

MARINE LIFE STUDIES



RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

*Teaching and Inspiring the Public
to Protect Marine Wildlife*

Marine Life Studies is a non-profit organization which is committed to protecting marine wildlife and preserving the health and beauty of our oceans now, and for the future, through education, research and environmental stewardship programs.

Environmental conservation depends on good research. Sharing the results of our research helps educate the public and creates awareness of the need to protect marine wildlife, especially from man-made disasters and pollution. The more we know, the better we can protect our precious oceans, and the whales, dolphins, birds and all life that depend on it. As we teach, we encourage a new generation of environmental stewards and research scientists.

MARINE LIFE STUDIES JUNIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST PROGRAM



Classes and educational programs are funded in part through the *Marine Life Studies Joey Jones Scholarship and Educational Fund* in honor of Moss Landing resident and commercial fisherman, Joey Jones, who lost his life at sea April 3, 2008. Joey's love of the sea and fishing was the inspiration for the scholarship. He wanted to bridge the gap between the marine science and commercial fishing communities through cooperation, dialogue, education and research.

Please contribute to Marine Life Studies research and educational programs. To make a tax-deductible donation online, please visit the website. Or mail your check to the address below. Thank you.

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The next generation holds the keys to a better understanding of the importance of our planet's ocean ecology.

Through education and experience, students learn the value of becoming active stewards of the animals and environment entrusted to us all.

Peggy Stap, Executive Director and Founder
Researcher, Educator and Speaker

MARINE LIFE STUDIES MARINE DEBRIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Marine debris includes all materials that do not occur in the natural marine environment. There are sea-based sources, such as ships, fish farm installations and oil and gas platforms, and land-based sources such as river transport of waste from landfills, and recreational boaters and beachgoers. It is estimated that 70% of marine debris sinks to the bottom of the ocean. The debris also travels to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a huge marine debris concentration in the North Pacific Ocean.

The primary effects to marine wildlife from marine debris is ingestion, and entanglement. Marine Life Studies was instrumental in the formation of W.E.T. (Whale Entanglement Team) for Central and Northern California. Peggy Stap has worked with governmental agencies, academic institutions, NGO's, etc. to create a formalized trained team to respond to whales entangled in fishing gear and marine debris.

Marine Life Studies offers educational programs about the environmental and health hazards of marine debris, marine wildlife entanglement and activities as water and shore cleanups.

What you can do to help:

- Make the switch to cloth shopping bags today. California alone uses 19 billion plastic bags per year.
- Contact your local school about Marine Life Studies educational programs. Learn more.
- Become a volunteer for Marine Life Studies.

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