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COME SEE THE GRUNION RUN IN SAN PEDRO

Program will be offered nine times at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

SAN PEDRO – Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility located at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, will offer its “Meet the Grunion” program on several occasions in 2009 during the mating season for this unusual fish.

The aquarium’s exhibit hall will open at 8:00 p.m. each night, with a film and program about grunion at 9:00 p.m., then onto the beach for a close-up look. The activity will be offered nine times; the cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, students, and children.

Program dates for 2009 are:

- March 12 (Thursday)
- March 28, April 25, and May 9, all of which are a Saturday
- May 26 and June 9, both of which are a Tuesday
- June 24 (Wednesday)
- July 9 and July 23, both of which are a Thursday

Grunions are small sardine-like fish of the silversides family, which are among the few species of fish that actually come ashore to lay their eggs on sandy beaches. They are found from Southern California to Baja, with Cabrillo Beach being one of the better viewing locations.

Grunion may be caught by hand in March, June, and July, but anyone age 16 or older must have a valid California state fishing license and photo identification. In April and May, grunion may be observed, but not captured. Participants are encouraged to dress warm.

For more information about the “Meet the Grunion” program or the aquarium, or for a calendar of facility events and activities, call (310) 548-7562 or go to www.cabrilloaq.com.

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