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INTRODUCTION

America is and always has been an oceanic society. From the Bering Sea land bridge to the Jamestown settlement to the processing lines of Ellis Island, we have been a tempest-tossed people, a saltwater people, a coastal people.

We have lived well on the abundance of our seas and coastlines from the earliest canoe tribes setting fish-traps along the Jersey shore to today's giant gantry crane operators unloading container ships at the Port of Long Beach.

As the Pew Oceans Commission report of 2003 and the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy report of 2004 pointed out, America owes much of its wealth, bounty, and heritage to the blue in our red, white, and blue. It provides the oxygen we need to breathe, drives climate and weather, and brings rain to our farmers and food to our tables. It also provides recreation, transportation, protein, medicine, energy, security, and a sense of awe and wonder for the vast but fragile beauty of our blue-marble planet.

As the two commissions also point out, our living waters are today endangered by a cascading series of environmental threats from overfishing for the global seafood market to the nutrient pollution of our near-shore seas; from coastal sprawl that destroys the nurseries and filters of the seas; and from global warming that threatens our reefs, shores, and homes. In response to these threats, we need to develop and expand not only our scientific understanding of the seas but also an active and educated political constituency for the protection, exploration, and restoration of our living oceans.

That is why we've compiled this guide, as a kind of Blue Movement Directory, to identify and link citizen-activists, organizations, and institutions that, having gotten so much from our seas, are now ready to give something back.

The guide is divided into four sections. The first section identifies U.S. marine conservation organizations and provides descriptions and contact information by state. This is an easy way to find out who is active on what issues and in what part(s) of the country. The second section lists government agencies involved in coastal and marine oversight. It provides a way to navigate the confusing waters of marine governance in order to link particular issues to the agencies claiming legal responsibility over them. The third section lists major marine schools and science centers in the United States. It may be useful to potential students, activists, or other citizens seeking professional scientific or policy information and support. The final section lists national ocean sanctuaries and marine parks that can provide recreation and inspiration for all people who feel a connection to the sea around us.

Working together, dedicated watermen and waterwomen can begin to make a change, can create the first ripples in a rising tide of citizen action for the discovery and recovery of our Blue Frontier. We already know commonsense solutions can work, and that protecting our nation's watersheds, shorelines, and seas makes sense both morally and economically. Healthy, clean, and bountiful oceans will help ensure vibrant coastal communities and economies.

We hope this first biennial *Ocean and Coastal Conservation Guide* will provide a useful tool to the reader, while also helping to build a seaweed (marine grassroots) rebellion of creativity and solutions-oriented efforts across our land and from sea to shining sea.

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SECTION ONE

Blue Groups

I was visiting with the ranger in charge of a wildlife refuge on the coast of Florida where some of the last American crocodiles live in mangrove swamps and along abandoned canals of a failed development. The refuge is also home to endangered swallowtail butterflies, indigo snakes, and tree snails. Manatees, egrets, ospreys, tarpon, sharks, and rays congregate in the adjacent waters. I asked the ranger if he was involved with any ocean protection groups. "No," he said. "But when people ask me what environmental group they should contribute to, I say 'Planned Parenthood.'"

Fighting to protect our last wild blue places can lead some to a misanthropic view of the world—people are the problem. At the same time people also have the power to create solutions and find ways to live in harmony with nature and creation. American poet Henry David Thoreau reminds us that "Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." I'd just amend that to say that heaven is also under our flippers.

Across the United States people who care about our ocean planet are beginning to act on their beliefs. The number of blue groups is growing, along with public awareness about the state of our oceans. Basically five different types of blue organizations exist today:

