**FISH & SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION: Fishing, shellfish harvesting, aquaculture**

**KEY BENEFICIAL USES AND KEY AREAS**

Fishing, shellfish harvesting, and aquaculture are key beneficial uses. These uses of water serve to promote our tangible and intangible economic, social, and environmental goals. Human health is the primary concern with regard to the key beneficial use of fish and shellfish consumption.

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| **Second Rank** | San Diego Bay  
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Oceanside Harbor  
Lagoons & Estuaries |

**AREAS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE**

- Areas intensively used for subsistence fishing and/or shellfish harvesting (or with potential for such use)
- Such as shoreline areas & structures (piers, wharfs, docks, jetties, breakwaters, etc.) accessible to the public for fishing & shellfish harvesting
- E.g., near
  - Dana Point Harbor breakwater & jetty
  - Dana Point Pier (Dana Point Harbor)
  - San Clemente Pier
  - Oceanside Harbor fishing pier
  - Agua Hedionda Lagoon jetties & shoreline
  - Batiquitos Lagoon jetties
  - Crystal Pier (Pacific Beach)
  - Mission Bay shoreline and jetties
  - San Diego River jetty
  - Ocean Beach Pier
  - Imperial Beach Pier

- Areas for which fish & shellfish consumption advisories have been issued because of persistent bioaccumulative toxic substances
  - South Orange County coastal ocean waters
  - Dana Point Harbor
  - Mission Bay
  - San Diego Bay

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Identifying key beneficial uses and key areas is the beginning of helping the Board focus on what is most important.

For more information see:
- [Practical Vision: Healthy Waters, Healthy People (2013)]
- [Key Beneficial Uses and Key Areas: Focusing on What is Most Important (2017)]