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I have a giant concern with this project. As you know, there are live bluefin tuna pens (aquaculture) located just below the Mexican border from San Diego. Those fish have to be fed a lot everyday to keep them growing. The problem with the tuna pens is that sardine, mackerel and anchovy seiner boats have basically wiped out the bait population of northern Baja Mexico. I have a house in San Quintin (100 miles south of the tuna pens) and have seen the bait population in the area raped by the seiners that come in there everyday looking for tuna food over the last 5 to 7 years. Mackerel, anchovies and sardines used to be so thick you could almost walk on them. Not any more.

I am afraid of the same thing happening here in San Diego with the proposed aquaculture pens. The fish food has to come from some where, and local bait populations certainly are enticing to the business owners of the pens.

My vote is no on the aqua culture pens.

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