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Education

 MBNMS Staff hosted live distance learning programs featuring the 2020 Nautilus Expedition with 387 students participating

Kick off of virtual distance learning programs. Five programs have been

developed:

- Protect your Watershed
- Plankton Exploration
- Dive into Kelp Forests
- Deep Sea Discovery
- Sounds in the Sanctuary



Photo: The Distance Learning Setup at the Sanctuary Exploration Center, Chelsea Prindle

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Research

- Staff completes deep-sea research expedition in MBNMS with E/V Nautilus
 - Date gathered to characterize and identify sensitive seafloor areas of Pioneer Canyon off the San Mateo coast
 - Observed thousands of octopus brooding eggs near Davidson Seamount
 - · Whale fall discovered in 2019 revisited





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Resource Protection

- Open Farm Tour virtual presentation on plastic in agriculture.
- Team OCEAN hits the water with new COVID precautions

Whale Entanglement Risk Assessment & Mitigation Program (RAMP)

begins for upcoming crab fishing season





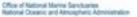
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Operations and Administration

- MPR Process Continues:
 - Formulating response to Comments document
 - Conducting agency consultations
 - Making edits to the draft management plan, DEA and proposed rule







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