Undergraduate Internship Opportunity
UCSC/ NOAA Fisheries
Fisheries Conservation

Description: Summer internship opportunity at the Santa Cruz NOAA Fisheries lab. Students will play a key-role in outreach and conservation efforts in the central coast recreational rockfish fishery. This project aims to reduce post-release mortality of protected species by promoting awareness on proper release techniques with descending devices to release fish back at depth in order to mitigate the effects of barotrauma and poor survival of fish released at the surface. Interns will learn about rockfish identification, barotrauma, fishery conservation issues, and various techniques for releasing rockfish at depth. Duties include participating in six at-sea educational catch-and-release charters along the California coast as well as traveling to various launch ramps to distribute outreach materials to anglers.

Prerequisites:
- Enthusiasm to learn about the field of fisheries research and conservation.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to engage with individuals having a wide range of perspectives while remaining positive.
- Interest in fish identification and participation in at-sea educational catch-and-release trips (some sea-going experience preferred).

Time commitment: Summer Session (Jun-Aug), 6 full days at sea (5:30a–7:00p) over the course of the summer with two potential over-night trips to Fort Bragg and Morro Bay, as well as 1 afternoon a week (10:30a - 4:00p); Fridays and weekends may be necessary. Must attend 2-3 hour training session at beginning of summer session. This is an unpaid opportunity, but interns are eligible to receive 2 credits through the UCSC Environmental Studies internship program. Seeking 1-2 students.

How to Apply: Please send an email to Morgan Arrington at morgan.arrington@noaa.gov with a little bit about yourself and your interest as well as your availability over the summer. Please attach your resume and 2 reference contacts. All applications are due by May 29.