- National and international activist organizations include the 150,000-member Ocean Conservancy (headed by a former Coast Guard admiral), which sponsors the National Beach Cleanup Day every year. The Surfrider Foundation is a chapter-based group of 40,000 surfers and other watermen and waterwomen who got fed up with oil and waste turning their ocean stoke into waterborne infections. Oceana, an international group, targets "dirty" fishing practices and threatens to sue the barnacles off polluting ocean liners. The Waterkeeper Alliance, with more than one hundred Keepers around the nation, targets polluters. The alliance grew out of the Riverkeepers who followed the flow into saltier water so that now they're also baykeepers, inlet keepers, and coastkeepers. These groups have local chapters or regional offices that work in your area and are easy to contact—particularly if your concerns are much larger than your own beach or bay, or if you are looking for an expert on a certain issue.
- Professionalized marine groups focus on just one thing and do it well. Seaweb helps the blue movement use media more effectively. It has spawned work on sustainable seafood, aquaculture, and aquarium conservation. Jacque Cousteau's grandson Philippe runs Earth Echo, which works on coral restoration and alternative ocean energies, while Titanic discoverer Bob Ballard brings the ocean into thousands of classrooms through his JASON project, using remote sensing underwater cameras. These groups can help your organization if you lack a particular kind of expertise. In another section of this guide you'll find listings of university and marine research centers that can also provide specialized expertise.
- Coalitions of blue groups across the nation, such as the Marine Fish Conservation Network, Restore America's Estuaries, Clean Water Network, and Ocean Wildlife Campaign, work on a range of issues from fisheries management reform to establishment of marine protected areas (wilderness parks in the sea). These groups often hold joint meetings and, like the Blue Frontier Campaign, aim to build bridges, alliances, and tactical coordination among marine activists and organizations.

- Local and regional blue groups include the New Jersey–based American Littoral Society, the Gulf Restoration Network, and Reef Relief that helps place tie-off buoys in the water so that dive-boats don't drop their anchors on live coral. The influential Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Maryland is fighting to restore America's largest estuary to at least 76 percent of its precolonial natural state. (Presently the organization rates the estuary at 26 percent.) Others are the venerable Save San Francisco Bay, the North Carolina Coastal Federation, and People for Puget Sound. Hundreds of local organizations also make their presence felt through constructive engagement with their fellow citizens. In Santa Cruz, California, for example, Save Our Shores (SOS), founded to protest offshore oil drilling, has evolved into a citizen-watchdog and resource for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.
- Specific marine wildlife operations include the Pelagic Shark Foundation, Protect Our Wild Salmon, the Sea Otter Project, the Sea Turtle Restoration Project, and the Save the Manatee Club, which is cochaired by singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett who notes that "each species is the spoke in a magic wheel: to lose one is to diminish the whole."

Ultimately, the Blue Movement includes many possible allies that you can call on—from local elected officials to ocean-dependent businesses, public health agencies, and recreational water users. In addition, a number of national organizations, including some major environmental groups such as the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Environmental Defense, now show an increased interest in the seas and offer members a way to be locally active while participating in campaigns aimed at changing national policies.

The following list of groups offers many choices and levels of activity to engage in. The list is organized by state so that you can find groups nearest to you working on your issues. It includes established institutions such as marine science centers, exceptional government agencies such as the California Coastal Commission, and conservation-oriented aquariums that offer teachers and students an opportunity to learn about ocean protection while also offering individuals a chance to volunteer. Neighbors are organizing hundreds of local groups to protect the coastal and ocean resources they most value, be it a recreational beach in Staten Island, New York, or traditional cultural resources for native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. People have organized regionally around watersheds, treaties, and common waters at risk and, through their collective efforts, have won important victories for conservation and common sense.

Of course the real promise of what we call the "seaweed rebellion" is that all these groups—local, regional, and national—have now begun to work in concert. In July 2004 some 170 groups from twenty-five states and territories came together in Washington, D.C., for a three-day Blue Vision Conference that marked the beginning of a common vision and agenda for America's ocean and coastal movement. Building on that beginning, networks of waterwomen and watermen are today forging the kind of links that will help create a damp and salty uprising aimed at nothing less than the recovery of our maritime culture and heritage and the renewal of our journey home to the American sea. We hope you find the connections you need in this, the first citizens' guide to the blue movement.

ALABAMA

Alabama Coastal Foundation Inc.

www.alcoastalfoundation.org
PO Box 1760
Fairhope, AL 36533
ph: 251-990-6002
fax: 251-990-0041
joinacf@bellsouth.net
Improves and protects the quality of Alabama's coastal resources by identifying and solving problems through education, cooperation, and participation.

