

# 2012 Heceta Head Coastal Conference

October 26 & 27 — Florence Events Center, Florence Oregon

***Oregon's Ocean: Bringing the High Seas Home*** The Pacific Ocean is a dynamic place full of activity and motion. But what does that mean for Oregonians? This year's conference will look closely at connections between Oregon's Ocean and the rest of the globe. We'll examine the important science, economics, and policies affecting things that float, swim, drift, stowaway, steam, and bob across the Pacific to Oregon's shores, and vice versa!

## **PROGRAM**

### **Friday, October 26, 2012**

6:00 Dinner speaker, ***First Lady of Oregon, Cylvia Hayes***: "What does a healthy ocean mean for Oregonians?"

### **Saturday, October 27, 2012**

8:30 Welcome, Stephen Brandt, Oregon Sea Grant & Craig McMicken, HHCC Board Director

8:35 ***Representative Arnie Roblan***: "Oregon's Coastal Communities: Challenges and Opportunities"

9:00-9:20 Oceanography overview of the Pacific – Jack Barth, OSU

9:20-9:40 Legal/jurisdictional overview of the Pacific – Richard Hildreth, UO Law school

**9:40-10:00 Break**

10:00-10:20 Larval Crabs and the spring transition--Alan Shanks, UO/OIMB

10:20-10:40 Albacore tuna migrations in the Pacific – Vidar Wespestad, advisor to American Fisheries Research fnd.

10:40-11:00 Understanding ocean users - Flaxen Conway, OSU / OSG

11:00-1:00 **Student poster session & lunch** –highlighting current research from students at Oregon's universities

#### **Panel 1 – Hypoxia and Ocean Acidification in the Pacific**

1:00-1:10 Understanding the science of OA, Francis Chan, OSU Zoology

1:10-1:20 How growers are dealing with OA, Alan Barton, Pacific Shellfish Grower's Association

1:20-1:30 WA Blue Ribbon Panel on OA

1:30-1:40 COMPASS

1:40-2:00 Discussion and Q&A

**2:00-2:10 Break**

#### **Panel 2 - Tsunami Debris**

2:10-2:20 Overview of tsunami debris background and response, Rick Brown, NOAA

2:20-2:30 Invasive species & tsunami debris, Jessica Miller, OSU

2:30-2:40 Community response & volunteer engagement, Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation

2:40-2:50 OR State Parks and marine & tsunami debris, Trisha Wymore, OPRD

2:50-3:20 Discussion and Q&A

**3:20-3:30 Break**

3:30 Keynote speaker, ***Bruce Mate, OSU / MMI***: "Oregon's Ocean - Whale migrations & critical habitats"

4:15 Student poster awards and reception

## **LODGING SPECIAL**

For an overnight stay, the ***River House Inn*** in Old Town offers conference attendees a special off-river rate of \$76 (a 30% discount per night). See [www.riverhouseflorence.com](http://www.riverhouseflorence.com). Tel. 541-999-3933