

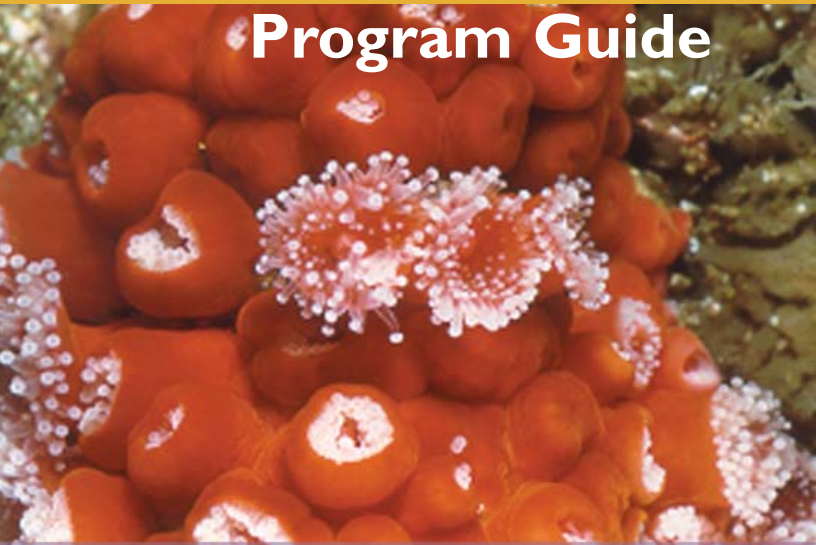
Rigs to Reefs?

Options for Platform Decommissioning

2010 CONFERENCE

July 23, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
The Waterfront Hilton, Huntington Beach CA

Program Guide



PRESENTED BY:

Orange County Coastkeeper,
California Artificial Reef Enhancement Program,
Coalition for Enhanced Marine Resources, and
Coastal Conservation Network



Welcome

On behalf of Orange County Coastkeeper, welcome to the *Rigs to Reefs? Conference*. The goal of this conference is to inform scientists; educators; stakeholders; regional, state and federal agencies; environmentalists and policy makers about the alternatives for decommissioning the 27 oil and gas platforms offshore California. In 2007, the California Natural Resources Agency established a three-phase process to formulate public policy options for decommissioning the California platforms. As a part of this, the Ocean Science Trust (OST) conducted a review of scientific and legal information on decommissioning alternatives. Experts in a variety of fields from marine biology to finance assembled the available information related to platform decommissioning and developed the most comprehensive and detailed assessment of decommissioning options that has been done to-date. The study was completed in June 2010, and its contents are a major part of this conference agenda. We are thankful that you are here to learn the latest information on decommissioning and formulate your own opinion.

Today is the culmination of several months of planning with participation from the California Artificial Reef Enhancement (CARE) Program, the Coalition for Enhanced Marine Resources (CEMR), Orange County Coastkeeper and Coastal Conservation Network. The conference team has collaborated to bring together the Ocean Protection Council study team and an array of stakeholders passionate about this topic. I hope you enjoy the program we have planned for the day.

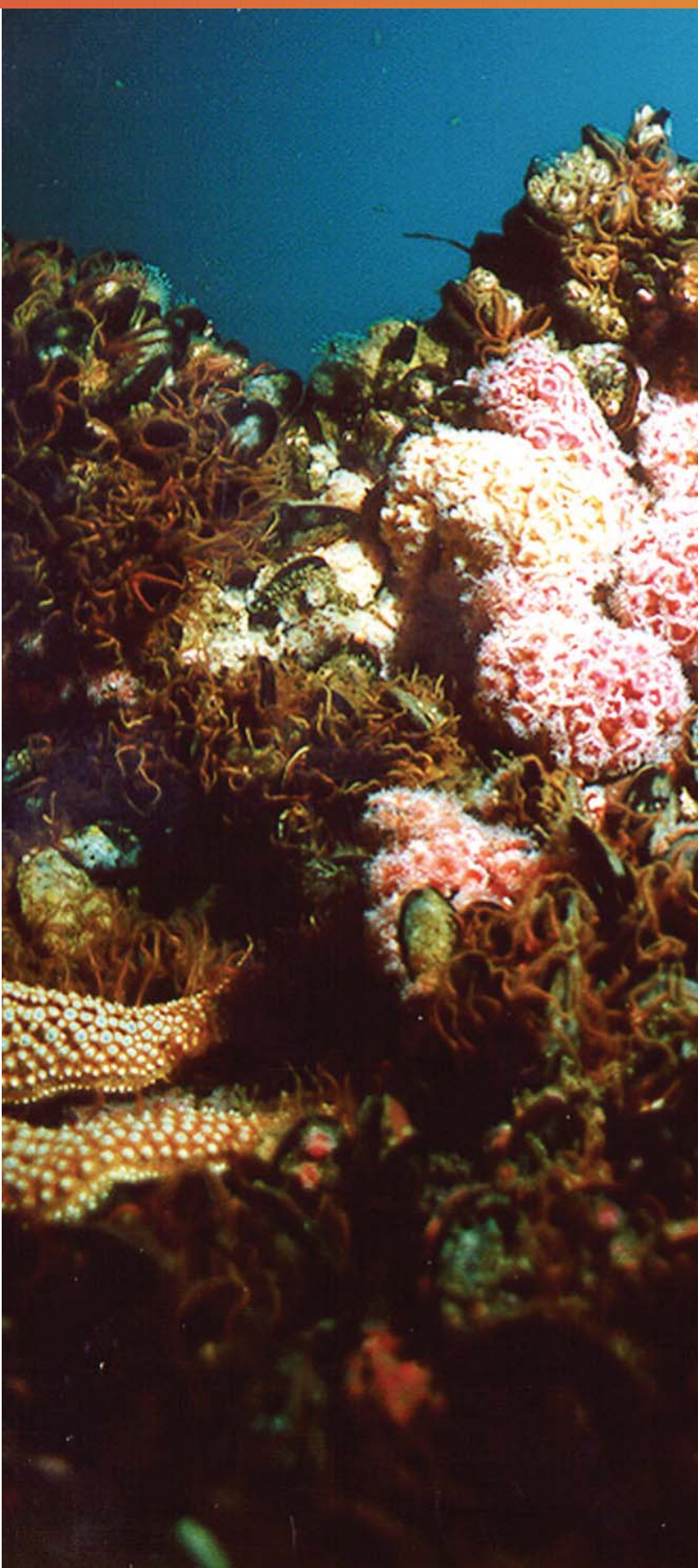
I am absolutely thrilled to have Dr. Sylvia Earle of National Geographic Society as our keynote speaker. Her enthusiasm for the ocean and its inhabitants is rivaled by few. I am also pleased to have Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez and Michael Genest, formerly a Chief Deputy Director for Budget in the Department of Finance in the Schwarzenegger Administration.

