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SAN DIEGO, Calif. --The estuaries of Southern California are being threatened today not by nature but by the hand of man, said Dr. John Bradshaw, University of San Diego assistant professor of biology, before the Workshop on Southern California Shoreline Conservation Saturday.

"The once productive and esthetically pleasing meeting places of fresh water and the sea today appear to be doomed by the bulldozer, the dredge and various forms of man induced pollution," he said.

"The effects of these forces are evident on the nearby estuaries of San Elijo and Buena Vista. These contrast with the apparently 'healthy' estuaries such as Los Penasquitos and Agua Hedionda."

The workshop, sponsored by the Angeles Chapter Conservation Committee of the Sierra Club, was held at Palos Verdes Estates.

Dr. Bradshaw participated in the seminar on the shoreline and its future and in the workshop on bays, estuaries and lagoons.

He said, "The importance of our estuaries as nursery grounds for the young of such important food fishes as halibut and as a forage area for waterfowl and shellfish is well known, but the needs of the estuarine organisms must compete with the explosively expanding Southern California population with its

attendent recreational needs." #####

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