California Central Coast
RCA Study

EFP Applicant:
Central Coast Sustainable Groundfish Association
[now Central CA Seafood Marketing Association]
California Risk Pool

- Minimize OFS encounters
- Maximize target harvest
- Avoid sensitive habitat
- Contribute to rebuilding stocks
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Project Partners: TNC, MLML / California Sea Grant, NMFS/SWFSC, EDF, CCSGA/CCSMA, local fishermen, UCSB

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Study Elements

• Mapping predicted OFS distributions based on existing fisheries data
  o FRAM Trawl Survey, AK Science Center trawl survey, CPFV catch data

• Visual surveys inside the RCA using video system

• Directed fishing inside the RCA
  o vertical hook and line gear - target abundant species
Progress to date..
Broader Project Goals

• Build better maps of OFS distribution utilizing available data, local knowledge, and ground-truthing through field surveys

• Better inform both fishing opportunities (eg. targeting chilis and avoiding bycatch) and management decisions (eg. RCA re-configuration)