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**Three marine scientists discuss “Disturbing Trends—Encouraging Signs” at the annual Norris Lecture on Thursday, October 15**

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SANTA CRUZ, CA--A panel of three marine scientists from across a spectrum of disciplines will provide prospective on the current state of ocean health during the annual Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center on Thursday, October 15, from 7 to 8:30 PM. This event titled, *Disturbing Trends—Encouraging Signs*, is free and open to the public. Ryan Coonerty, Supervisor for Santa Cruz County and two-time former Santa Cruz Mayor will moderate this unique conversation. Seating is limited; doors open at 6:30 PM.

Ocean scientists have the opportunity to work in some of the most fascinating places on Earth. This lively discussion will focus on their investigations of troubling trends in our modern ocean—heavy metals, sea star wasting, and ocean acidification—and their perspectives on signs of improving health.

The panel:

**Russ Flegal**, Professor, Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz

**Pete Raimondi**, Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz

**Kristy Kroeker**, Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz

Don't miss this rare opportunity to engage with these three intriguing people who help us understand our ocean and the amazing life it holds.

The Ken Norris Memorial Lecture is named after acclaimed scientist, naturalist, teacher, and conservationist, Kenneth S. Norris. Norris was a professor of natural history at UC Santa Cruz for 18 years. His legacy includes helping to found UC Santa Cruz's Long Marine Laboratory and the campus's Institute of Marine Sciences. He is nationally known for his pioneering research with dolphins and his efforts to establish the University of California's Natural Reserve System. He was a key author of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

The 2015 Ken Norris Memorial Lecture is sponsored by Naomi Kirschenbaum.

For more information about this event, please call the Seymour Center at (831) 459-3800.

Overlooking the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Seymour Center is a "living classroom" featuring exhibits, aquariums, touch pools, whale skeletons, the Ocean Discovery Shop, and unsurpassed ocean vistas. The aquariums and exhibits feature the everyday tools of ocean exploration and focus on research conducted by scientists locally and around the world. Interactive stations provide hands-on learning experiences, and docents lead tours and bring marine science to life. The Seymour Center is located at the end of Delaware Avenue in Santa Cruz.

**WHAT:**

Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center: *Disturbing Trends—Encouraging Signs—a moderated discussion with three marine scientists*

**FEATURING:**

- Russ Flegal, Professor, Microbiology and Environmental Toxicology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz
- Pete Raimondi, Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz
- Kristy Kroeker, Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Department, Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz

**MODERATED BY:**

- Ryan Coonerty, Santa Cruz County 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor, Former Santa Cruz Mayor

**WHEN:**

Thursday, October 15, 2015  
7 to 8:30 PM

**WHERE:**

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab  
End of Delaware Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**ADMISSION:**

Free. First come, first served; seating is limited. Recommended for ages 10 and older.  
Doors open at 6:30 PM.

**INFORMATION:**

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