

**Public Comment to the California Ocean Protection Council  
Letters of Support; California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy**

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09-09-2005	John A. Orcutt	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy
09-09-2005	Charles Kennel	California Ocean Science Trust	California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy
09-12-2005	Linda E. Duguay	University of Southern California Sea Grant Program	Support for adoption of the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy
09-12-2005	Russell Moll	California Sea Grant College Program	Support for adoption of the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy
09-09-2005	Gary B. Griggs	Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz	Support for adoption of the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy



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Interoffice Memorandum

September 9, 2005

The Honorable Mike Chrisman, Chair  
California Ocean Protection Council  
California Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The State of California leads the nation in its active and informed response to the clarion call of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and Pew Ocean Commission. Through the California Ocean Protection Council and its partners in research, the *California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy* has emerged as the promising and forward-looking foundation for California's research priorities.

The California Ocean Protection Council, in turn, is the logical and properly empowered vehicle for defining and implementing these directions. It is the best hope yet to ensure that limited resources are highly leveraged in favor of science and the public, and that scientific achievement will breed additional, critical resources in the near future.

On behalf of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, I welcome this opportunity to applaud and endorse the *California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy*, and respectfully urge the Council to adopt its recommendations at its meeting of September 23, 2005.

Sincerely,

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John A. Orcutt



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Submitted via E-mail

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Dear Secretary Chrisman,

The California Ocean Science Trust (CalOST) strongly supports the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy (IRO Strategy). On behalf of the CalOST Board, I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to adopt the IRO Strategy at its September 23, 2005 meeting.

Specifically, CalOST applauds the Council's commitment to make research part of its funding strategy, and to build California's ocean observing system into a national model. CalOST also recognizes the need to seek federal support for California's research needs and to improve access to and coordination of ocean and coastal information in California. The Council's recognition of the potential benefits of ecosystem-based management is a singular tribute to its role as California's ocean policy leader.

Incorporating ocean and coastal science in K-12 and adult education and promoting an effective public outreach strategy in cooperation with federal, state, and local partners are also essential elements of the plan that CalOST wholeheartedly endorses.

As always, CalOST stands ready to support the work of the Council.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Kennel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a vertical red line.

Charles Kennel, Ph.D.  
Chairman



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September 12, 2005

Mr. Mike Chrisman  
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RE: Support for adoption of the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy

Dear Mr. Chrisman,

I am writing to express my very strongest support for the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy (IRO Strategy). I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to adopt the IRO Strategy at its upcoming meeting on September 23, 2005. I am planning on attending the meeting along with one of my outreach staff members, Ms. Susan Zaleski.

I strongly support the following components of the IRO Strategy:

- The information, research, and outreach needs identified in a workshop with over 60 participants from academia, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry.
- Recommendation 1: Make research part of the council's funding strategy
- Recommendation 2: Make California's ocean observing system a national model
- Recommendation 3: Seek federal support for California's research needs
- Recommendation 4: Improve access to and coordination of ocean and coastal information in California.
- Recommendation 5: Incorporate ocean and coastal science in K-12 and adult education.
- Recommendation 6: Build a public outreach strategy in cooperation with federal, state, and local partners.

I was a participant at the workshop last fall and strongly endorse its recommendations.

Sincerely,

Linda E. Duguay, PhD  
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RE: Support for adoption of the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy

Dear Mr. Chrisman,

On behalf of California Sea Grant, I wish to offer strong support for the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy (IRO Strategy). Having participated and served as a co-chair for the workshop in November 2004 that developed the underpinnings for the IRO, I can attest to the creative thinking that led to this groundbreaking document. All of us within California Sea Grant encourage the Ocean Protection Council to adopt the IRO Strategy at the September 23rd meeting.

Several components of the IRO stand out that make this a compelling document that deserves Ocean Protection Council support. Further, the IRO is a strategy that many of us engaged in marine research and outreach highly support. Among its very laudable components and recommendations are the following:

- The information, research, and outreach needs are based in great part on the results from a workshop with over 60 participants from academia, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry.
- Recommendation 1: Make research part of the council's funding strategy
- Recommendation 2: Make California's ocean observing system a national model
- Recommendation 3: Seek federal support for California's research needs
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Over the course of my many years of involvement with aquatic coastal research, I have never seen a meeting of the minds on a single purpose such as embodied in the IRO. The convergence of thinking from representatives of the State of California, federal agencies, non-governmental agencies and academe is unprecedented. That convergence is a further compelling reason for the Ocean Protection Council to adopt the IRO as a great leap forward for California in protection of our invaluable coastal environment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Russell Moll  
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**RE: Support for adoption of the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy**

Dear Mr. Chrisman,

I serve as the Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz and also the Chair of the University of California Marine Council and want to offer my to my strong support for the California Ocean and Coastal Information, Research, and Outreach Strategy (IRO Strategy). I strongly encourage the Ocean Protection Council to adopt the IRO Strategy at its September 23, 2005 meeting.

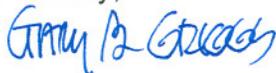
As you probably know, four different ocean program leaders (Brian Baird representing the Resources Agency, Justin Malan representing the California Ocean Sciences Trust, Russ Moll representing California Sea Grant, and myself representing the University of California Marine Council) assembled a 2-day workshop last November in Santa Cruz focused on California ocean and coastal information, research and outreach needs. The workshop included over 60 participants from academia, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry. A final workshop report was completed that summarized the findings and conclusions of that the workshop in the areas of needs in coastal ocean information, research, and outreach.

I strongly support the following recommendations that emerged from that workshop report:

- *Recommendation 1:* Make research part of the Ocean Protection Council's funding strategy
- *Recommendation 2:* Make California's ocean observing system a national model
- *Recommendation 3:* Seek federal support for California's research needs
- *Recommendation 4:* Improve access to and coordination of ocean and coastal information in California.
- *Recommendation 5:* Incorporate ocean and coastal science in K-12 and adult education.
- *Recommendation 6:* Build a public outreach strategy in cooperation with federal, state, and local partners.

Thank you for your leadership role for California's coastal ocean. I believe California has the opportunity to set the standards for other coastal states as well as the national effort. With the nation's largest ocean economy at approximately \$42.9 billion, and having the 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world in 2000, California is poised to play an increasingly important role in how we manage and utilize our coastal ocean.

Sincerely,



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