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New Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisor Joins UCCE in Santa Cruz County

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Caroline (Carrie) Pomeroy to the position of University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisor. Carrie's appointment, which began on July 1, 2005, is based in Santa Cruz County. Her position is broadly based, serving the Monterey Bay Area and the state. Pomeroy is a fisheries social scientist whose work focuses on the social, economic, and cultural aspects of fisheries. She holds an M.A. in Marine Affairs from University of Miami, and a Ph.D. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University.

From 1993 until 1995, Pomeroy studied the human dimensions of fisheries as a visiting scientist at Indiana University's Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis. Since coming to California in 1995, she has developed an applied social science research program focused on California fisheries, first as a Research Scientist with the Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS) at UC Santa Cruz, where she also taught Marine Policy. Her work has involved collaboration with fishery participants, other community members, agency personnel and other researchers, and has focused on social and economic impact assessment and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

Most recently, Pomeroy's work has focused on the socio-economic impacts of management actions on fisheries and fishing communities of the Monterey Bay area. Through these studies, she and CSUMB economist Michael Dalton are working with fishery and coastal community members to develop baseline social scientific data, and to test methods for collecting often sensitive, yet critically important, social and economic information about fishery participants and their communities, in order to inform resource management.

Carrie's time and work experience in the region make her well suited for this position. She is excited about the opportunity to work in extension with our communities. Please join me in welcoming Carrie to our team.

Laura Tourte
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