Alabama Environmental Council

www.aeconline.ws
2717 7th Ave. S, #207
Birmingham, AL 35233
ph: 205-322-3126
fax: 205-324-3784
stateoffice@aeconline.ws
Strives to provide up-to-date information on Alabama's coastal and terrestrial environment as well as links to other environmental organizations. It is Alabama's oldest non-profit environmental advocacy group.

Alabama Rivers Alliance

www.alabamarivers.org
2027 2nd Ave. N, Ste. A
Birmingham, AL 35203
ph: 205-322-6395
fax: 205-322-6397
alabamariv@alabamarivers.org
Works to unite Alabama's citizens to protect clean and healthy waters through three programs that focus on watershed protection, building watershed organizations, and increasing awareness and understanding of the value of watersheds to the state.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab

www.disl.org
101 Bienville Blvd.
Dauphin Island, AL 36528
ph: 251-861-2141
fax: 251-861-4646
gcrozier@disl.org
Provides educational programs, research and coastal zone management, and a public aquarium focused solely on the native ecosystems of the Mobile Bay estuary. DISL is home to the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium.

Mobile Bay Watch/Mobile Baykeeper

www.mobilebaywatch.org
5 North Jackson St.
Mobile, AL 36602
ph: 251-433-4229
fax: 251-432-8197
info@mobilebaywatch.org
Protects the quality of life for Mobile and Baldwin counties through a number of programs that involve local citizens in monitoring and reporting on water pollution, working to improve air quality that impacts the area, protecting shorebirds and marine wildlife, and fighting a proposed liquid natural gas facility.

The Nature Conservancy–Alabama Chapter Office

www.nature.org/Alabama
2100 1st Avenue North, Ste. 500
South Birmingham, AL 35203
ph: 205-251-1155
fax: 205-251-4444
lmayson@tnc.org
Purchases land and sets up conservation easements for critical habitats in Alabama to augment the nature preserves of Alabama. The Nature Conservancy is a national organization headquartered in Arlington, Virginia.

The Nature Conservancy–Alabama Coastal Programs Office

3280 Dolphin St., Ste. B-123
Mobile, AL 36606
ph: 251-473-4009
fax: 251-473-4809
nvickey@tnc.org

Sierra Club–Alabama Coastal Group

www.alabama.sierraclub.org/coastal.html
PO Box 852102
Mobile, AL 36685
ph: 251-540-2121
hodges@gulftel.com
Practices and promotes the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources including Alabama's coastal lands and waters. The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental group.

Weeks Bay Reserve Foundation

www.weeksbay.org
PO Box 731
Fairhope, AL 36533
ph: 251-990-5004
wernest@weeksbay.org
Supports the Weeks Bay Natural Estuarine Research Reserve in its efforts to protect the pristine coastal area of Baldwin County that feeds into Mobile Bay.

WildLaw
www.wildlaw.org
8116 Old Federal Rd., Ste. C
Montgomery, AL 36117
ph: 334-396-4729
fax: 334-396-9076
wildlaw@aol.com
Reviews and exposes violations of permitted industry and government entities in southern states, and ensures adherence to environmental laws. Has worked for the protection of Dauphin Island and other coastal regions.

Wolf Bay Watershed Watch Inc.
www.wolfbaywatch.org
PO Box 63
Elberta, AL 36530
ph: 251-987-5501
hammockhaven@gulftel.com
Protects and preserves the natural resources of the Wolf Bay Watershed. A grassroots citizen's advocacy organization.

ALASKA

Alaska Clean Water Alliance
PO Box 1441
Haines, AK 99827
ph: 907-766-2296
acwa1@seaknet.alaska.edu
Works to ensure that all activities in Alaska's rivers, lakes, estuaries, wetlands, and marine waters protect public health, support the use of the ecosystem for food harvesting, and foster environmental and economic stability. A research, education, and grassroots empowering organization dedicated to the conservation of the watersheds of Alaska.

Alaska Conservation Alliance
www.akvoice.org
PO Box 100660
Anchorage, AK 99510
ph: 907-258-6171
fax: 907-258-6177
unite@akvoice.org
Empowers citizens and organizations to participate effectively in the civic arena, and informs public officials, media, and the public about environmental, economic, and community-based issues. Among these are protecting salmon from impacts of logging and development and mitigating the impacts of global warming on the Arctic marine and coastal zone.

