

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT



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Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl  
The California Ocean Observing Systems  
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System  
Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System

Dear Dr. Anderson and Dr. Ruhl:

On behalf of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS) and the Central and Northern California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS), located at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego (UCSD) and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), respectively.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has most recently used ocean observations in California to provide general context for our work on assessing health risks and control measures for domoic acid in our fishery program. We are now relying on these ocean observations for harmful algal bloom-related illnesses in marine mammals and birds.

Sincerely,

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