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The Honorable John Laird, Chair
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Dear Chairman Laird,

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the California Ocean Science Trust (OST) for funding to continue its effort to provide impartial scientific advice to the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC).

It is my understanding that funding for this proposal would benefit residents of California's 6th District by making the best science on California's Marine Protected Areas available to decision-makers. Through its scientific advisory role to OPS, the Ocean Science Trust would continue to translate important science to policy and management decisions. By coordinating the Marine Protected Area Monitoring Enterprise, OST would also make sure that resources used for researching Marine Protected Areas would be used effectively and efficiently.

Through its work, OST is helping California retain its status as a leader on ocean policy development and implementation.

I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my grants coordinator, George Haralambopoulos, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable John Laird, Chair
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Re: California Ocean Science Trust (OST)

Dear Chairman Laird,

Please accept the following letter of support for the California Ocean Science Trust (OST) in its role of providing science services to the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) and the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise.

The OST provides a critical function for the state by delivering high quality science advice to the OPC on a wide range of ocean management and policy issues. California faces many difficult marine conservation challenges that affect the health and economic productivity of coastal ecosystems. By drawing upon the expertise of the OPC Science Advisory Team, OST also helps insure that decisions by the OPC regarding allocation of funds and policy recommendations reflect the best available science.

As you know, the development of a statewide network of MPAs under the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) is a singular achievement by the state of California. Insuring that the state receives maximum benefits from this network requires thoughtful and cost-effective monitoring, as mandated by the MLPA. Remarkably, developing such a monitoring program has required innovation, since no practical models exist for such a venture. Relying on support from the OPC and charitable foundations, OST has guided just this kind of innovative venture. The Monitoring Enterprise provides a unique combination of science and policy expertise to lead the development and implementation of impartial, scientifically rigorous, and efficient monitoring of the MPAs so informed decisions can be made about their management.

I support continued funding for the OST, including the OST's science integration work for the OPC, and the MPA Monitoring Enterprise. The OST is also able to leverage OPC support with federal and private funds, an important strength in this difficult

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budgeting time. The OST is likely to play an increasingly important role in California policy over the years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Michael Weber
Program Officer
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cc: Skyli McAfee



The Campbell Foundation

March 8, 2011

The Honorable John Laird, Chair
California Ocean Protection Council
California Resources Agency
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Dear Chairman Laird,

Thank you for an opportunity to submit a letter of support continued funding for the Ocean Science Trust (OST); in particular the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise.

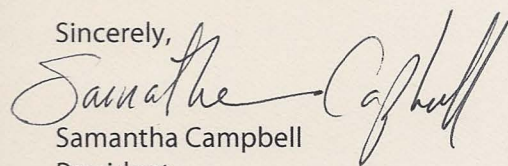
Since 2005, the Campbell Foundation has provided more than \$3 million in grants related to the process of designing, implementing and monitoring MPA's on the California Coast. This reflects not only our personal commitment to supporting healthy coastal ecosystems, but also represents a key element that has helped this project progress to this point – the public-private partnership.

As we have watched the captivating tale of the Marine Life Protection Act unfold, from packed meetings in the South Coast to a "Unified Array" in the North Coast, it is evident that credible science keeps the process grounded, balanced and realistic.

I fully support the OST's core goals to 1) ensure that the best available science be integrated and institutionalized into California's coastal and ocean decision making; and 2) connect and/or translate science to policy and management through facilitating the exchange of information on existing and emerging issues.

As a Foundation, we will remain committed to seeing the MLPA process continue and we anticipate allocating \$1 million per year of our grants to support an inclusive, transparent and efficient effort over the next five years to realize healthier oceans in California. We are eager for the State of California to continue its leadership role in creating better models for Marine Protected Areas, and we are hopeful that a fully realized network of MPAs will provide tangible benefits for all residents.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable John Laird, Chair
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RE: Support for \$2.78 million to California Ocean Science Trust; Item #7

Dear Chairman Laird,

Please accept the following letter of support from Ocean Conservancy and Natural Resources Defense Council for the California Ocean Science Trust (OST) in its role of providing science advice to the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) and the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise.

