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How An Kow vs Nunan

An Early San Francisco Civil Rights Case

Daniel Nealand, Archives Director at the National Archives Pacific Region (San Bruno) presented a workshop on "Civil Rights Superheroes" at the recent annual meeting of the California Council for Social Studies, an educational organization working to foster social studies teaching in California schools. The workshop was intended to encourage teachers to use archival documents to bring American history alive to their students. Nealand discussed several Federal civil rights cases based on records in NARA Pacific Region archival holdings. One case was brought by members of the San Francisco Chinese community to contest discriminatory treatment by the county sheriff.

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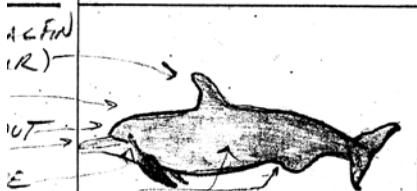
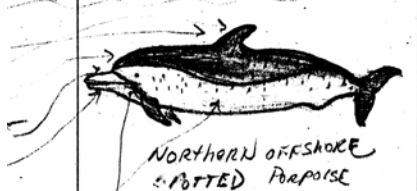
Tuna Seiners Project Files

The National Archives holdings in Laguna Niguel, California, allow today's researchers to use the work produced by young and enthusiastic marine fisheries observers in 1982. The Tuna Seiners Project Files, filling 300 archives boxes, include the observers' raw data, descriptive narratives, and sketches from 600 or more purse seine fishing cruises from the 1970s and 80s.

Armed with clipboards, pencils, and blank forms, observers on purse seine tuna boats gathered data on sightings and notations on any visible injuries to the marine mammals encountered during the cruises. In addition to

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MARINE MAMMAL SIGHTING RECORD

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	WIND	WAVES	SEA	SKETCH FEATURES OF ANIMALS SIGHTED	PAGE
11-2-82	OFFSHORE	10:00	10T	10F	5 FT	 <p>EASTERN SPINNER PORPOISE <i>Stenella longirostris</i></p>	
11-2-82	OFFSHORE	10:00	10T	10F	5 FT	 <p>NORTHERN OFFSHORE SPOTTED PORPOISE <i>Stenella attenuata</i></p>	

Sketch from Cruise 830
Marine Mammal Sighting Record,
December 7, 1982.



Cathy Westfeldt, NARA Sr. Records Analyst, receives a Certificate of Appreciation for her assistance to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. Others, L to R: Kay Schardein, JPL Records Manager; Margo Young, Manager, JPL Library, Archives and Records Section; Richard Boyden, Records Management Director, NARA Pacific Region; and Willis Chapman, Division Manager, Logistics and Technical Information Division.

NARA's Pacific Region supports federal agencies in

- California
- Nevada
- Arizona

We help federal agencies to manage their records and solve records management problems. We offer records management training tailored to your agency's needs. For assistance, contact:

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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
 Records Administration Conference (RACO)

RM and IT: Building the Digital Future

Tuesday, May 8, 2007
 Washington, DC

Register online by May 1 at
<http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/training/raco2007.html>

Save the Date!
RACO WEST

RM and IT: Building the Digital Future
 Kansas City, MO
 Tuesday, September 18, 2007
 Contact: workshop.kansascity@nara.gov



NARA Regional Administrator Retires

Shirley Burton, the leading official in NARA Pacific Region for the past 6 years, recently announced her retirement. She will be sorely missed. A native of Illinois and a twenty-year NARA veteran, Shirley worked in both Regional Archives and Federal Records Center programs as she rose through the management ranks at the NARA Great Lakes Region in Chicago. While working full time in Chicago, she earned a Ph.D. in American History at the University of Illinois. She was promoted to assistant regional administrator at the NARA Southeast Region in Atlanta, then moved to the West Coast to head the Pacific Region, consisting of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Ocean area.

During her tenure as Regional Administrator, she oversaw the expansion of the recently-created Records Management Program, the construction of a new, state-of-the-art Federal Records Center facility near Riverside, California, and the expansion of public programs by our Regional Archives programs. Shirley brought abundant wisdom, patience, and intelligence to her position, and made significant reforms during a period of change for the National Archives. We wish her every success in her future endeavors.



Early 20th century newsphoto taken in San Francisco's Chinatown, showing a Chinese man with his hair braided in a 'queue.'