On a final note, we will be publishing a video documentary of the conference that will be available to all participants and the public. Thank you for interest and we hope you enjoy the *Rigs to Reefs? Conference*.

Sincerely,



Garry Brown, President and CEO
Orange County Coastkeeper



Speaker Highlights

Please join me in welcoming our keynote and lunchtime speakers:

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Sylvia A. Earle is an oceanographer, explorer, author, lecturer, Explorer-in-Residence of the National Geographic Society, Leader of the NGS Sustainable Seas Expeditions, Council Chair for the Harte Research Institute, Founder of the Deep Search Foundation, and formerly the Chief Scientist of NOAA. Founder of three companies, she serves on various corporate and non-profit boards. A graduate of St. Petersburg College and Florida State University, she holds an MA and PhD from Duke University and 19 honorary doctorates. Named as Time Magazine's first Hero for the Planet and a Living Legend by the Library of Congress, she has authored 175 publications, led more than 100 expeditions, and lectured in more than 70 countries.



Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez was elected in 2008 to represent the 46th Assembly District. After attending the University of California at Berkeley, Pérez became active in the labor movement, where he spent over 15 years working to create jobs, expand healthcare and protect workers' rights. He is also the author of AB 2503, a bill that would enact the California Marine Life Legacy Act, authorizing conversion of decommissioned offshore oil platforms or production facilities into artificial reefs under specified conditions. This legislation just passed through the Senate Natural Resources Committee.



Michael Genest opened Genest Consulting in January of 2010 to provide advice, analysis, and advocacy on fiscal and policy issues affecting state and local government. He served for four years as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's chief financial policy advisor in his role as Director of the California Department of Finance. Mr. Genest served on Governor Schwarzenegger's transition team and was sworn in as Chief Deputy Director for Budget in the Department of Finance on the first day of the Administration, in November 2003.



The Schedule

- 8:30 - 9:00** **Check in - Breakfast**
- 9:00 - 9:15** **Welcoming Remarks & Introduction**
- Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
- George Steinbach, CARE
- 9:15 - 9:30** **Overview since 2007 Conference**
Ocean Protection Council Overview
- Brian Baird, California Resources Agency
- Dr. Amber Mace, Ocean Protection Council
- 9:30 - 9:45** **Ocean Science Trust Study Overview**
- Brock Bernstein, Independent Consultant
- 9:45 - 10:30** **Fish Production of the Southern California Oil Platforms**
- Dan Pondella, Vantuna Research Group, Occidental College
- 10:30 - 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 - 11:15** **Air Pollution Emissions from Platform Decommissioning**
- Peter Cantle, BioResource Consultants, Inc.
- 11:15 - 12:00** **Decommission Costs for Pacific OCS Platforms**
- Dr. Robert Byrd, Proserv Offshore, Inc.
- 12:00 - 12:15** **Evaluating Decommissioning Options**
- Brock Bernstein, Independent Consultant
- 12:15 - 1:30** **Lunch**
AB 2503 - Artificial Reefs
- California Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez
California's Budget - from Crisis to Opportunity
- Michael Genest, Genest Consulting
- 1:30 - 2:30** **Sustainable Seas: The Vision, The Reality**
- Dr. Sylvia Earle, National Geographic
- 2:30 - 3:15** **Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion**
- Bill Cooper, UCI's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Urban Water Research Center
- Dr. Sylvia Earle, National Geographic
- Zeke Grader, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations
- Don Kent, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute
- Leila Monroe, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Tom Raftican, The Sportfishing Conservancy
- Bob Wohlers, Professional Association of Diving Instructors
- 3:15 - 3:30** **Conclusion and Thank You**
- Garry Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper
- 3:30 - 4:00** **Book Signing with Dr. Sylvia Earle**
- *The World is Blue: How Our Fate and the Ocean's Are One* (2009)
(Optional Activity, Books are \$20 each)

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