Alaska Conservation Voters
www.acvoters.org
PO Box 100660
Anchorage, AK 99510
ph: 907-258-6171
fax: 907-258-6177
info@acvoters.org
Works to protect Alaska's environment through public education and advocacy, and supports pro-conservation candidates for public office.

Alaska Longline Fisherman's Association
www.Afjournal.com
403 Lincoln St., Ste. 237
Sitka, AK 99835
ph: 907-747-3400
fax: 907-747-3462
Represents the men, women, and families dependent on Alaska's long-line industry and works to sustain it.

Alaska Marine Conservation Council
www.akmarine.org
PO Box 101145
Anchorage, AK 99510
ph: 907-277-5357
fax: 907-277-5975
amcc@alaska.net
Represents people who care about the health and future of Alaska's oceans and coastal communities. The community-based organization includes fisherman, subsistence harvesters, marine scientists, business owners, and families whose way of life, livelihoods and economies depend on healthy marine ecosystems.

Alaska Oceans Program
www.alaskaoceans.org
308 G St., Ste. 219
Anchorage, AK 99501
ph: 907-929-3553
fax: 907-929-1562
info@alaskaoceans.net
Shares concerns about the deterioration of the North Pacific Ocean environment and seeks solutions that promote conservation and sustainable fishery management policies.

Alaska Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)
www.akpirg.org
PO Box 101093
Anchorage, AK 99510
ph: 907-278-3661
fax: 907-278-9300
akpirg@gci.net
Educates citizens to enable them to participate in the political process, provides the public with practical and cost-efficient ways to work with government and the private sector, and encourages and provides information to grassroots efforts that advocate for the public interest. This is a non-partisan, statewide, nonprofit organization that is over twenty years old and has about 3,000 members.

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Alaska SeaLife Center
www.alaskasealife.org
301 Railway Ave.
PO Box 1329
Seward, AK 99664
ph: 800-224-2525
fax: 907-224-6320
visit@alaskasealife.org
Promotes research, rehabilitation, and public education to understand and maintain the integrity of marine ecosystems in Alaska. The nonprofit organization's research and rehabilitation facilities and naturalistic exhibits immerse visitors in the dynamic marine ecosystems of Alaska.

Anchorage Waterways Council
www.anchoragecreeks.org
PO Box 241774
Anchorage, AK 99524-1774
ph: 907-277-9287
fax: 907-277-9207
awc@alaska.net
Promotes the value of Anchorage's waterways and related habitats. The group organized itself following the first creek cleanup effort in 1984.

Campaign to Safeguard America's Waters
www.earthisland.org/project/viewProject.cfm?subSiteID=6
PO Box 956
Haines, AK 99827
ph: 907-766-3005
fax: 907-766-2921
gershon@aptalaska.net
Seeks to close loopholes in federal and state water pollution regulations that allow millions of gallons of polluted wastes to be dumped into public waters every day. This group is a national project of the Earth Island Institute.

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies
www.akcoastalstudies.org
PO Box 2225
Homer, AK 99603
ph: 907-235-6667
cacs@xyz.net
Fosters responsible interactions with natural surroundings and generates knowledge of the marine and coastal ecosystems of Kachemak Bay through education, research, and stewardship programs.

Coastal Coalition
PO Box 231293
Anchorage, AK 99523-1293
ph: 907-333-3381
Seeks to develop coastal policy and a responsible plan for oil transportation, OCS oil development, and marine conservation. This private coastal coalition group formed in response to the *Valdez* accident.

Cook Inlet Keeper
www.inletkeeper.org
Box 3269
Homer, AK 99603
ph: 907-235-4068
fax: 907-235-4069
keeper@inletkeeper.org
Seeks protection of Alaska's Cook Inlet watershed and the life it sustains. The organization is a citizen-based nonprofit group and member of the Waterkeeper Alliance.

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund–Alaska
www.earthjustice.org/regional/juneau
325 Fourth St.
Juneau, AK 99801-1145
ph: 907-586-2751
fax: 907-463-5891
eajusak@earthjustice.org
Seeks to protect the natural attributes of Alaska. Since 1978, attorneys representing a diverse group of clients have brought litigation to defend natural resources throughout the state.

