



## Outreach/Education Highlights

May 1, 2018 – September 15, 2018

- 5/8/18 **Del Mar Elementary School Citizen Science Day Camp** seabird presentations for **54** students



- 5/12/18 **Central Coast Wildlife Festival** seabird outreach BLOY handprint adaptation cards for **230** participants (100 projects + outreach to 130 adults)

- 5/15/18 - 5/16/18 **Shell Beach Elementary School** classroom seabird NGSS aligned presentations and walking field trip and citizen science conducted for **138** students x 2 days.





- **5/15/18 Shell Beach Elementary School students enter seabird SAFE poster contest.** Torch TC chooses winners. July 2018 posters installed at beach access points in Shell Beach and CA State Parks.



- **5/23/18 Train 30 CA State Park Ranger and LG cadets during BVST 41** how to give seabird SAFE citizen science presentations for school groups adults.



- 6/8/18 SPN Outreach staff host **Periscope livefeed program from kayaks on Morro Bay** focusing on importance of Morro Bay for seabirds and wildlife and safe viewing guidelines and volunteer opportunities to protect wildlife during World Oceans Day for **709** viewers
- 6/23/18 **Summer Solstice Celebration** seabird outreach booth for **525** attendees in Morro Bay State Park learning to be seabird SAFE
- From May to October SPN Outreach Staff provide training, mentoring, support, data compilation, and volunteer coordination for the third season of **SeaLife Stewards Kayak and Land volunteers** providing outreach and conducting citizen science disturbance monitoring in Morro Bay (kayak and land) and Shell Beach (land shifts). **30 new volunteers plus 25 returning.**

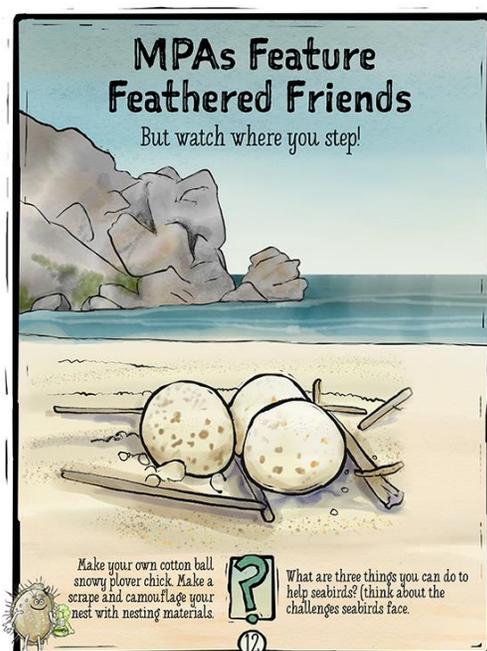
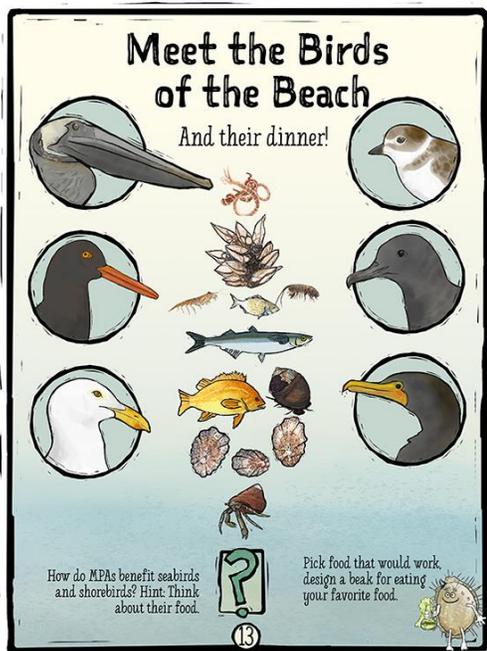
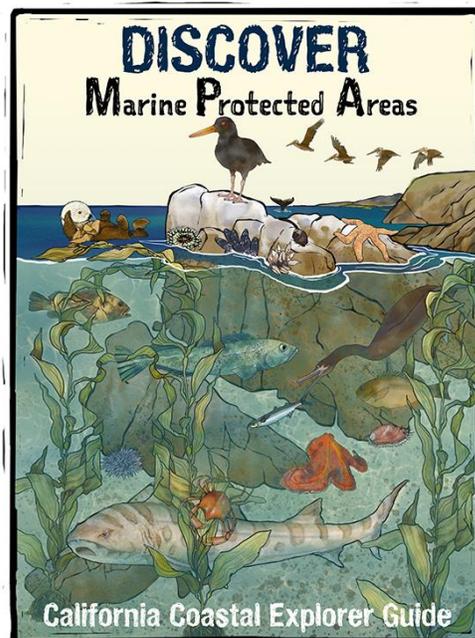
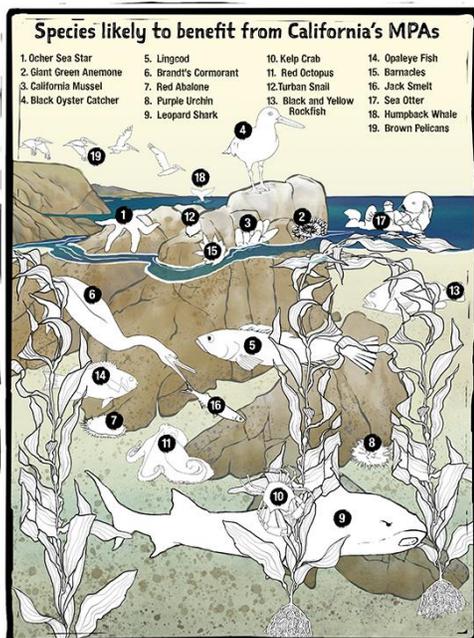


