

*Jennifer Stock:* Since you both dove in many places in California I'm curious if you saw any habitats that are like Cordell Bank. At any places you may have dove, either Sonoma Coast or Monastery but, is there anything that's similar to what you saw at Cordell Bank?

*Susan Estey:* I think that the Pinnacles off of Carmel are a little bit like it. They're not quite as luxuriant but they're more in the ocean water and away from a river mouth so it's more clear and you've got more hydrocoral in it, that kind of thing. Maybe Farnsworth Bank down by Catalina but not along the shores of Sonoma for sure.

*Jennifer Stock:* How deep are those Pinnacles off of Carmel?

*Sue Estey:* I think they come within maybe 30 or 40 feet of the surface and drop down to 100 or more, so not really the same but they have some similar communities.

*Don Dvorak:* Cordell Bank, sitting right there on the edge of the Continental Shelf, is just washed with nutrient rich water, it is a special place and I think it'd be very very hard to find a place like it.

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As Sue mentioned the Pinnacles is a place where you see a lot of hydrocoral.

*Sue Estey:* And that's fairly close to the Monterey Trench too, so it's got deep water nearby.

*Don Dvorak:* Sure, you might get the upwelling. Another place is Point Sur pinnacle. It's quite deep and it's offshore. It differs a little bit from Cordell Bank that the pinnacle there has I think more hydrocoral and more branching hydrocoral there. It's almost as if the water was a little clearer but I'm not sure of that. And Sue mentioned Farnsworth Bank off of Santa Catalina; that bank is fairly deep, maybe 110 feet I think. But that was my first introduction to pinnacle diving and it did have quite a bit of hydrocoral. But nothing can compare to Cordell Bank.