Friends of Southeast's Future
www.ptialaska.net/~snep
PO Box 212
Sitka, AK 99835
johnson@ptialaska.net
Works to protect the Tongass National Forest surrounding Sitka from large-scale clear-cutting of the remaining old growth forest that protects local lands and waters. This is a grassroots activist group.

Greenpeace–Alaska
www.GreenpeaceUSA.org
125 Christensen Dr., Ste. 2
Anchorage, AK 99501
ph: 800-326-0959
info@wdcgreenpeace.org
Uses nonviolent direct action and creative communication to expose global environmental problems and to promote solutions that are essential to a green (blue) and peaceful future. Greenpeace is an international independent membership organization whose goal is to ensure the ability of the Earth to nurture life in all its diversity. Its present campaigns include efforts to protect ocean seamounts and eliminate destructive bottom-trawl fishing.

Kenai Watershed Forum
www.kenaiwatershed.org
PO Box 2937
Soldotna, AK 99669
ph: 907-260-5449
fax: 907-260-5412
robert@kenaiwatershed.org
Works to maintain the health of the Kenai Peninsula watersheds and ensure the quality of life for future generations.

Ocean Champions
www.oceanchampions.org
645 G St., Ste. 100, #617
Anchorage, AK 99501
ph: 907-258-8935
fax: 907-222-6202
jack@oceanchampions.org
Works to support proven leaders and elect new candidates to the U.S. Congress who will advocate for ocean conservation. Ocean Champions is a nonpartisan organization.

Ocean Conservancy–Alaska Regional Office
www.oceanconservancy.org/dynamic/aboutus/offices/alaska/alaska.htm
425 G St., Ste. 400
Anchorage, AK 99501
ph: 907-258-9922
fax: 907-258-9933
Uses science-based advocacy, research, and public education to inform, inspire, and empower people to speak and act for the oceans. The Ocean Conservancy is a national organization dedicated to protecting ocean ecosystems. The organization has a national office in Washington, D.C., and ten regional offices, including one in Alaska. Its four major programs are coral reef protection, debris monitoring, stormwater runoff and pollution, and coastal cleanup.

Prince William Sound Conservation Alliance/ The Eyak Preservation Council
www.redzone.org
PO Box 460
Curdova, AK 99574
ph: 907-424-5890
fax: 907-424-5891
eyak@redzone.org
Concentrates on all environmental issues facing Prince William Sound, including the impact of cruise ships, oil tankers, fishery and wildlife issues on the Sound's resources and people.

Prince William Soundkeeper
www.pwsoundkeeper.org
PO Box 2832
Valdez, AK 99686
ph: 877-686-3533
info@pwsoundkeeper.org
Seeks to protect Alaska's Prince William Sound and the life it sustains. This organization is a citizen-based nonprofit group.

Prince William Sound Science and Technology Center
www.pwssc.gen.ak.us
PO Box 705
Cordova, AK 99574
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pwfsc@pwssc.gen.ak.us
Promotes the goal of maintaining long-term, self-regulating biodiversity, productivity, and sustainable use of renewable resources through ecological monitoring and educating youth and the general public about the critical interdependence of the biology and regional economies of Alaska.

Sierra Club–Alaska, Anchorage
http://alaska.sierraclub.org
333 West 4th Ave., Ste. 307
Anchorage, AK 99501-2341
ph: 907-276-4048
fax: 907-258-6807
nw-ak.field@sierraclub.org
Uses lawful means to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources, and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental group. Works to stop logging, drilling, and other marine impacts in coastal zones, including the Southeast and Arctic regions of the state.

Sitka Conservation Society
www.sitkawild.org
PO Box 6533
Sitka, AK 99835
ph: 907-747-7509
fax: 907-747-6105
info@sitkawild.org
Works to protect the natural environment of the Tongass forest and waters of southeastern Alaska by educating citizens on environmental issues and helping them participate in the public process to advocate responsible stewardship of natural resources.

Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
www.seacc.org
419 6th St., #200
Juneau, AK 99801
ph: 907-586-6942
fax: 907-463-3312
info@seacc.org
Safeguards the integrity of southeastern Alaska's unsurpassed natural environment while providing for the sustainable use of our region's natural resources. Among its campaigns, SACC is working to conserve Berners Bay, called the "Serengeti of Southeast Alaska," and improve the state's marine ferry service as an alternative to road building.

Surfrider Foundation–
Wildcoast Organizing Committee
425 G St., Ste. 400
Anchorage, AK 99501
ph: 907-258-9922
orca@acsalaska.net
Uses conservation, activism, research, and education to encourage people to protect and enjoy the world's waves and beaches. The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit environmental organization whose membership consists mainly of surfers. Its scope has expanded to include protecting wetlands, bird life, and beaches as well as surf spots.

Tongass Conservation Society
PO Box 23377
Ketchikan, AK 99901
ph: 907-225-5827
fax: 907-225-5827
TCS works to preserve the biodiversity of the many island forests of the Tongass through protection of habitat from pressures of industrial exploitation. Campaigns to protect the unique and inspiring Misty Fiords, Ward Cove, and other marine waters from the impacts of poorly regulated tourism, pollution, and other activities.

Trustees for Alaska
www.trustees.org
1026 West 4th Ave., Ste. 201
Anchorage, AK 99501
ph: 907-276-4244
fax: 907-276-7110
ecolaw@trustees.org
Provides legal council to sustain and protect Alaska's natural environment, including coastal bays, salmon rivers and marine wildlife.

ARIZONA
Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans, Inc. (CEDO Intercultural)
Cedointercultural.org
PO Box 44208
Tucson, AZ 85733-4208
ph: 520-320-5473
info@cedointercultural.org
Seeks to advance and share knowledge about the Upper Gulf of California and surrounding Sonoran Desert and to promote conservation and sustainable use of its resources. For more than twenty years this collaborative effort between U.S. and Mexican nonprofit groups has maintained a natural history-marine science center and biological field station near Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mexico, approximately 215 miles southwest of Tucson and Phoenix. Here eco-tours and educational programs are conducted for U.S. and Mexican students and interested adults.

CALIFORNIA
Adopt-a-Waterway
www.adopt-a-waterway.com
919 Manhattan Ave., Ste. 100
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
ph: 310-374-3812
fax: 800-890-2213
heather@eccmedia.com
Seeks to improve the quality of the nation's oceans, rivers, streams, and waterways. This group is a part of a national organization.

Algalita Marine Research Foundation
www.algalita.org
148 Marina Dr.
Long Beach, CA 90803
ph: 562-598-4889
fax: 562-598-0712
info@algalita.org
Engages in innovative research, education, and restoration of the marine environment with the help of its chartered research vessel, the *Alguita*. The California-based nonprofit environmental organization has been a major force in identifying the problem of plastic pollution in the open seas.

American Cetacean Society–
Channel Islands Chapter
www.acschannelislands.org
PO Box 3924
Santa Barbara, CA 93130
acf_sb_v@hotmail.com
Engages in educational, conservational, and scientific pursuits for the purpose of expanding scientific knowledge about whales, dolphins, porpoises, and related creatures.

American Cetacean Society–Los Angeles Chapter
www.acs-la.org
PO Box 1208
San Pedro, CA 90733-1208
ph: 310-548-8500
acsla@acs-la.org

American Cetacean Society–Monterey Chapter
www.starrsites.com/acsmb
PO Box HE
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
seastham@monterey.K12.ca.us

American Cetacean Society–Orange County Chapter
www.acsonline.org/orangecounty
C/O 6241 Warner Ave., #203
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
ph: 714-375-1192
contact_oc@acsonline.org

American Cetacean Society–San Francisco Chapter
www.acs-sfbay.org
PO Box 784
Pacifica, CA 94044
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Aquarium of the Bay
www.aquariumofthebay.com
Pier 39
Embarcadero at Beach St.
San Francisco, CA 94133
ph: 415-623-5300
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catherineb@aquariumofthebay.com
Seeks to preserve the rich and diverse aquatic life of San Francisco Bay and its surrounding waters. This unique educational and entertainment facility is located on the San Francisco waterfront.

