



One of the many fallacious statements made about our Marina is coppers effect on the food chain. I want to offer first hand testimony that the food chain is really strong and bountiful. As I moved my boat toward the sea this Saturday I observed an incredible number of cormorants and pelicans feeding in the Marina. As I passed the new docks at Chace Park I see the seals and sea lions have already moved onto them even before the construction is finished. Oh well maybe it is better they dirty the up public docks instead of climbing on the boats. As it was low tide I could see how the oysters, scallops and mussels have multiplied in spite of harvesting by some people. Curious that no body seems to get sick from eating this shell fish. When I arrived at the break water the stench of guano was over powering. There are thousands of pelicans and gulls roosting on our break water because the food chain is so good. As I passed the break water at King Harbor Redondo I saw no birds, no guano and no seals. I wonder if their food chain has gone bad!! Why does all the sea life congregate at Marina Del Rey? A sea life census would be a good way to measure the before and after effects of the proposed TMDL.

I suggest to you based on first hand scientific evidence our Marina is not broke and the Water Board should stop trying it fix it. Their resources would be better employed at stopping urban run off and or identifying containments of emerging concern (CEC's), ETC.

Sincerely Yours,
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