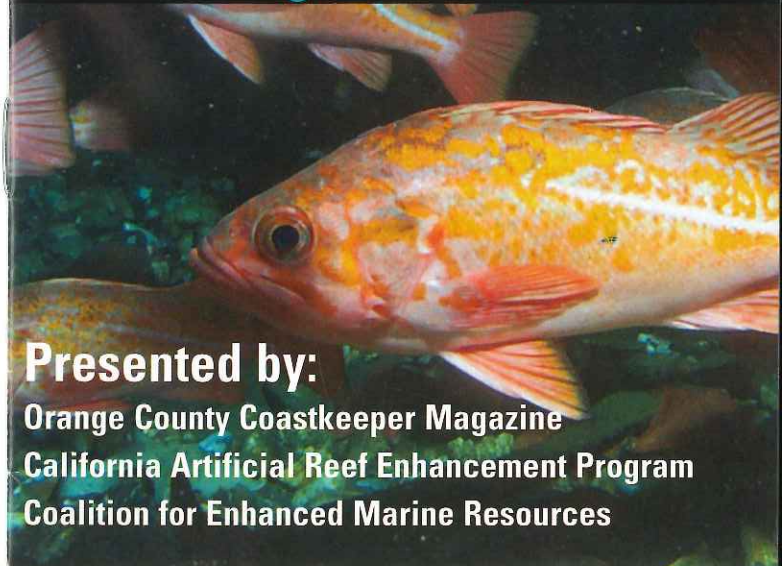




RIGS TO REEFS
Conference March 30, 2007
The Waterfront Hilton
Huntington Beach, CA



Presented by:
Orange County Coastkeeper Magazine
California Artificial Reef Enhancement Program
Coalition for Enhanced Marine Resources



The Event

The Rigs to Reefs Conference will focus on the key environmental, economic and policy issues related to establishing a California Rigs to Reefs Program with dynamic keynote and interactive panel discussions.

The oil and gas platforms along California's coast will eventually run dry and be decommissioned. A debate has begun about whether or not these platforms should be left in place to preserve the marine life, which arguably thrives in this environment, or if the oil companies should follow the original mandate to remove the entire structure.

Today, there are 27 platforms in both federal and state waters. Since their installation, the structures have become home to a rich diversity of both fishes and invertebrates. Among the fish that live there are several severely depleted rockfish species, including five that have been officially designated as "overfished" by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Is this abundance of marine life an illusion or is it real? Is it valuable to the marine environment and worth protecting or not?

We invite you to hear the latest information on the decommissioning of oil platforms and formulate your own opinion.

Who Should Attend?

The Conference will draw a multi-disciplinary audience of scientists, educators, regional, state, and federal agencies, researchers, stakeholders, recreational and commercial fishers, students, environmentalists and policy-makers all interested in discussing the emerging information of Rigs to Reefs. This daylong conference will provide participants with an excellent opportunity to network throughout the day.



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•Written notification of cancellation must be received by Thursday, March 22, 2007 for a refund.

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Schedule for March 30, 2007

7:30 – 8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:15	Welcoming Remarks & Introduction
8:15 – 9:15	Ecological Role of Platforms
9:15 – 10:15	Platform Decommissioning
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	Stakeholder Interests
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch and Keynote
1:30 – 3:00	Environmental Issues of Decommissioning
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:30	Economic & Policy Issues of Decommissioning

Keynote Speaker:

National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, Dr. Sylvia Earle is the former chief scientist for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and author of more than 125 scientific and popular publications, including a 1995 book, *Sea Change*. Dr. Earle works with the Society on projects involving her passion — most recently as project director of the Sustainable Seas Expeditions. Sustainable Seas was a five-year project of the National Geographic Society and NOAA, which administers the 12 U.S. marine sanctuaries, the underwater equivalents of national parks.

Partial list of Speakers:

Dede Alpert, former State Senator
Brian Baird, California Resources Agency
Dr. Ann Bull, Minerals Management Services
Greg Gitschlag, National Marine Fisheries Service
Linda Krop, Environmental Defense Center
Dr. Milton Love, UC Santa Barbara
Terry Tamminen, Advisor to Gov. Schwarzenegger
Dr. Win Thornton, Winmar Consulting Services

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