

*Preliminary Program*  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual HECETA HEAD COASTAL CONFERENCE**  
*In Partnership with*  
**OREGON SEA GRANT**

Theme: **“Oregon’s Ocean: Catching the Next Wave of Discoveries”**

Friday Afternoon, October 28

**Discovery Trip**

Learn about the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership, estuary ecology, and estuary stewardship. Activities include exploring wetlands with a biologist and a walking tour of old town that covers the history of the Siuslaw River as well as current storm water treatment projects. Hosted by the Siuslaw Estuary Partnership. No charge but Reservations requested.

Friday Evening, October 28

**Dinner with Angela Haseltine Pozzi**

5:00 p.m. **Gathering**

**No Host Reception (Lobby)** “Celebrating 40 years of Sea Grant in Oregon”

6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

Reservations required @ \$20

7:15 p.m. **Presentation**

Angela Haseltine Pozzi, Director, *The Washed Ashore Project*

The Washed Ashore community project aims to educate and create awareness about marine debris and plastic pollution through art. Bandon artist Angela Haseltine Pozzi will discuss the larger than life sculptures of marine life that are made from debris collected on Oregon beaches, and how you can be involved to help create art and share the message of the impacts of marine pollution.

Saturday, October 29

**Conference Schedule**

8:30 a.m. **Gathering**

Lobby & Main Hall Coffee served; Exhibits on display, Registration: \$30 / \$25 students

9:00 a.m. *Conference Welcome* Craig McMicken & Stephen Brandt, Ph.D.

9:05 a.m. “*The importance of ocean research in Oregon*” Representative Jean Cowan

**Presentations**

9:30 a.m. “*Implementation of a Columbia River Estuary ocean observatory for ecosystem research and monitoring*”

Joseph Needoba, Ph.D., Oregon Health Sciences University

9:50 a.m. “*Monitoring and research in Oregon’s two pilot marine reserves*”

Alix Laferriere, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

10:10 a.m. “*Social Science Applications in Oregon’s Ocean Planning Process*”

John Stevenson, Oregon State University

10:30 am **Break**

10:45 a.m. “*Ocean acidification and shellfish*”

George Waldbusser, Ph.D., Oregon State University

11:05 a.m. “*Bringing albatross conservation to West Coast Groundfish fisheries*”

Ed Melvin, Ph.D. & Troy Guy, Washington Sea Grant

11:25 a.m. “*Addressing potential interactions of ocean energy installations and the environment*”

Sarah Henkel, Ph.D., Oregon State University

11:45 a.m. **Student Research Poster Session** current research from students at Oregon’s universities

12:30 p.m. **Lunch & Keynote Address** “*Managing the oceans and coasts: linking research, policy, and new institutions*”

Robert Costanza, Ph. D., Director of the Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Portland State University

1:30-3:00 pm **Role of Research Colloquium**

Moderator, Robert Costanza, Ph.D.

Participants:

Sarah Skamsner, Foulweather Trawl

Kerry Carlin-Morgan, Oregon Coast Aquarium

Jason Busch, Oregon Wave Energy Trust

Tawnya Peterson, OHSU / Center for Coastal

Margin Observation and Prediction

Pete Stauffer, Surfrider Foundation

3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:15 p.m. “**Discovery, Learning and Engagement for Tomorrow’s World**”, John Byrne Ph.D., OSU President Emeritus

4:00 p.m. **Student Poster Awards**