



Rigs To Reefs?

Options for Platform Decommissioning

2010 CONFERENCE

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



PRESENTED BY:

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

The Event

A heated debate over oil platform decommissioning is underway in California. Rigs to reefs has been the subject of a two-year study by the California Ocean Science Trust; and a bill to establish a Rigs to Reefs program is under consideration in the California Legislature. The *2010 Rigs to Reefs? Conference* will discuss the scientific, economic and legal underpinnings of the issue.

This year's conference will pickup where our 2007 Conference on Rigs to Reefs left off. Presentations will focus on the results of the Ocean Science Trust Study and provide a forum for discussion by stakeholders on both sides of the issue.

The Ocean Science Trust Study is the most comprehensive review of decommissioning for offshore oil platforms ever conducted in California. The Study looked at all relevant research, reports and data in the public record and did independent work on key issues. It includes a comprehensive inventory of impacts, both beneficial and adverse, that are expected from decommissioning California's offshore platforms.

We invite you to hear the latest information on the decommissioning of oil platforms, explore the options surrounding this issue 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 day long conference will provide participants with an excellent opportunity to network throughout the day.



The Program

This event will include dynamic keynote presentations and interactive sessions on some of the most critical issues facing our coastal environment as it relates to decommissioning the oil and gas platforms. These topics include:

- ☼ Ocean Science Trust Study
- ☼ Marine Resources
- ☼ Decommissioning Costs
- ☼ Air Emissions
- ☼ Other Impacts/Liability
- ☼ Stakeholder Roundtable

Special Keynote: Dr. Sylvia Earle



Photograph by Kip Evans

National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, Dr. Sylvia Earle will keynote the conference with a presentation outlining the health of the world's oceans. The presentation will explore the link between the status of marine life and fisheries and understanding the

impacts of decommissioning offshore oil and gas platforms. Dr. Earle is the founder of the Mission Blue Foundation, Chair of the Advisory Council for the Harte Research Institute and the Marine Science and Technology Foundation and former Chief Scientist of NOAA. She was named Time Magazine's first Hero for the Planet, a Living Legend by the Library of Congress and a 2009 winner of the TED Prize. Earle has pioneered research on marine ecosystems and has led more than 100 expeditions totaling more than 7,000 hours underwater.

Registration

For more details, the complete agenda and registration information visit Coastkeeper on the web at www.Coastkeeper.org, or contact Ellen Brown at 714-850-1965 or via email at ellen@coastkeeper.org.

Registration Fee \$50*

* Continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and conference materials will be provided.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Credit Card – register online at www.Coastkeeper.org OR fill out this form and fax it to 714-850-1592 ATTN: Ellen. Check – make payable to Orange County Coastkeeper and mail with form to:

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- A confirmation with directions will be sent via fax or mail one week prior to the event.
- Written notification of cancellation must be received by Thursday, July 13, 2010 for a refund.
- Please be aware that Coastkeeper will be taking photographs and videotaping this event. These will be used in our publications, a video documentary and on the web.
- View the cancellation policy at www.Coastkeeper.org

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a leadership role in
providing a reasonable
solution that works."**

Dr. Sylvia Earle
Rigs to Reefs
Conference keynote

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