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Our mission is to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds through science-based advocacy, education, field work and enforcement

Support Clean Water Today

## Channelkeeper and EDC File Legal Appeal to Protect Against Offshore Fracking



On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Channelkeeper and the [Environmental Defense Center \(EDC\)](#) filed an appeal to defend our 2018 legal victory to address the impacts of offshore fracking on the environment and endangered species. A federal court ruled in our favor last November and issued an injunction prohibiting the Trump Administration from approving permits for fracking and acidizing from oil platforms off the California coast until the US Fish and Wildlife Service and California Coastal Commission have reviewed the potential impacts of these practices on wildlife and our coast. The American Petroleum Institute appealed that ruling, so Channelkeeper and EDC have filed our own appeal to ensure full compliance with environmental protection laws.

### Thanks for Supporting Water Quality Sampling at Rincon!

Many thanks to all you beach lovers out there who contributed to our Rincon Beach Water Quality Sampling fundraising campaign last month! Our community rallied for surfable, swimmable water by



donating nearly \$4,000 to support Channelkeeper's effort to provide ocean users with accurate and timely information about water quality at Rincon Beach. Click [here](#) to get the most current sampling results for Rincon, and download the [Swim Guide app](#) to access water quality info for Rincon and thousands of other beaches across the nation from your smart phone. Get the skinny before you dip, because a day at the beach shouldn't make you sick!

## Santa Barbara Straw Ban Effective July 1

Last October, at the request of Channelkeeper and the [Community Environmental Council \(CEC\)](#), the Santa Barbara City Council voted to ban plastic straws and stirrers and require that plastic to-go utensils be provided only upon request. The ban (which includes a medical exemption in consideration of the Americans with Disabilities Act) entered into effect yesterday, July 1, 2019! Now that the City of Santa Barbara has taken this big step to reduce its plastic pollution footprint, we're working on Goleta and Santa Barbara County to follow suit, so please stay tuned for ways you can help the whole South Coast stem the tide of plastic pollution.



## Take the Pledge: Go Plastic Free this July!

Please join Channelkeeper, [CEC](#), and partners around the world by taking the pledge to 'Choose to Refuse' single-use plastic during the month of July. We can all be part of the solution to plastic pollution! The challenge is simple; commit to refusing ALL single-use plastic, or try the top 4: plastic bags, water bottles, takeaway coffee cups and straws. Click [here](#) to learn more!

Locally, Channelkeeper and CEC have been working to reduce single-use plastic for over a decade. We first tackled single-use plastic grocery bags by giving away thousands of free reusable bags, successfully advocating for local bag ban ordinances, and supporting the statewide bag ban as well. Channelkeeper and CEC are now championing efforts to reduce the use of Styrofoam and plastic straws, including through local ordinances, our Skip the Straw outreach campaign, innovative pilot projects, and widespread efforts to raise public awareness about the impacts of single-use plastics on wildlife and our oceans.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FigBack Tuesdays**  
July

**Goleta Stream Team**  
July 14



If you like great beer, live music and clean water, we've got your back! Figueron Mountain Brewing Co. will be promoting and supporting Channelkeeper every Tuesday in July through their #FigBackTuesdays. Swing by the Santa Barbara taproom at 137 Anacapa Street in the Funk Zone any Tuesday in July and enjoy some cold frosty brews and live music while supporting Channelkeeper's work for clean water and a healthy coast! The music line-up includes Wall of Tom (July 9), The Salty Strings (July 16), and The Traveling Hurtados (July 23). Channelkeeper crew members will be there to mingle and chat about our work, so please come join us. Cheers!



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Come join us to help monitor and protect our local waterways. Goleta Stream Team will meet on **Sunday, July 14th** at 10 am. Please RSVP via [email](#). For more information, visit our website, email us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 3.

## Ocean Jewel SB Benefit Ends July 15!



[Ocean Jewel SB](#) is donating 15% of all jewelry sales from May 15-July 15 to support Channelkeeper's efforts to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds. You can find Ocean Jewel SB on Saturdays at Paseo Nuevo in the Blissful Boutique Makers Market (located near the theater), as well as in the Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital gift shop, A-Frame Surf Shop, and The Beach House.

## Celebrate Swimmable CA Day July 25



Channelkeeper works hard to protect the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds so they're clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. In 2013, the California Legislature passed a resolution to officially commemorate July 25th as "Swimmable California Day," recognizing Californians' right to waters that are clean and safe for swimming. Snap a photo of yourself enjoying your favorite waterway with the #SwimmableCA hashtag for a chance to be highlighted on our social media! Here's to clean, swimmable water!

[Wild Waves & Wild Fish at](#)

[Dive in and Explore](#)

## FCD Surfboards in Ventura July 29



[Fletcher Chouinard Designs](#) has chosen Channelkeeper to be the beneficiary of its "Wild Waves & Wild Fish" event on Monday, July 29th. Join us at the Patagonia retail store in Ventura from 7-9 pm for screenings of three films ([Los Plástico](#), [Estado Salmonero](#), and [Saving Martha](#)) and Q&A with Patagonia Ambassador [Lea Brassy](#). FCD will be selling beer, raffling off some awesome products, and donating the proceeds to Channelkeeper, so come on down and join in the fun while supporting a great cause. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Our MPAs August 11 & September 8



Join Channelkeeper and [Truth Aquatics](#) on two special, limited-time discounted SCUBA diving trips to the Naples and Campus Point Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) on **Sunday, August 11th** and **Sunday, September 8th** from 7 am-4 pm. Dive in and experience the breathtaking beauty of this stunning stretch of coastline and the diversity of marine life that makes these MPAs so unique. Check out [Channelkeeper's Naples Reef and Campus Point Dive Portals](#) for a glimpse at what you might see beneath the surface! Excursions cost \$70 per person (including meals and air fills); dive gear and snorkeling rentals are available at additional expense. **LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!** Call Truth Aquatics at 805.962.1127 or click [here](#) to reserve your spot on the August 11<sup>th</sup> dive or [here](#) for the September 8<sup>th</sup> dive.



### Become a Member!

Your support for Channelkeeper's efforts is needed now more than ever. **Become a member** of the Channelkeeper crew today with your **tax-deductible donation**. You'll be investing in clean water and healthy communities along the Santa Barbara Channel today and for future generations. With your membership, you will receive our

regular newsletters, news updates and action alerts, invitations to special Channelkeeper events and fun volunteer opportunities, and a free Channelkeeper sticker. All new donors contributing \$50 or more can also receive a Channelkeeper t-shirt, and for donations of \$250 or more, bi-annual issues of [Waterkeeper magazine](#). Sign up today by calling 805.563.3377 ext.1, [emailing](#) us, or clicking [here](#).

