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Addition of *Citharichthys fragilis* Gilbert to the California Fauna

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ABSTRACT

On May 15, 1974, one specimen of the sanddab, *Citharichthys fragilis* Gilbert 1890, was taken near Dana Point, California at 88 m (290 ft) during a quarterly trawl survey conducted by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP). This species (Figure 1) is common in the Gulf of California (Jordan and Evermann 1896-1900; Norman 1934), but the most northerly record was for Punta Cabras, on the west coast of Baja California Norte (Scripps Institution of Oceanography collection, SIO 60-471). Since May 1974, nine more specimens have been taken at two locations near Dana Point at 88m (290 ft), and seven specimens have been taken at three locations near Palos Verdes Peninsula at 137 to 143 m (452 to 572 ft) (Table 1). In examining the collection at the University of California, Los Angeles, I found three additional specimens (UCLA W 59-215) taken on May 28, 1959 off Manhattan Beach, California at 54 m (178 ft).

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