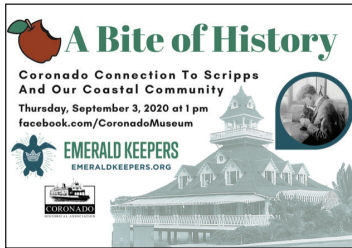




EMERALD KEEPERS

Making Coronado Emerald Green, Ocean Blue

UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPT. 3

Join Emerald Keepers and the Coronado Historical Association for the virtual talk: *A Bite Of History: Coronado Connection To Scripps And Our Coastal Community*, 1pm facebook.com/CoronadoMuseum

SEPT. 7 - 21

Virtual *Community Clean-Up!* Details coming soon!



Courtesy of Netflix

SEPT. 1 - 30

Virtual Screening of *Chasing Coral*. Go to EmeraldKeepers.org and click the Screenings tab to watch.



NADO AT HOME

There is something fishy going on! Make a fish using materials you can find around your house. Send a photo of your creative fish along with your name and grade (if you are a student) to emeraldkeepers@gmail.com. Our favorites will be posted on our website.



Bass



Tuna



Overfishing is defined as catching fish faster than they can reproduce. It is a threat to ocean ecosystems. Larger fish that are slow to reproduce are the most vulnerable to overfishing. When the larger fish are overfished, fisherman often move to the smaller species. This interrupts important food chains.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the number of overfished stocks globally has tripled in the past fifty years.

When fisherman catch and discard animals they do not want, cannot sell, or are not allowed to keep it is called "bycatch." These unintentionally caught animals often suffer injuries or die. Reducing and minimizing bycatch through safe fishing practices established by law are important to reducing these kinds of tragedies.

The Magnuson-Stevens (Fishery Conservation and Management) Act passed in 1976, is the primary law governing marine fisheries in U.S. federal waters. Other laws, including the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, also are important in maintaining healthy fisheries. Together, these laws have helped the U.S. become a global leader when it comes to sustainable seafood.

Marine Protected Areas are important for protecting fish around the world from overfishing. There are currently over 1,700 marine protected areas (MPAs) in the United States. According to the PEW Charitable Trust, only about 5% of the world's oceans are protected. There is a move-

ment to protect 30% of our oceans by 2030. Find out more at oceanunite.org or #Love30x30.

Always remember your food choices make a difference. Sustainable seafood is fished or farmed to have the least impact on the environment. By law, U.S. seafood must be caught according to the fishery management plans that prevent overfishing.



BE AN EMERALD KEEPER

- Learn about the local fishing rules and regulations from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Embrace sustainable practices in your everyday life.
- Make sustainable seafood choices. Ask: Do you sell sustainable seafood? Learn more at SeafoodWatch.org

For more information visit EMERALDKEEPERS.ORG

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