

## Decommissioning San Onofre

**Nuclear Generating Station** 

# Wheeler North Reef Expansion **Project**

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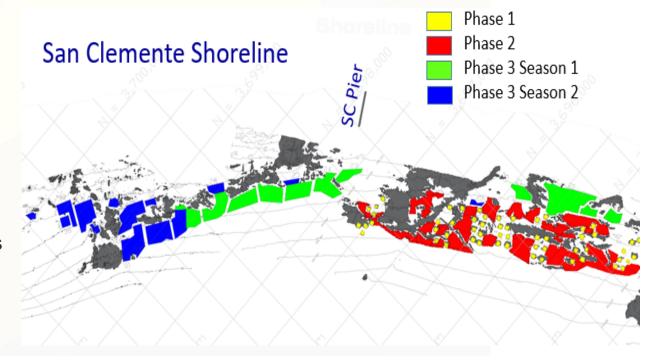




## Wheeler North Reef Expansion Project Complete

#### Largest man-made reef in the world

- Built in three phases
- Phase 3 was 202 acres 150,900 tons of rock
- Reef more than doubled to 376 acres.





### Consultation with Tribal Nation to Protect Cultural Resources

# Tribal Consultation under CEQA (Assembly Bill 52, 2015)

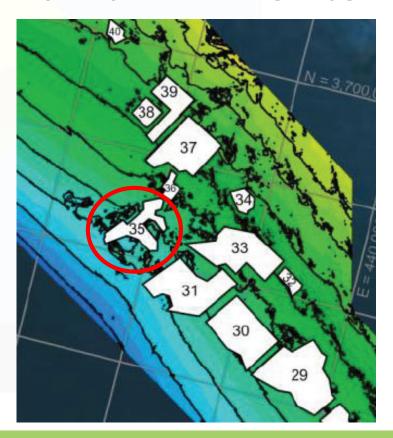
#### **Consultation Process:**

- Tribal notification
- Acjachemen Nation pre-construction dive for resources in project area
- Identified cultural sensitivity within Polygon 35

#### Consultation Outcome:

- SCE eliminated Polygon 35
- Post-construction cultural dive
- Ca. State Lands/ Dudek and SCE to develop professional paper on consultation process

#### **Bathymetry Map Showing Polygon 35**







## **Marine Wildlife Monitoring**





Fulltime Monitoring to Protect Marine Animals

- Species identification
- Monitor compliance with applicable laws
- Stop Work Authority to avoid marine animal collisions or harm
- Exclusion Zone: 500 feet small animals;
  1,640 feet large animals
- Trained dedicated boatmen to monitor transport vessels

#### 2019 Observations

Total number of sightings: 1,378

Total number of animals: 1,253

Total Stop Work orders: 17





# Monitoring Success: A Pathway Forward





#### **Coastal Commission/ SCE Agreement**

- Defined compliance period, now tied to SONGS Operation life 32 years
- Shift performance standards
  - 896 tons of fish (28 tons/yr. x 32 years)
  - 4,800 acres of kelp (150 acres/yr. x 32 years)
  - 32 years of relative data performance
- Reduced annual monitoring effort
- Hard substrate monitoring every 5 years