The OST provides a critical function to the State of California by ensuring high quality science advice to the OPC on a wide range of ocean management and policy issues. California faces many difficult marine conservation challenges; effective solutions to complex issues such as ecosystem management and the ocean impacts of climate change require sound scientific guidance. In its science advisory role to the OPC and coordinator of the OPC Science Advisory Team (SAT), the OST is responsible for raising the scientific integrity of all OPC products and reports. To accomplish this goal, it is particularly valuable for the OST to ensure independent external review of key products and reports; seeking input from academic experts beyond the membership of the OST SAT can further help elevate the OPC's standards with respect to science.

The Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise is dedicated to ensuring monitoring of California's newly implemented MPAs and providing information that can improve their management and ultimately effectiveness over time. To this end, we urge the MPA Monitoring Enterprise aggressively prioritize securing and efficiently deploying additional resources directed at ongoing monitoring of MPAs statewide.

We support continued funding for the important science integration work of the OST, including providing science advice and services to the OPC and the MPA Monitoring Enterprise. The OST is likely to play an increasingly important role in California policy over the years to come. This is also a highly efficient investment on the part of California because it is leveraged with federal and private contributions. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Laird,

First, I want to express my great pleasure to be able to address you as “Mr. Secretary.” Your exemplary representation of my community for six years in the assembly proved your dedication to our state’s resources, and gave you ideal preparation for your current post. I cannot imagine a person to better serve California in the role of Resources Secretary.

I am writing you today as Chair of the OPC to support funding the California Ocean Science Trust for the purpose of monitoring our new marine protected areas. In the course of writing three books on our state’s coastal marine life, I have learned, through historic research, the value and importance of information about the state of our ocean and the life it supports. Indeed, it was the best available information that drove passage of the MLPA and the boundaries of the marine protected areas we selected on the Central Coast RSG. I wish historical information were more precise and comprehensive: the losses in marine life documented since about 1910 are startling. Understanding human effects on the ocean between 1850 and 1910 involves a lot of guesswork. A robust monitoring plan for our newly-created MPAs, and those about to be created, will allow us to manage them well and rationally. It will enable future generations of Californians, and their leaders, to have a far better understanding of the contributions we’ve made, and what they must do to protect what we leave to them.

Thanks for considering these comments.

Sincerely Yours,

Marc Shargel,

Former Alternate Member, MLPA Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group
Sea Life Photographer, author of
Wonders of the Sea: North Central California's Living Marine Riches and
Wonders of the Sea Volume Two: Marine Jewels of Southern California's Coast and Islands and
Wonders of the Sea Volume Three: Hidden Treasures of California's Far North Coast



February 28, 2011

The Honorable John Laird, Chair
California Ocean Protection Council
California Resources Agency
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Dear Chairman Laird,

I am writing in support for the Ocean Science Trust (OST) to continue to serve as the 'science arm' to the Ocean Protection Council (OPC). I request that the OPC take this action because the present system of the OPC advised by the OST, including the flagship OST program, the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise, has helped established California as the national leader in addressing coastal issues. We must maintain the ability to conduct informed debate over the consequences of the difficult options that have to be addressed as we tackle climate change, sea level rise, increased ocean acidification, reduced ocean resources and the pursuit of energy. Without sound scientific advice it will be impossible to develop a balanced approach.

The creation of the OPC Science Advisory Team (SAT) that works in consort with the OST is an excellent policy decision to ensure that a broad spectrum of scientific expertise is available to the OPC. I strongly urge that this collaboration and advisement strategy be continued and strengthened. California has one of the largest and most talented assemblies of scientists and economists who focus on the coastal and estuarine issues, both scientific and management problems. These experts have self-organized into a number of collaborations to ensure that the best practices are brought to bear on the issues. I believe that the SAT should continue to have a strong review role on the expenditure of OPC-controlled funds for those funds that are directed toward scientific efforts. Having the OST and SAT share the responsibility for suggestions to the OPC greatly strengthens the scientific integrity of the OPC and improves management and policy practices in a way that best benefits the citizens of the State.

