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February 15, 2011

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for California Ocean Stewards

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to express my strong support for a proposal submitted by O'Neill Sea Odyssey to implement California Ocean Stewards, a program that aims to teach ocean stewardship to a population of majority low-income and ethnic minority students.

California Ocean Stewards will directly serve 900 youth and 30 teachers with an ocean field trip, a hands-on restoration project and in-class curriculum within O'Neill Sea Odyssey's core ocean science and protection program. The program also aims to provide ocean literacy curriculum and evaluation to an additional 500 teachers and 1,500 students in classrooms. The goal is the creation of a broad and sustained level of marine conservation education that is accessible to students throughout California.

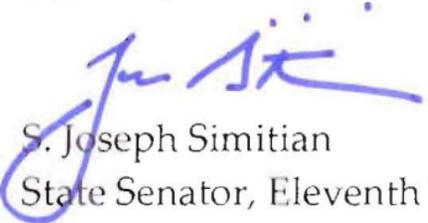
When I served in the California State Assembly, I worked closely with O'Neill Sea Odyssey's Executive Director, Dan Haifley, on the successful passage of Assembly Bill 1330. This bill established the Outdoor Environmental Education Program, which fosters stewardship of the environment and an appreciation of the importance of the wise use of natural resources. AB 1330 mandated a study, the result of which found that lower income youth who participated in outdoor science education had science test scores which were 27% higher than those that did not. This demonstrates the academic value of environmental education.

California Ocean Stewards will provide an exceptional opportunity to teach and inspire a generation of students to explore marine science and conservation, both as an in-depth area

of study and as a possible career path. These young men and women will serve as the future stewards of our most precious natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy project.

Sincerely,



S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

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March 23, 2011

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I write in support of O'Neill Sea Odyssey's \$60,000 grant request for its California Ocean Stewards project.

California Ocean Stewards will serve a population of 900 youth and 30 teachers from low-income and ethnic minority backgrounds and provide them with an interactive, marine science curriculum including field trips and ocean restoration projects. Additionally, 500 teachers and 1,500 students will receive lessons in ocean literacy and academic evaluation materials. Nearly all of the low-income youth served by California Ocean Stewards will be from ethnic minority backgrounds and the majority of the population to be served is underrepresented in current ocean conservation efforts.

California Ocean Stewards will ensure that a broad and sustained level of marine conservation education reaches our youth, particularly those not traditionally exposed to these subjects. Producing ocean stewards from the populations that will make up California future majority is essential to the longevity of our ocean ecosystems.

I respectfully ask that you approve O'Neil Sea Odyssey's request and fund its California Ocean Stewards project.

Sincerely,

LUIS A. ALEJO
Assembly Member
28th Assembly District

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February 8, 2011

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

This letter is to express my support for the O'Neill Sea Odyssey's request for \$60,000 to implement the California Ocean Stewards Project.

This California Ocean Stewards Project will directly serve 900 children and 30 teachers through hands-on lessons about the marine habitat and the importance of the relationship between the living sea and the environment. In addition, the California Ocean Stewards Project will reach an additional 500 teachers and classrooms with 1,500 students with an ocean literacy curriculum and evaluation tool. The majority of those that will be served by this Project are low-income, Latino students, a demographic that is largely overlooked in current ocean conservation efforts.

Creating a broad and sustained level of marine conservation education that can be transferred for use throughout California will assist future generations in becoming guardians of our oceans. The California Ocean Stewards Project will provide ocean education to young people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn about this unique environment and I ask for your consideration of the O'Neil Sea Odyssey's request to fund this very important educational program.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM W. MONNING
Assemblymember, 27th District

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
299 Foam Street
Monterey, California 93940

February 7, 2011

Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway # 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing on behalf of NOAA's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in support of the proposal submitted by O'Neill Sea Odyssey to implement a project entitled *California Ocean Stewards*, which will serve a majority low-income and ethnic minority population. The *California Ocean Stewards* program would directly serve 900 youth and 30 teachers with an ocean field trip, hands-on restoration projects and in-class curriculum within O'Neill Sea Odyssey's core ocean science and protection program.

California Ocean Stewards will reach an additional 500 teachers and classrooms with 1,500 students with an ocean literacy based curriculum and evaluation tools, developed in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The majority of the population to be served is largely overlooked in current ocean conservation efforts but is critical to the success of any marine conservation effort. This proposal will create a broad and sustained level of marine conservation education and is exportable for use throughout California.

The MBNMS will assist O'Neill Sea Odyssey in this project, as it has in the past. Our two entities undertook a similar, successful project in 2003, funded by the Toyota USA Foundation, to revise and export ocean literacy curriculum.

Thank you very much for your consideration, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

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Dawn L. Hayes
Education & Outreach Coordinator

Cc: Paul Michel, Superintendent





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February 7, 2011

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway #1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

As Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, I am writing to indicate my strong support for the proposal by O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) to implement California Ocean Stewards.

California Ocean Stewards will directly serve 900 youth and 30 teachers with an ocean field trip, curriculum, and hands-on projects. It will also reach an additional 500 teachers and classrooms with 1,500 students with an ocean-literate curriculum and evaluation tool.

The majority of the population to be served is largely overlooked in current ocean conservation efforts, but is critical to their success. This proposal will create a broad and sustained level of marine conservation education and is exportable for use throughout California.

The City of Santa Cruz is very familiar with OSO's work, and we are pleased to support the application.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ryan Coonerty
Mayor

February 4, 2011

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer

California Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway # 1300

Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

On behalf of Save Our Shores, an ocean and coastal protection organization working in the region of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, I am writing to indicate my strong support of the proposal by O'Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) to implement California Ocean Stewards.

California Ocean Stewards will directly serve 900 youth and 30 teachers with an ocean field trip, curriculum, and hands-on projects. It will also reach an additional 500 teachers and classrooms with 1,500 students with an ocean literate curriculum and evaluation tool.

Save Our Shores has worked closely with OSO over the past several years to implement programs to serve lower income youth. Currently we are implementing the Ocean Protectors program to familiarize youth with issues associated with plastic in the oceans and ways can be help to stem this problem.

I hope that you will strongly consider their proposal.

Thank you very much,

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Laura J Kasa

Executive Director