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Dead Fish Again Move Into Harbor

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An anchovy "die off" was discovered Thursday at the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor, but officials say it is not near the magnitude of the situation there seven years ago.

Harbormaster Lester Peterson "guessed" that less than two tons of dead anchovies have been "scraped" from the water surface, mostly on the ocean side of Coolidge Bridge.

In August, 1964, a "red tide" was blamed for literally millions of anchovies washing into the harbor to the point they became packed solid.

Cabrillo College biologist Frederick Schuierer, who along with chemist Tom Cramblett and biologist Alan Holbert responded to a call from harbor officials, said the new "die off" was due to "noctiluca."

He described noctiluca as an organism "considered to be a plant that eats like an animal."

He said the organism may kill fish in two ways: Through "blooming" — which he described as a population explosion — and in turn removing oxygen from the water; or the noctiluca become so numerous during the "bloom" that they eat food the anchovies normally eat. He said it was unknown whether noctiluca have a toxic quality.

Dr. Schuierer reported the number of dead fish observed this morning doesn't appear to be much greater than the count Thursday afternoon.

No noticeable odor has been reported yet, but Dr. Schuierer said it would be during low tide, if at all, because of the dead fish clinging to rocks.

"At this point, all one can do is watch and wait," he said.

Dr. Schuierer gave his analysis to members of the Santa Cruz Port District on Thursday.

Chairman James Leask expressed concern that the "start was the same" seven years ago.

Commissioners eventually moved to have the fish, dead or alive, netted out of the harbor, pending approval by the State Department of Fish and Game.

However, Warden Duncan Snell told Peterson this morning that the situation as it stands now doesn't require such action, so harbor officials are continuing to scrape dead fish that rise to the water's surface.

Berlin Pact Is Approved By President

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — The Western White House announced Friday President Nixon has approved a four-power draft agreement on Berlin.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler made the announcement after Nixon conferred with Kenneth Rush, U.S. Ambassador to West Germany, who represented the United States during negotiations on the accord.

Rush said he anticipates signing of the agreement by the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union "within a few days."

The envoy told newsmen he regarded the agreement as "a major triumph for the foreign policy of President Nixon" and a triumph for allied cooperation.