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During the 1870s-1880s, San Francisco, which harbored the largest Chinese community in the United States, became a center for anti-Chinese hysteria and political agitation. The motto of the Workingman's Party, headquartered in San Francisco, was "The Chinese Must Go!" and mobs attacked Chinese businesses and homes in the city. The city government blazed an unsavory trail in passing and enforcing numerous ordinances aimed at the Chinese. Anti-Chinese agitation would eventually yield the infamous Chinese Exclusion Act,

passed in 1882.

But meanwhile, the Chinese community battled back. Supported in part by concerned non-Chinese citizens, writers and lawyers, Chinese defendants won a series of landmark test-case victories in Federal Court to establish their right to equal protection under the law. Beneficial effects of this litigation extend to the present day.

An ordinance passed in 1876 by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors required that "each and every male prisoner incarcerated or imprisoned in the County Jail have the hair of their heads cut off or clipped to a uniform length of one inch from the scalp." Though presented as a public health measure, the law was popularly termed the "Queue Ordinance" because it was known to have been aimed at Chinese prisoners. The queue, a long braid worn from the back of the head, originally required of Chinese men as a token of political submission to the Manchu Dynasty, had, over time, become a mark of honor and dignity. Forced removal of the queue was viewed as an act of mutilation and disgrace.

Four test-case volunteers stepped forward to challenge the ordinance, bringing civil actions in Federal court against Sheriff Matthew Nunan. The cases were consolidated as *Ho An Kow vs. Matthew Nunan*. Sheriff Nunan admitted that his officers had forcibly sheared off Ho An Kow's queue during the prisoner's jail sentence but denied that the act had violated Chinese custom or caused suffering to the plaintiff. He also claimed that, as a public health measure, the Sheriff's office was duty bound to enforce the ordinance.

The U.S. Circuit Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. Presiding Justice Stephen Field noted that the ordinance, "though general in its terms," operated only upon the Chinese. Rather than impartial, the ordinance was "special legislation" intended and enforced so as to impose a "degrading and cruel punishment upon a class of persons who are entitled to the equal protection of the laws." Justice Field struck down the ordinance as unconstitutional.

Tuna Seiners Project Files *continued from page 1*

gathering numeric data, the observers wrote narrative descriptions and sketched drawings of individual or groups of marine mammals.

The Marine Mammal Sighting Records reproduced here represent only one of a hundred sightings on Cruise 830 out of San Diego, California, between August and December 1982. Each observer's records show an amazing array of wildlife sightings, including Whitebelly porpoises, Spinner dolphins, Shearwater and Frigate birds, turtles, Skipjack and Yellowfin tuna, and a variety of whales. Many of the cruise records include excellent drawings of marine mammals and detailed narratives describing pods of whales and their interactions with the fishing vessels.

Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the National Marine Fisheries Service, now known as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, must determine the impact that U.S. commercial fisheries have on marine mammal stocks. NOAA Fisheries has been employing the services of observers to collect fisheries data from 1972 to the present. NOAA observers have monitored fishing activities on all US coasts, collecting data for a range of conservation and management issues.

NOAA FORM 616-108 MARINE MAMMAL SIGHTING RECORD PAGE 1

SIGHTING SUMMARY
LIST ALL DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES OBSERVED (INCLUDE ESTIMATED BODY LENGTH)

SKETCH FEATURES OF ANIMALS SIGHTED

FORWARD CURVED DORSAL FIN (SOME SLIGHTLY TRIANGULAR)
- WELL DEFINED NOSE
- DEMARCATED MELON/SNOOT
- LONG THIN SNOOT
- EYE TO ALTRINE STRIKE
- GRAY COLORED
- SOME UPWEATH HUMP
- LENGTH UP TO 266.5 FT

EASTERN SPINNER DOLPHIN
Stenella longirostris

DARK DORSAL CAPE
- BROAD DORSAL FIN
- WELL DEFINED NOSE
- DEMARCATED MELON/SNOOT
- MEDIUM LONG SNOOT
- MEDIUM ROBUST BODY
- GRAY COLOR UNDER THE SKIN
- MOUTH OPEN TO STYLAR SMOOT
- SWATHING IN BODY LENGTH UP TO 266.5 FT

NORTHERN OCEANIC SPOTTED PORPOISE
Stenella attenuata

BEHAVIOR - DESCRIBE AGGREGATION, MOVEMENT, BOW AND STERN RIDGES, BLOWS, ETC.
Before chase - slow strike low maneuvered out.
During chase - some ran fast stayed low some showed curious behavior by running out from snouts but snout's remained by the spinner's.
During set - spinner's pulled slow spinner's moved quickly around the net.
AFTER P.D. - Spinner ran for 1/2 hr after leaping.