Aquarium of the Pacific
www.aquariumofpacific.org
Pacific Aquatic life
100 Aquarium Way
Long Beach, CA 90802
ph: 562-590-3100
fax: 562-951-1629
aquariumofpacific@lbaop.org
Seeks to instill a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean and its inhabitants and ecosystems. This facility is one of the largest aquariums in the United States.

Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation
www.aquaticadventures.org
1010 Santa Clara Point
San Diego, CA 92109
ph: 858-488-3849
fax: 858-488-4265
sharafisler@aquaticadventures.org
Provides educational programs that connect underserved youth to science, inspire environmental action, and increase exposure to marine habitats.

Arc Ecology
www.arcecology.org
833 Market St., Ste. 1104
San Francisco, CA 94103
ph: 415-495-1786
fax: 415-495-1787
arc@igc.org
Promotes peace, environmental responsibility, a compassionate economy, and a just society in the San Francisco Bay Area, across the nation, and around the world. Projects include monitoring the cleanup of Hunters Point Shipyard, restoring the Yosemite Slough on San Francisco Bay, and working for the cleanup and sustainable community development of other military sites on and around the bay's waters. This is a community-based grassroots organization.

Baja California Coastkeeper
www.wildcoast.net
925 Seacoast Dr.
Imperial Beach, CA 91932
ph: 619-423-8665
fax: 619-423-8488
info@wildcoast.net
Seeks to preserve endangered marine species and threatened coastal wild lands of the Californias. This group is an international conservation team.

Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation
www.batiquitosfoundation.org
PO Box 130491
Carlsbad, CA 92013
ph: 760-931-0800
info@batiquitosfoundation.org
Works to preserve, protect, and enhance Batiquitos Lagoon, one of the few remaining tidal wetlands on the southern California coast.

Bay Institute of San Francisco
www.bay.org
500 Palm Dr., Ste. 200
Novato, CA 94949
ph: 415-506-0150
fax: 415-506-0155
bayinfo@bay.org
Protects and restores the ecosystems of San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta, as well as the rivers and streams that feed into the estuary.

BAY NET–Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Volunteer Network
www.mbay.net/~baynet
Bay Net
PO Box 51595
Pacific Grove, CA 93950
ph: 831-373-6396
milos@mbay.net
Seeks to enhance public awareness and understanding of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, its wildlife, policies, and programs.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps
www.aquarium.ucsd.edu
9500 Gilman Dr., Dept 0207
La Jolla, CA 92093-0207
ph: 858-534-FISH
fax: 858-534-7114
aquariuminfo@ucsd.edu
Provides ocean science education and promotes conservation. The aquarium is the interpretive center for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California.

Bluevoice.org
www.bluevoice.org
1252 B St.
Petaluma, CA 94952
contact@bluevoice.org
Produces films and news reports aimed at protecting oceans, whales, and dolphins by documenting tragic events in the marine world.

Bluewater Network
www.bluewaternetwork.org
311 California St., Ste. 510
San Francisco, CA 94104
ph: 415-544-0790
fax: 415-544-0796
bluewater@bluewaternetwork.org
Champions innovative solutions and inspires individuals to protect earth's finite and vulnerable ecosystems. Bluewater has been a leader in identifying and reforming marine engine and ship-based sources of pollution, including air pollution, water pollution, and invasive species.

Bolinas Lagoon Foundation
www.bolinaslagoon.org
PO Box 444
Stinson Beach, CA 94970
ph: 415-868-0518
m.mace@worldnet.att.net
Promotes conservation and protection of Bolinas Lagoon and its natural surroundings in Marin County, California, as a unique national resource. The foundation also supports scientific study of the lagoon, encourages an active concern in the public, and works with and assists other nonprofit and charitable agencies concerned with the welfare of Bolinas Lagoon.

Bolsa Chica Land Trust
www.bolsachicalandtrust.org
5200 Warner Ave., #108
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
ph: 714-846-1001
bclt@bolsachicalandtrust.org
Leads the effort to purchase and preserve the remaining open space in Bolsa Chica, one of the last wetland ecosystems in Southern California.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
www.cabrilloaq.org
3720 Stephen White Dr.
San Pedro, CA 90731
ph: 310-548-7562
fax: 310-548-2649
info@cabrilloaq.org
Promotes knowledge and awareness of marine life in Southern California through recreational, educational, and research programs.

