

Science Behind the Scenery

The Science Coordination and Research Division provides direction and coordination for the development of research programs for the Seashore. The objectives of the program are to 1) identify, prioritize and integrate park-specific research needs with those of other parks, agencies and organizations, 2) inventory and monitor natural resources at Point Reyes NS and other parks of the San Francisco Bay Area Network, and 3) disseminate and communicate research findings.

Pacific Coast Science and Learning Center - The Pacific Coast Science and Learning Center (PCSLC) is one of 15 centers across the country working to increase the effectiveness and communication of research and science results in the national parks through:

- Facilitating the use of parks for scientific inquiry
- Supporting science-informed decision making
- Communicating relevance and providing access to research knowledge
- Promoting resource stewardship through partnerships

Tomales Bay Biodiversity Partnership – The PCSLC has begun to devote significant support to the Tomales Bay Watershed Council (the Seashore is a member) to aid with science needs such as mapping, proposal development,

database support, and guidance on development of a species of local interest list that will direct future conservation efforts in the Bay.

Fungal Forays – Over 125 volunteers and 10 taxonomists participated in two fungi inventories of Point Reyes that increased the known species in the park from ~110 to over 340! The inventory will be repeated in 2007.

Eight interns were paired with researchers or resource management staff at bay area parks on research or monitoring projects.



Participants from the fungal forays (above) and NPS crews assisting with cleanup along Tomlaes Bay (left)

