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## GRUNION RUNNING IS COMING TO A CLOSE *Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro will offer three more chances*

**SAN PEDRO** – Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks facility at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, will conclude its 2009 “Meet the Grunion” program with one more opportunity in June and two in July.

The remaining dates are Wednesday, June 24, and two Thursdays – July 9 and July 23, which are during the mating season for the silvery 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 cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, students, and children.

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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