California Academy of Sciences
www.calacademy.org
875 Howard St.
San Francisco, CA 94103-3009
ph: 415-321-8000
info@calacademy.org
Explores, explains, and protects the natural world and educates the public about California's ocean resources through the Steinhart Aquarium, sustainable seafood guide, and other programs. Founded in 1853, the academy was the first scientific institution in the western United States.

California Coastkeeper Alliance
www.cacoastkeeper.org
PO Box 3156
Fremont, CA 94539
ph: 510-770-9764
lsheehan@cacoastkeeper.org
Seeks to protect and restore the quality of California's aquatic ecosystem. A coalition of local waterkeepers, the alliance ensures that California's coastkeepers are able to coordinate their varied efforts.

California League of Conservation Voters
www.ecovote.org
1212 Broadway, Ste. 630
Oakland, CA 94612
ph: 510-271-0900
fax: 510-271-0901
ecovote@ecovote.org
Protects the environmental quality of the state by increasing awareness of the environmental performance of all elected officials. The league works to elect environmentally responsible candidates and holds them accountable to the environmental agenda once elected.

California Wilderness Coalition
www.calwild.org
1212 Broadway, Ste. 1700
Oakland, CA 94612
ph: 510-451-1450
fax: 510-451-1445
info@calwild.org
Works for passage of legislation designating new wilderness areas, including coastal areas and wild and scenic rivers.

Californians Organized to Acquire Access to State Tidelands (COAAST)
1475 Los Alamos Rd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
ph: 707-539-0153
crhinehart@aol.com
Fights for public access and coastal open space easements. This group is an alliance of several coastal organizations.

Catalina Island Marine Institute
www.guideddiscoveries.org/cimisite/school.htm
C/O Guided Discoveries, Inc.
PO Box 1360
Claremont, CA 91711
ph: 800-645-1423
info@GuidedDiscoveries.org
Provides teachers with an opportunity to let students experience, firsthand, marine biology and island ecology by immersing them in experiential activities with an educational focus. CIMI serves over 400 school groups at three different sites on Catalina Island, and also offers an Expeditionary Tall Ship program.

Center for Ecosystem Survival
www.savenature.org
699 Mississippi St., Ste. 106
San Francisco, CA 94107
ph: 415-648-3392
fax: 415-648-3392
info@savenature.org
Creates global partnerships for biological diversity through worldwide ecosystem protection programs such as "Adopt a Reef." The center's goals are to increase individual participation in and awareness of worldwide conservation by providing an opportunity for direct action.

Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation
www.cmbc.ucsd.edu
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
University of California–San Diego
La Jolla, CA 92093
ph: 858-822-2790
fax: 858-822-1267
cmbc@ucsd.edu
Seeks to increase public understanding of scientific issues relating to the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity.

Central California Council of Diving Clubs Inc.
www.cencal.org
4016 Walnut Blvd.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
ph: 925-932-8838
scampi@campin.net
Promotes the principles of wise and equitable ocean legislation, safety, conservation, access, sportsmanship, and underwater sports and furthering knowledge of marine phenomena.

Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
www.centralcoastsalmon.com
PO Box 277
Avila Beach, CA 93424
ph: 805-473-8221
fax: 805-473-8167
salmonfix@aol.com
Promotes enhancement and restoration of the Central Coast salmon fishery and local creeks.

Clean Water Action–San Francisco
www.cleanwateraction.org/ca/index.htm
111 Montgomery St., Ste. 600
San Francisco, CA 94105
ph: 415-369-9160
fax: 415-369-9180
cwasf@cleanwater.org
Works for clean, safe, and affordable water, water pollution prevention, creation of environmentally safe jobs and businesses, and empowerment of people to make democracy work. This group is part of a national citizen's organization.

Coast Action Group
www.mecgrassroots.org/groups/CAG.html
Point Arena, CA 95468
ph: 707-882-2484
alevine@mail.mcn.org
Works to preserve the riverine and coho salmon runs on the Garcia River in southern Mendocino County.

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