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FISH PRODUCTION OF THE OIL PLATFORMS OFF THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA

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To investigate the conservation and fisheries value of active and decommissioned oil platforms, standing stock biomass and production of fishes on oil platforms (and natural rocky reefs for comparison) off of southern California, USA were modeled using fisheries independent empirically-collected submersible and scuba survey data. All platforms and natural reefs included in the study were surveyed for at least 5 years. Standing stock biomass estimates incorporated depth-specific fish density and size structure with published weight-length relationships. Production of these fishes was then modeled over one year using von Bertalanffy growth function parameters and size-based species-specific estimates of natural mortality. Reproductive potential was also evaluated between platforms and natural reefs for species with published size-fecundity relationships (or other size-based measures of reproductive potential). Fish production estimates for oil platforms were high, often one to two orders of magnitude greater than rocky-reefs in the region. Per unit area of seafloor, oil platform fish populations also have significantly greater reproductive potential relative to those on rocky reefs. These results indicate that the potential contribution of oil platform habitat to biological resources in this region is substantial.