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Secretary Laird Appoints Members to the Ocean Science Trust Board

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- California Natural Resources Secretary and Ocean Protection Council Chair John Laird made the following appointments to the Ocean Science Trust Board (OST):

- **Gary Griggs:** Director, Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences, Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz
- **Jerry Schubel:** President and CEO at Aquarium of the Pacific
- **Margaret Leinen:** Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences, Director, Scripps Institute, Dean, School of Marine Sciences at the University of California, San Diego
- **Phil Taylor:** Executive Director of Research Advancement and Federal Relations at the University of Southern California

"I am pleased to make these appointments to the Board of the Ocean Science Trust and believe these new members will ensure the organization will continue to fulfill its promise to bring the best ocean science to California and other West Coast decision makers," said Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird.

Karina Nielsen, member of the Ocean Protection Council Science Advisory Team (OPC-SAT) and Director for the Tiburon Center, College of Science and Engineering, San Francisco State University, will attend board meetings to fully integrate the work of the OPC-SAT with the Board's work.

The California Ocean Resources Stewardship Act passed in 2000, established OST. The board consists of 10 trustees appointed by the Secretary for Natural Resources and serve at his pleasure. OST consists of one member representing the Natural Resources Agency; three from a list submitted jointly by the University of California and the California State University; two public members from either a for-profit or non-profit; two members from coast and ocean interest groups; one member selected by the Secretary for Environmental Protection; and one member from the Department of Finance. The mission of OST is to seek and provide funding for ocean resource science projects and to encourage coordinated, multi-agency, multi-institution approaches to ocean resource science.

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