- From May to September SPN Outreach staff provide **15 Seabird Outreach Station** shifts in Shell Beach, Estero Bluffs, and Morro Bay.
- Seabird Outreach Interpretive Specialist helps expand **BLOY citizen science from Shell Beach to Pt. Piedras Blancas** during seabird breeding season
- August 25 SPN outreach and CSP staff have outreach booth with seabird headbands and BLOY handprint cards at **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Annual Oceans Fair** reaching over **550** attendees.



➤ SPN Outreach staff are getting ready to co-host **Sea Otter Awareness Week Sep. 23-29** with an emphasis on protecting all wildlife in Morro Bay with wildlife awareness messaging and safe wildlife viewing guidelines. We will debuting our new wildlife distances interactive display board with seabird models.

➤ **SLO MPA Collaborative** with the lead of the SPN Outreach Coordinator is finalizing the MPA Coastal California Kids' Activity booklet that has two pages on seabirds and seabird SAFE viewing. Note: The "Meet the Birds of the Beach" page will feature seabird nests zoomed in on rock with an activity where kids have to spot the nests and not just snowy plovers!



- SPN Outreach Coordinator writes seabird SAFE messaging for an additional two new **interpretive MPA panels** to be installed at WR Hearst Memorial Beach and Piedras Blancas Motel trailhead in Hearst San Simeon State Park to be installed in by January 2019

**Conserving California's Coastal Treasures**

**CALIFORNIA MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

**Marine Protected Areas Safeguard Our Ocean's Bounty**

A statewide network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) safeguards California's rich coastal resources. Within the Piedras Blancas MPAs, lush forests of kelp and surfgrass provide habitat for an abundant and diverse array of fish and invertebrates. This is a great location for viewing migrating marine mammals, be sure to look offshore of the coastal trail for a chance to spot gray whales, dolphins, humpback, and blue whales on their seasonal migrations. Nesting and roosting seabirds can also be spotted in the area, especially atop La Cruz Rock, which is part of the California Coastal National Monument.

**Challenge Yourself to not Ruffle a Feather or Move a Flipper.**

- Observe wildlife quietly. Back away if they notice you.
- Take your trash with you when you go.
- Never feed wildlife.
- Leave all plants, animals, rocks in the park.
- In tidepools step carefully, be gentle, and leave everything.

**California leads the nation and the world with its network of MPAs.**

These MPAs—

- Have varying levels of protection
- Conserve marine habitats and diversity
- Allow marine life to thrive
- Make great places for education, research, and fun

For MPA boundaries, maps, coordinates, and allowed uses, go to [www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs)  
 MPA-related questions? Contact [ASKMPA@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:ASKMPA@wildlife.ca.gov)  
 Report violations: (888) 334-CalTIP, (888) 334-2258

**Piedras Blancas State Marine Reserve (SMR)**  
 No take, damage, injury, or possession of any living, geologic, or cultural marine resource is allowed.  
 Se prohíbe la toma, posesión o daño de todo recurso marino vivo, geológico o cultural.

**Piedras Blancas State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA)**  
 Some recreational and/or commercial take of marine resources may be allowed.  
 La toma de algunos recursos marinos, recreacionales y/o comerciales es permitida.

Piedras Blancas is one of California's most biologically rich and scenic coastal areas. Millions of people visit each year.

Seabirds, such as Brandt's cormorants, roost on the protected rocky shoreline and find abundant food diving in the kelp forests of these MPAs.

Elephant seals, once hunted to near extinction by the late 19th century, are common residents at Piedras Blancas.

Humpbacks, gray whales, and blue whales migrate past Piedras Blancas, feeding on schooling fish and kelp within these MPAs.

MPAs—Good for the Ocean; Good for You.

MPA Mobile Website

- SPN Outreach Coordinator works with **City of Pismo Beach** to create **two Seabird SAFE interpretive panels**, one for the newly renovated Pismo Pier and one for Dinosaur Caves Park.
- SPN Outreach Coordinator works with the Respect Wildlife campaign and plans the **4th Annual Wildlife Disturbance Symposium** for November 5, 2018 at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.
- SPN Outreach Coordinator will assess the feasibility of working with **Port SLO** to host site for **SeaLife Stewards kayak volunteers**.