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Local Scholar is Co-Author of Book on Rockfishes

The Rockfishes of the Northeast Pacific, a 416-page book published by the University of California Press and co-authored by Milton Love, research scientist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is designed to be accessible to educators, resource managers and conservationists, professional marine biologists, and the general public.

"Especially considering the public's heightened interest in rockfishes surrounding recent closures of rockfish fisheries on the West Coast, the information contained in this book will contribute to an increased understanding of the biology and ecology of rockfishes, and will most certainly promote the protection, conservation, and appreciation of these valuable living resources," said co-author Mary Yoklavich of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The third author is Lyman Thorsteinson of the United States Geological Survey.

The book provides comprehensive information on the biology, ecology, evolution, nomenclature, fisheries and conservation of the 72 species of rockfishes occurring from Alaska to the Gulf of California. In addition, a key to identifying each species is followed by detailed species accounts of appearance, life history, location, and fishery status. The book includes over 500 spectacular color illustrations and photographs and 75 distribution maps.

Milton Love first became interested in rockfishes when his father took him fishing on a party boat out of Malibu in the mid-1950s. "When we fished on a reef we caught at least eight species of rockfish, all of them colorful and cool looking," said Love. "From that time on I was interested in that group of fishes and never really changed my focus."

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