



Science Sunday at the Seymour Center—*Life and Death on the Central Coast: Thriving elephant seals and declining sea lions—what's going on?*

Santa Cruz, CA—The Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab kicks-off **Science Sunday** on February 21 at 1:00 PM. **Science Sunday at the Seymour Center** is a new monthly science lecture and discussion featuring leading marine scientists, environmentalists, and conservationists from throughout the Monterey Bay area. Each month, presentations will focus on topics of public interest locally, nationally, and internationally. Lectures are designed to make science interesting and "user-friendly" for everyone. *Science Sunday at the Seymour Center* is the third Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM and is free with admission or membership.

Inaugural speakers, Guy Oliver, UCSC research associate at Long Marine Lab, and Pat Morris, UCSC research biologist and assistant manager of the Año Nuevo Island Reserve have together spent more than 45 years studying elephant seals and sea lions in California. Come hear first hand what they have to say about why these species are responding so differently to conditions along the Central Coast in their talk—*Life and Death on the Central Coast: Thriving elephant seals and declining sea lions—what's going on?*

Few people have spent as much time on Año Nuevo Reserve as Oliver and Morris. They are currently conducting behavioral and physiological research on Northern elephant seals, California sea lions, and Northern sea lions and have become the "go-to-guys" for information on these ubiquitous marine mammals along the Central Coast. "Guy and Pat, by spending almost every day in the field at Año Nuevo during the mating and pupping seasons, have become experts in elephant seal biology and natural history," said Julie Barrett Heffington, Director of the Seymour Center. "It is fascinating to listen to their day-to-day experiences out in the field. They provide a current and real time window into what is happening on the beach."

Located in Santa Cruz on the bluffs overlooking Monterey Bay, the Seymour Center provides exciting and engaging ocean education programs for the visiting public and for students of all ages. It is dedicated to educating youth, families, and the general public about the role science plays in the understanding and conservation of the world's oceans. The Seymour Center is open six days a week, year-round, and serves more than 58,000 people each year.



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FEATURING:	Guy Oliver and Pat Morris
WHEN:	Sunday, February 21, 2010 1:00 PM
WHERE:	Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab La Feliz Room End of Delaware Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95060
ADMISSION:	Free with admission to the Seymour Center (\$6 Adults / \$4 Students or Seniors) Free for Seymour Center Members and UC Santa Cruz undergraduates
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