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TO: California Ocean and Coastal Community

FROM: Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy

DATE: March 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Public comment on the California ocean and coastal information, research, and outreach needs workshop final summary report

As announced at the California Ocean Protection Council's first meeting yesterday, the council staff is soliciting public comment on the findings of the California ocean and coastal information, research, and outreach needs workshop. The final workshop summary report and information on submitting public comment to the council is available on the web at <http://resources.ca.gov/ocean/>. Please submit your comments by **May 5, 2005**.

The workshop findings will provide a starting point in developing the California ocean and coastal information, research, and outreach strategy. The goal of the strategy is to improve the protection of California's ocean and coastal resources by identifying the most critical information, research, and outreach needs and developing an implementation plan to harness the efforts of government, academia, the private sector, and the public to fill these needs.

In this public comment period, interested members of the public are invited to comment on the workshop findings and submit additional information, research, and outreach needs that are not identified in the final workshop summary report. The final workshop summary report will not be amended based on public comment as this report reflects what happened in the two day workshop. Public comment should focus on issues not covered in the workshop findings and should be considered by council staff in developing the California ocean and coastal information, research, and outreach strategy.

The work program for developing the California ocean and coastal information, research, and outreach strategy, along with other briefing materials for the council's first meeting, are available at <http://resources.ca.gov/ocean/>. Thank you for your interest in the California Ocean Protection Council.