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ABSTRACT

The Southern California Bight (SCB) has undergone tremendous changes over the last 100 years resulting from natural and anthropogenic alteration of the coastal zone. A large influx of population during the 1900s has propelled the coastal community along the SCB from <200,000 in 1900 to the largest metropolitan centre in the US (>>17 million) in 1998. This rapid urbanization has placed extreme pressures on marine resources, including loss of habitat, discharge of pollutants, and overfishing.

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