

**Announcement: December 17, 2008**

**California Ocean Science Trust Announces Members of Expert Advisory Committee for Oil and Gas Platform Decommissioning Study**

The California Ocean Science Trust announces the selection of 15 members to the Expert Advisory Committee for the Study to Provide Information Related to Oil and Gas Platform Decommissioning Alternatives in California.

This study will help the State examine the alternatives for decommissioning existing oil and gas platforms in State Tidelands and in the Federal Outer Continental Shelf off the California coast. Information developed through this study will be used by the California Resources Agency to evaluate and inform policy discussions.

The Expert Advisory Committee will play a critical role in ensuring that the State receives authoritative and robust advice on oil and gas platform decommissioning. They will inform the selection of the study team, review the selected team's products, provide advice on the study process, and deepen the expertise that helps to shape the project findings.

Members of the Committee were selected for their expertise in the following fields: marine ecology; oil and gas development; water quality; air quality; socioeconomics; coastal policy and law; and project management.

The newly appointed members of the Expert Advisory Committee are:

- Dr. Todd Anderson, San Diego State University
- Mr. Doug Anthony, Energy Division of Santa Barbara County
- Dr. Ann Bull, Minerals Management Service
- Dr. Robert Byrd, Proserv Decommissioning Contractors & Engineers, Inc.
- Dr. Elizabeth Chornesky, Freelance Analyst
- Ms. Alison Dettmer, California Coastal Commission
- Dr. Linda Fernandez, University of California, Riverside
- Mr. Gregg Gitschlag, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Mr. Dominic Gregorio, State Water Resources Control Board
- Mr. Sean Hecht, University of California, Los Angeles
- Dr. Sonke Mastrup, California Department of Fish and Game
- Dr. Michael McGinnis, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Mr. Mark Meier, California State Lands Commission
- Dr. Mark Page, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Dr. Arthur Winer, University of California, Los Angeles

For more information about the Expert Advisory Committee and the study, please visit <http://www.calost.org>.

