

Subject: Children's Pool

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I began graduate studies in Marine Biology at UCSD in 1968. Though not a native of La Jolla, I have a 37 year old daughter that is. She, and my son, had their first introduction to ocean swimming at the Children's Pool. Back then (in the 1970's) there were a few seals in the area, but they did not bother swimmers and swimmers did not bother them.

When my grand doughier became of age to begin her introduction of the ocean (around 3) I took her to the CP. We were harassed verbally and threatened with physical violence if we went to the beach. This happened several different times. I will not put my grand children into harms way and this is precisely what happens when one tries to run the "gauntlet" of anti-children activists who are denying beach access to citizens.

I have often heard these eco-activists echo the tune, "well, I have never seen kids using the beach". That is not surprising to me. These eco-freaks are dangerous, they incite observers to potential violence by using extensive lies ("Those are the guys that stab seals") and other such tripe. I will not subject my grand children to such behavior. So, I guess these radicals have won. My kids, and grand kids, are far more important to me than a swimming beach dedicated to children that is inhabited by seals and "protected" by radicals. And our elected officials look the other way.