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SECTION 1 SOUTH BAY REFUGE VAN TOUR

The Tijuana Estuary Visitor's Center will be hosting a South Bay Refuge Van Tour on Saturday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to celebrate World Wetlands Day. This incredible wetland is home to thousands of migratory and resident shorebirds and waterfowl. You'll also get a chance to see the changes that have been happening in the newly restored area of the bay. This is a free event that is open to all. Space is limited, so reserve your spot as soon as possible. Call (619) 575-3613 ext. 305 or email Lwarner@parks.ca.gov. See **Attachment #1**, event flyer, for more information.

SECTION 2 POLL WORKERS NEEDED

The San Diego County Registrar of Voters Office is accepting applications for poll workers. Poll workers receive a stipend of between \$75.00 and \$175.00 depending upon assignment. There is an additional \$15.00 for those who are placed in a bilingual assignment for Chinese, Filipino, Spanish or Vietnamese. If you know of someone who is interested in being a poll worker, applications are available at the main entrance to City Hall or visit www.sdvote.com.

SECTION 3 TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A Tax Assistance Program, by appointment only, will be available for taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention given to persons 60+. The program will be held by Chuck Wise and Richard Williams, who are both very knowledgeable and can assist with your tax needs. The program will be held at the Imperial Beach Senior Center on Mondays only, beginning February 6th through April 2, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Contact Joanne at (619) 424-7077 to make your appointment. See **Attachment #2** for more details.

SECTION 4 SHARK SIGHTING

On January 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. three longtime local surfers were checking the surf at Beach Avenue when they spotted a large fin in the water and took a photo just before it submerged.

The large fin looked to be similar to a Great White shark which was very unusual for this area and rarely observed. Prior to taking any action, lifeguards had to have more information to assure the shark sighting was credible.



Lifeguards contacted the photographer to interview him for more information to help identify the type of shark, size and relative threat to the public. The photographer was about 150 yards away from the shark and estimated the fin when fully out of the water to be about 1 to 2 feet. The shark surfaced for 15 to 20 seconds. The photo was also sent to Scripps and the Shark Research Project for expert evaluation. It was determined to most likely be a Great White Shark and possibly 16 to 18 feet long. Due to the possible public safety threat of a Great White shark being spotted in the area, lifeguards issued a shark sighting advisory. Signs, see

Attachment #3, were posted along all beach access points letting swimmers and surfers know there was a Great White shark sighting. Signs will be taken down Friday if there hasn't been any further shark sightings.

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Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve Saturday Speaker Series

Saturday, February 18th: 10:00a.m. - Noon



South Bay Refuge Van Tour

Deborah Good, FWS Park Ranger

Celebrate World Wetlands Day by taking a guided behind-the-scenes tour of the South Bay Unit of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

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2/6/12 through 4/2/12

Mondays 8AM to 11 AM

By Appointment

Call Joanne

619 424-7077

Please bring the following with you when you come:

- copy of last year's income tax return(s);
- W-2 forms from each employer;
- unemployment compensation statements;
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits;
- all 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets;
- 1099-misc. showing any miscellaneous income;
- 1099-R form if you received a pension or annuity;
- all forms indicating federal income tax paid;
- dependent care provider information (name, employer, ID, Social Security number);
- all receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions;
- Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents.

To locate a site near you, visit our website at www.aarp.org/taxaide or call our toll-free number **1-888-AARP NOW** (1-888-227-7669) from late January/early February to April 15. Priority service will be provided to taxpayers based on the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program's legislative intent. This is in no way a violation of Title VI as described below.

Under no circumstances shall the Internal Revenue Service tolerate discrimination by its employees, grantees, contractors, and/or subcontractors. No one shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination because of: race, color, sex, national origin, disability, reprisal, or age in programs or activities funded by the Department of Treasury - Internal Revenue Service. Any person who believes that he/she has been discriminated

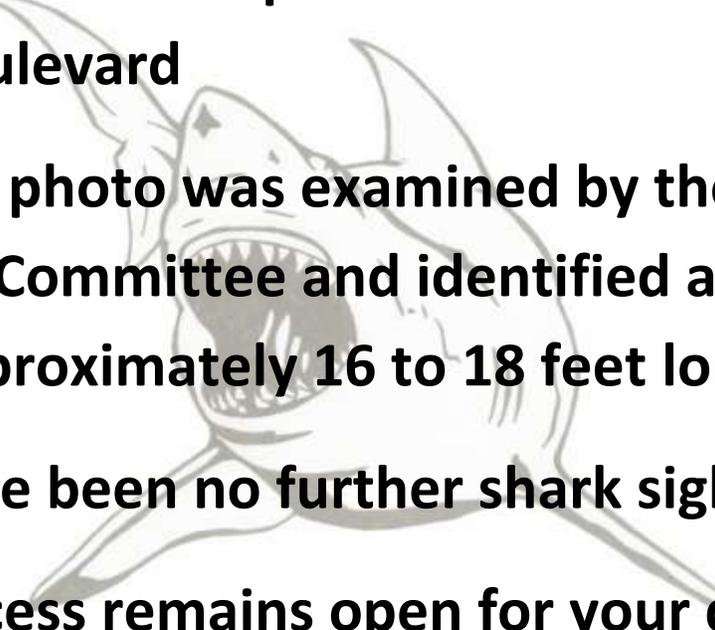
against on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, disability, reprisal or age, in programs or activities conducted (e.g., TCE, VITA) by the Department of Treasury-IRS may submit a written complaint to: National Headquarters Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Director, Civil Rights Division (External Civil Right Team), 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 2422, Washington, DC 20224

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SHARK SIGHTING

- On 1/24/12 a shark was spotted briefly and photographed in Imperial Beach near Imperial Beach Boulevard
 - The shark photo was examined by the Shark Research Committee and identified as a Great White approximately 16 to 18 feet long
 - There have been no further shark sightings
 - Ocean access remains open for your discretionary recreational use
 - Heightened awareness is advised while advisory signs are posted
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**Report any shark sighting or dead marine mammals to
Imperial Beach Lifeguards 619-423-8328**