ASSOCIATED ANIMALS - (INCLUDE NUMBER AND SPECIES OF BIRDS) PHOTOS ROLL # FRAME #

100 Boobys
100 Shearwaters
1 Frigate bird

NOAA FORM 616-108 MARINE MAMMAL SIGHTING RECORD PAGE 1

CRUISE # 830 DATE 2/13/702

SIGHTING CUE: TIME 10:00 BEARING 180 DISTANCE 0400 SWATHING 037811.337 LATITUDE 1145122 LONGITUDE 1026031

ENVIR. COND. AT CUE: SEA 1 WIND 1 SWELL 1 VIS 1

POSITION AT TIME OF CUE: SURFACE

AVERAGE CREW ESTIMATE OF POD/SIZE: MEAN 23333000 LOWEST 2000

OBSERVER ESTIMATE OF POD/SIZE: MEAN 1100 LOWEST 0200

SPECIES: 10077 Porpoise

101502 STENELLA ATTENUATA

TOTAL TIME OF OBSERVATION: 4:30 ENVIR. COND. AT CLOSEST OBSERVATION: SEA 1 WIND 1 SWELL 1 VIS 1

AMT. OF TIME AT CLOSEST OBSERVATION: 2:11

METHOD OF OBSERVATION: 100 EYE

NARRATIVE: DISCUSS EVENTS DURING THIS SIGHTING

WHO	WHEN	BEST	NO. IN	LOW
SRIP	11:15	1500	1500	1500
NAP	11:15	1500	1500	1500
SRIP	11:15	1500	1500	1500

From the Marine Mammal Sighting Records, 1972 to 1982, part of the Tuna Seiners Project Files.

Currently, NOAA Fisheries deploys fishery observers to collect catch and by-catch data from US commercial fishing and processing vessels. Annually, forty-two different fisheries are monitored by observer programs that log over 60,000 observer days at sea. According to NOAA Fisheries experts, observer programs are one of the best sources of reliable, objective data on levels of takes of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations.

If the records you create in your work for the Federal government are scheduled as permanent records, you, too, may be producing interesting historical archives for use by future researchers.

For research access to the Tuna Seiners Project Files held in the National Archives at Laguna Niguel, California, please contact Paul Wormser, Director of Archives Operations, (949) 360-2640 or Paul.Wormser@nara.gov

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Records Management Workshops

◆ Disaster Preparedness and Recovery
June 8, 2007, *Reno NV*

◆ Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information
Knowledge Area 2
June 4-5, 2007, *Reno NV*
July 18-19, *Arcata CA*
August 7-8, *Los Angeles CA*

◆ Vital Records
June 7, 2007, *Reno NV*

◆ Records Scheduling
Knowledge Area 3
July 31-August 1, 2007
San Francisco CA

◆ Basic Records Operations
May 16, *South Lake Tahoe CA*
August 21, *Santa Rosa CA*

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◆ Asset and Risk Management
Knowledge Area 5
July 18-19, 2007, *Flagstaff AZ*

FREE half-day course

◆ Recordkeeping: A Program Manager's Survival Guide
May 17, 2007
South Lake Tahoe CA

◆ Records Management Program Development
Knowledge Area 6
June 20, 2007, *Sacramento CA*
July 20, 2007, *Flagstaff AZ*

FREE half-day course

◆ Records Transfer and Reference

How to transfer non-current records to the Federal Records Center (arrangement of records, completion of transfer paperwork, shipment of records); how to make a request for reference services; other services available from the Federal Records Center (Fast Pack, Metro Courier Service).

8:30 am to 12:00 p.m.
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1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066

May 17, 2007 ◆ July 13, 2007 ◆ September 6, 2007

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E-Records Forum

Metadata and System Integration and Persistent Objects, OH MY!

Electronic Record Keeping is Coming!

Friday, June 8, 2007 ■ 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

University of California at Los Angeles ■ Covell Commons, Sunset Village

Speakers:

- ◆ Anne J. Gilliland, PhD, Professor and Chair, UCLA Department of Information Studies.
- ◆ Mahnaz Ghaznavi, Records Manager, Getty Research Library, InterPARES2 Research Project.
- ◆ Jean-François Blanchette, PhD, Asst. Professor, UCLA Department of Information Studies.
- ◆ Cathy Westfeldt, CRM, National Archives and Records Administration, Pacific Region.

FREE! Register by May 25. Limited to 75 participants.

Register at laguna.workshops@nara.gov

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More information at: <http://www.archives.gov/pacific/laguna/agencies/records-mgmt-forum.pdf>

map and directions at: <http://www.ucla.edu/map/driving.html>

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