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## GRUNION RUNNING SEASON HAS RETURNED

### *Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro will be a hub of activity*

**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 2008 during the mating season for this unique fish.

The Aquarium exhibit hall will open at 8:00 p.m., followed by a film about grunion at 9:00 p.m., and then it’s 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 are:

- Sunday, March 9
- March 24 and April 7, both of which are a Monday
- Tuesday, April 22
- May 7 and May 21, both of which are a Wednesday
- Thursday, June 5
- June 21 and July 19, both of which are a Saturday

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](http://www.cabrilloaq.com).

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