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September 2, 2005

Mike Chrisman
Chairman
Ocean Protection Council
California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth St, Suite 1311
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Dear Chairman Chrisman

I am writing to express my strong support for the California and World Ocean 2006 conference. The event was requested by Governor Schwarzenegger's in his *Ocean Action Plan*, and it will focus on current and increasing threats to the ocean environment. Drawing scientists, engineers, activists, and government officials from around the world to share information about the ocean will not only allow California to forward its ocean management but will also highlight California's ocean leadership.

As a leader on ocean issues at the federal level, I applaud the Ocean Protection Council's work to implement the recommendations of the Pew and U.S. Commissions on Ocean Policy. The California and World Ocean 2006 conference will lead to significant advances in scientific understanding in how we protect and maintain our ocean resources, keeping California's valuable \$43 billion ocean economy from harm. As California moves forward, I will continue advocating for an overhaul of our federal ocean management by pushing for enactment of OCEANS 21 (Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act, H.R. 2939).

I encourage the Ocean Protection Council to determine the California and World Ocean 2006 conference is a high priority and to give it your full support.

Sincerely,

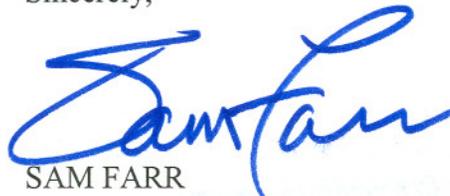

SAM FARR
Member of Congress

Exhibit 1: Letters of Support

Mr. Michael Chrisman
Chairman
Ocean Protection Council
California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth St
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

The Aquarium of the Pacific, its board and I are appreciative of all the support and encouragement you've provided over the last two years. Our efforts to increase ocean literacy benefit enormously when highly visible and influential state officials like you participate in our events and back our projects. Thank you very much for all the assistance.

It's the Aquarium of the Pacific's turn to express our support of the 2006 California and World Ocean Conference. As a key element of the Governor's *Ocean Action Plan*, the CWO '06 will facilitate the exchange of information about the successes and failures in ocean resource management. This should lead directly to better resource management projects and reduction of threats to the World Ocean. Gathering more than 1,000 scientists, engineers and government officials with a focus on the World Ocean and California can be nothing but beneficial to the state.

As the host of more than 1.2 million visitors each year, the Aquarium of the Pacific is a daily intersection of ocean knowledge and the general public. The more ocean literate that public becomes, the greater the recognition of their impact on the World Ocean becomes. The CWO '06 will lead to more and better information that can then be passed along to scientists, agencies, governments and the public. The Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach supports the CWO '06 and looks forward to its success and to the success of all of our efforts to improve understanding of the World Ocean.

Sincerely,



Jerry R. Schubel
President and CEO

Copies sent to: BB

Date: 8-1-05



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Sea Grant College Program

1315 East-West Highway

Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

JUL 27 2005

Mr. Mike Chrisman
Secretary for Resources
State of California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

This is in response to your letter of July 13, 2005, inviting the National Sea Grant College Program to be a major sponsor of the California and the World Ocean '06 (CWO '06) Conference September 17-20, 2006.

The National Sea Grant Program agrees to sponsor the conference and will contribute \$25,000 in FY 06, subject to congressional appropriations.

We will contact Brian Baird's office concerning this transaction and Sea Grant participation in the CWO event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald C. Baird".

Ronald C. Baird
Director

cc: Jon Eigen
Brian Baird



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June 27, 2005

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Secretary for Resources
State of California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

Our Board of Trustees recently met and reviewed your request for funds from the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. In response to your letter dated May 16, 2005 regarding the *California and the World Ocean '06 Conference* (CWO '06), it is my great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees for the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) has agreed that we will support this worthwhile endeavor at the \$25,000 conference sponsorship level.

We hope this letter and our commitment will assist you in getting this project underway. We also look forward to serving in a leadership role on the steering committee for the event. This funding request is being fulfilled through our Ocean Activities Trust Fund and upon receipt of funding, we will require semi-annual financial and narrative reports from you regarding disposition of these funds. The reports (copies attached) are due on February 1st and August 1st of each year the project is still active. In order to release funding for the project we will need an invoice from your agency at the appropriate time.

If I or any NMSF staff member can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301.608.3040 x1. We look forward to working with you to make the *California and World Ocean '06 Conference* a great success.

Best Regards,

Lori A. Arguelles
Executive Director

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Enclosures (3)

Cc: Brian Baird

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September 9, 2005

Mike Chrisman, Chairman
Ocean Protection Council
California Resources Agency
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Re: Support for California and the World Ocean '06' Conference

Dear Mike:

Just a short note to express the support of The Ocean Conservancy for the Resources Agency to sponsor a California and the World Ocean '06' Conference next year. Since California is a leader on ocean policy it seems only logical that we should sponsor a conference to share our "lessons learned" and to learn from others that are trying to implement the recommendations of two national commission reports on ocean policy.

Respectfully,

Warner Chabot

Warner Chabot
The Ocean Conservancy

c.c. Brian Baird

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August 25, 2005

Mike Chrisman, Chair
Ocean Protection Council
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: California and World Ocean '06 Conference

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

On behalf of the California Ocean Science Trust (CalOST) I am pleased to be able to offer our strong support for the upcoming California and World Ocean '06 Conference.

This conference will be the fourth in a series of outstanding meetings held in California since 1964. This event has become one of the foremost gatherings of ocean manager, scientists, academia and activists. Over 1,000 attendees are expected to represent all the coastal states in the USA and several other nations when they meet in September next year.

California and World Ocean '06 will not only help to showcase California's remarkable coastline and ocean, but it will undoubtedly assist in promoting the Governor's *Ocean Action Plan* as the urgent coastal and ocean challenges in this state and beyond are identified and described and solutions for their remedy formulated. We urge the Ocean Protection Council to fully support the continuation of this important ocean event.

Please feel free to contact our Chair Dr. Charles Kennel at 858.534.2627 or ckennel@ucsd.edu or me at 916.944.7315 or jgmalan@aol.com if you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter or the Trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Malan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Justin Malan
Executive Director

Cc: CalOST Trustees