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May 1, 2008

Secretary Mike Chrisman
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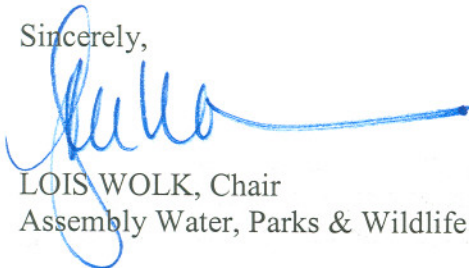
Dear Secretary Chrisman:

I wish to express my support for the proposed grant of one million dollars to the California Ocean Science Trust for aquatic invasive species (AIS) risk assessments. The introduction of aquatic invasive species into California's waters threatens the ecological, social, public health, and economic integrity of the state's water resources. Because invasive species have few natural controls in their new habitat, they spread rapidly and can destroy native organisms and threaten recreational and commercial activities.

Completing the risk assessments is one of the top priorities identified in the recently adopted California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, which emphasizes the need to prevent introductions of invasive species. The risk assessments will provide information on different ways that AIS are introduced into the state's waters, evaluate the risks posed by various vectors for introductions, and develop recommendations for management actions to strategically target prevention of introductions. The California Ocean Science Trust will administer a competitive selection process for teams of experts on invasive species to perform the assessments and recommend management actions.

I encourage you to support this grant. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



LOIS WOLK, Chair
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee

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cc: Abe Doherty
State Coastal Conservancy



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April 29, 2008

Secretary Mike Chrisman
Chair, Ocean Protection Council
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

The Department of Fish and Game strongly supports the State Coastal Conservancy's proposal to the Ocean Protection Council to grant one million dollars to the California Ocean Science Trust for aquatic invasive species (AIS) risk assessments. The introduction of aquatic invasive species into California's waters threatens the ecological, social, public health, and economic integrity of the state's water resources. Because invasive species have few natural controls in their new habitat, they spread rapidly and can destroy native organisms and threaten recreational and commercial activities.

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We encourage you to support this grant. Please find the enclosed summary of the proposal, and contact me at (916) 653-7667 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Donald Koch
Director

cc: Abe Doherty
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1 May 2008

Secretary Mike Chrisman
Chair, Ocean Protection Council
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

As Executive Director of the San Francisco Estuary Institute, I wish to express my strong support for the proposed grant of one million dollars to the California Ocean Science Trust for aquatic invasive species (AIS) risk assessments. The introduction of aquatic invasive species into California's waters threatens the ecological, social, public health, and economic integrity of the state's water resources. Because invasive species have few natural controls in their new habitat, they spread rapidly and can destroy native organisms and threaten recreational and commercial activities.

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Please contact me at 510-746-7359 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Connor, Executive Director

Cc: Abe Doherty, State Coastal Conservancy



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May 1, 2008

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, Ocean Protection Council
c/o State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

On behalf of the California Coastkeeper Alliance (CCKA), which represents 12 Waterkeepers spanning the state from the Oregon border to San Diego, and as a former Department of Interior appointee to the national Invasive Species Advisory Committee, I am writing in support of the proposed grant of one million dollars to the California Ocean Science Trust for aquatic invasive species (AIS) risk assessments. The introduction of aquatic invasive species into California's waters threatens the ecological, social, public health, and economic integrity of the state's water resources. Because invasive species have few natural controls in their new habitat, they can spread rapidly and destroy native organisms and threaten recreational and commercial activities.

Completing risk assessments for all key vectors is one of the top priorities identified in the recently adopted California Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, which emphasizes the need to prevent introductions of invasive species. The risk assessments will provide information on different ways that AIS are introduced into the state's waters, evaluate the risks posed by various vectors for introductions, and develop recommendations for management actions to strategically prevent introductions. The California Ocean Science Trust will administer a competitive selection process for teams of invasive species experts to perform the assessments and recommend management actions.

We encourage you to support this grant. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Linda Sheehan
Executive Director

Cc: Abe Doherty, California Coastal Conservancy

