

USC Sea Grant // June 2020 Newsletter

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## A Message of Solidarity from USC Sea Grant



USC Sea Grant stands with the Black community as we fight together for racial, social, and environmental justice.

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## News and Updates

[Reopening Info on Coastal Activities](#)

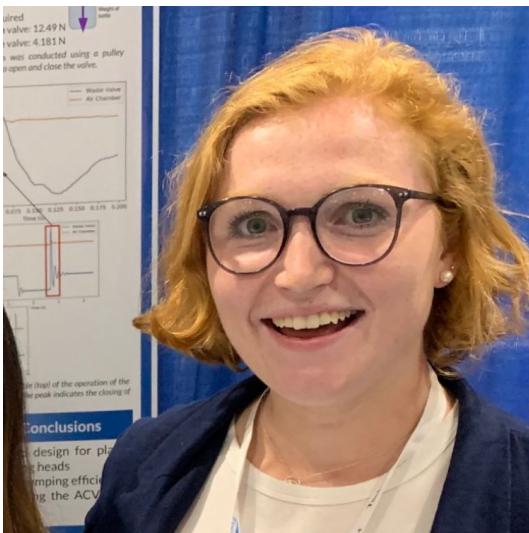


Los Angeles County, aquariums, museums, and outdoor recreation were recently given the green light to reopen. [Check out our list](#) to view what attractions across the region are open or are in the process of reopening.

Photo: Clownfish, Aquarium of the Pacific

## The Ports of Los Angeles County in San Pedro Bay

The twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are ranked as the top two busiest seaports in the U.S., handling more than 40% of all containerized cargo imported to the nation. [Read our newest ports blog](#) to learn about how these ports have evolved as critical resources and remain competitors amid being linked side-by-side.



## USC Sea Grant Student Spotlight: Maile McCann

Meet Maile McCann, USC graduate student and current USC Sea Grant trainee working on modeling resilience in coastal communities in Malibu, CA. [Read Maile's interview](#) to learn more about her path to USC Sea Grant from the East Coast, her passion for environmental science, what she thinks of West Coast pizza, and more!

USC Sea Grant recently hosted the first AdaptLA meeting of 2020. The virtual meeting had an attendance of over 45 people and was filled with lively and informative discussions on how to advance coastal adaptation efforts. Learn more about the meeting including links to the presentations, resources on AdaptLA, and how to get involved by [clicking here](#).



### Art Tutorial: California Sea Otter

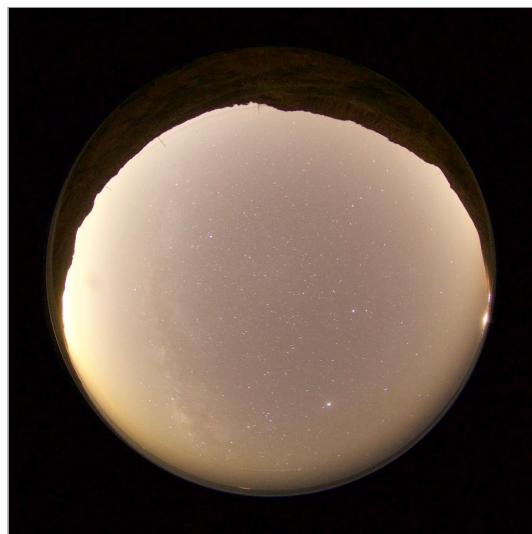
Celebrate California's wildlife by drawing your own sea otter! USC Sea Grant's Melodie Grubbs leads this mesmerizing watercolor tutorial of the endangered California sea otter, complete with follow-along instructions.

[View the tutorial here.](#)

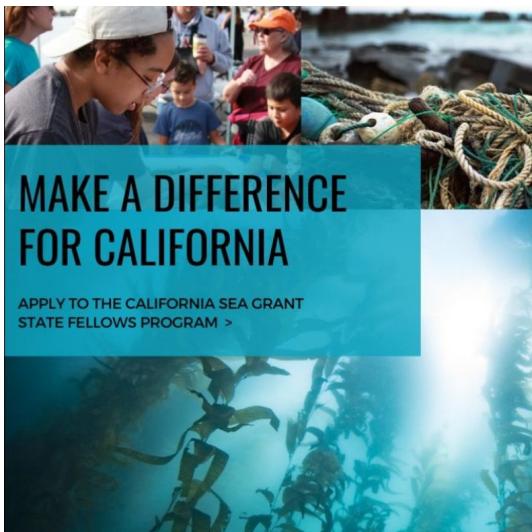
## Blog Post

### Light, Dark, Bird, Fish: Light Pollution and Landscape Ecology

As coastal cities grow and technology has improved, the increased presence of artificial light is impacting ecosystems that live in these areas. New findings from USC Sea Grant-funded researchers address questions about these impacts as they study light pollution along the coasts of Southern California. [Read the blog here](#)



# Opportunities and Events



## California Sea Grant 2021 State Fellowship

California Sea Grant is soliciting applications for the 2021 California State Fellows Program. This fellowship offers a unique educational opportunity for graduate students who are interested in marine, coastal, and/or watershed resources and in the decisions affecting those resources in California. Application Deadline is July 27, 2020. To learn more and to apply, [click here](#).

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*USC Sea Grant contributes to solving the problems of the urban ocean, while recognizing the opportunities for coastal commerce, recreation, and improving the quality of life in coastal regions such as Southern California.*



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