Under the OST, the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise is working to ensure that newly implemented MPAs are working as they were intended under the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). The Monitoring Enterprise provides a unique combination of science and policy expertise to lead the development and implementation of impartial, scientifically rigorous, and efficient monitoring of the MPAs so informed decisions can be made about their management.

I applaud the State for creating these pathways and strongly urge that they be kept in place and strengthened. It is clear that the next decade will require significant difficult strategic decisions and the State policy makers will require sound, unbiased advice. This is also a highly efficient investment on the part of California because it is leveraged with

federal and private contributions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Newell (Toby) Garfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Newell" and last name "Garfield" clearly distinguishable.

Newell (Toby) Garfield
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The Honorable John Laird, Chair
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Dear Chairman Laird,

My organization, the San Francisco Estuary Institute, is a non-profit environmental science organization that focuses extensively on science support to natural resource trustee and regulatory agencies. This letter expresses our support for the proposed funding to continue the Ocean Science Trust's ongoing role integrating ocean science into policy and management decision-making that includes science advice to the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) and the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise. In fact, the Ocean Science Trust's and our own missions are very complementary, and we often benefit from our respective findings.

I believe continued funding support is important for three major reasons:

1. The proposal addresses the OPC's critical goal of ensuring that future actions are based on sound science and bringing the best scientists together to analyze complex marine and coastal management issues.
2. Through the OST and its Executive Director, who also serves as the Science Advisor to the OPC and co-chair of the Science Advisory Team (SAT), this support will ensure that the OST can continue institutionalizing the integration of science into OPC decision-making, and facilitating the exchange of information on existing and emerging issues.
3. The MPA Monitoring Enterprise provides a unique combination of science and policy expertise to lead the development and implementation of impartial, scientifically rigorous, and efficient monitoring of the MPAs so informed decisions can be made about their management.

The OPC support for the proposal would lend a strong voice to the need for the independent scientific advice that the OST provides. Without maintenance and support of a strong scientific foundation, the value of public investments in marine and coastal management initiatives cannot be maximized. The OST creates, maintains, and strengthens valuable links among scientists, the OPC, and state resource managers to help address existing and emerging scientific issues related to California's ocean and coastal areas. This is also a highly efficient investment on the part of California because it is leveraged with federal and private contributions.

Thank you for your support,

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Dear John,

I am writing in support for the Ocean Science Trust (OST) to continue to serve as the 'science arm' to the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), including providing scientific advice to the OPC and the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Monitoring Enterprise, but in particular the OST's role in coordinating the OPC Science Advisory Team (OPC-SAT).

I have served on the OPC-SAT since its inception in 2008, and have worked very closely with the OST over the past year in my role as OPC-SAT Co-Chair. From my personal perspective, the coordination of the OPC-SAT by the OST makes good sense. First, as an outside organization, the OST helps the OPC-SAT maintain its standing as an independent objective science advisory committee. Second, California has a large, diverse and talented group of scientists and economists who focus on coastal and estuarine issues, including scientific and management problems. The OST ensures that the broad spectrum of scientific expertise represented on the Science Advisory Team is made available to the OPC, as well as provides the forum for a strong and reliable communication between the researchers and the policy makers.

I strongly urge that this advisement strategy, and the MPA Monitoring Enterprise be strengthened. Having the OST and OPC-SAT share the responsibility for suggestions and recommendations to the OPC greatly strengthens the scientific integrity of the OPC, provides critical science underpinning to the OPC's decisions, and improves management and policy practices in a way that best benefits the citizens of the State. This is also a highly efficient investment on the part of California because it is leveraged with federal and private contributions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary Griggs".

Dr. Gary Griggs
UC Santa Cruz
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Director, Institute of Marine Sciences