



The Past, Present & Future of the L.A. River and All Things Fishy

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William Preston Bowling, Special Projects Manager at FoLAR (Friends of the Los Angeles River) was born in Los Angeles, educated in Arizona, brings with him a background in water and soil quality as a former sub-contractor with the Environmental Protection Agency working on Los Angeles River Headwaters remediation & restoration. Over the past ten years, Mr. Bowling has been working at FoLAR on various projects including his brainchild, a catch & release fishing derby called "Off tha' Hook", which is now in its second year.

With a vast knowledge of Los Angeles River History, Bowling hosts several tours of the Los Angeles River including quarterly photography tours. Currently, Mr. Bowling is in the 4th phase of a Los Angeles River fish study as Project Manager, looking at the toxicity of fish residing in the lower watershed at Long Beach. **See above photo for time and location**