

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND MARITIME MUSEUM OF MONTEREY PILOT NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM TO TEACH LOCAL STUDENTS ABOUT MONTEREY BAY FISHING

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Program and the Maritime Museum of Monterey have joined together to provide education programs about the Monterey fishing industry to local elementary schools.

The Fishermen in Classrooms project will make funding available to Monterey Bay area fishermen to give presentations in selected elementary schools about the past and present fishing industry and the life of fishermen. Fishermen will answer questions from the students and provide hands-on demonstrations of the equipment and instruments that they use while fishing. This project will complement the Maritime Museum Living History programs that focus on California life and Monterey fishing industries. In its pilot year the Fishermen in Classrooms project will work with three Title 1 schools in Monterey County and target approximately 180 students.

This program has been established as part of the Monterey Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program. The B-WET Program was established on the east coast for the Chesapeake Bay watershed and NOAA is now piloting the successful program in the Monterey Bay watershed through the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Office. The goal is to bring the environment into every classroom and every child out into the environment in a meaningful way.