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Ken Norris Memorial Lecture—Tuesday, November 13: “Oil and Gas Development Off California's Coast--Is More in Our Future?” A Moderated Discussion with the Experts

SANTA CRUZ, CA—An expert panel will provide a perspective on oil and gas development off California’s coast during the annual Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center on Tuesday, November 13, from 7-8:30 PM. Doors open at 6 PM for this free event.

Last January, the Interior Department announced its intention to allow drilling in nearly all U.S. waters, the largest expansion of offshore oil and gas leasing ever proposed by the federal government. This would include nearly every coastline in the nation, putting regions that were long off limits to oil and gas development back on the table. While it’s unlikely that drilling would ever be allowed in the Monterey Bay, production anywhere along California’s coast is risky. From additional tanker traffic to an actual spill in neighboring waters, potential hazards abound. Is there oil and gas off our coast? Where is it and how much is there? How feasible is production along California’s coast today? Who makes the final decisions? Join us to drill deeper into the science and policy of offshore oil and gas production along California’s coast.

The 2018 Ken Norris Memorial Lecture will be moderated by Kate Roberts, President of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, and includes a panel of experts:

Bill Douros, West Coast Regional Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Kaitilin Gaffney, Ocean, Coast, and Fisheries Director, Resource Legacy Fund
Gary Griggs, Earth Sciences Distinguished Professor, UC Santa Cruz

Hosted by Pete Raimondi, Institute of Marine Sciences Director, UC Santa Cruz

Sponsored by Naomi Kirschenbaum

ABOUT THIS ANNUAL LECTURE: The Kenneth 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 lecture is sponsored by Naomi Kirschenbaum.

ABOUT THE SEYMOUR CENTER: Overlooking the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Seymour Center is a "living classroom" featuring exhibits, aquariums, touch pools, whale skeletons, full-scale elephant seal models, 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.

WHAT: Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center: **“Oil and Gas Development Off California's Coast--Is More in Our Future? A Moderated Discussion with the Experts”**

WHEN: Tuesday, November 13, 7-8:30 PM

WHERE: Seymour Marine Discovery Center, UC Santa Cruz Coastal Science Campus. 100 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 96060

ADMISSION and SEATING: The Ken Norris Memorial Lecture is free. Recommended for ages 12 and older. Seating may be limited and is first-come, first-served.

- No late seating (no entry after 7 PM)
- Doors open to the lecture hall at 6:30 PM
- Seymour Center opens to the public and lecture passes available at 6 PM

INFORMATION: (831) 459-3800 or seymourcenter.ucsc.edu