

THE INVERTEBRATE MANAGEMENT & FMP PROJECTS

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The Projects' missions include sustainable management of important commercial and recreational marine invertebrate fisheries and resources, occurring predominantly in the nearshore environment. Primarily, the projects have been responsible for implementation of the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan and development of the Red Abalone and the Spiny Lobster FMPs, as well as Dungeness crab fishery management, and participation in MPA baseline monitoring.

Project staff efforts are wide ranging and in-depth – with staff engaged in direct resource assessment up and down the coast and the Channel Islands, as well as in the field conducting fisherman intercepts. Tools include project small boats and the radon craft *RV Irish Lord*, SCUBA gear and analytical software. Effective FMP development relies on science based resource assessment with constituent and agency interaction, as well as academic and NGO collaboration.

