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Dr. Clarissa Anderson
Executive Director
Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of Carlsbad Aquafarm, I enthusiastically endorse the valuable data and services provided by the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego.

Carlsbad Aquafarm has been sustainably farming shellfish since 1991. Our farm's operating principle is "Restoration Aquaculture," where priority is given to restoring the ecological health of the lagoon where we grow our shellfish. We also participate in Living Shoreline Restoration projects throughout Southern California. The success of these projects depend on oyster settlement, which are impacted by changes in ocean chemistry and nutrient levels. We have found the SCCOOS data to be invaluable in providing real time data on the highly dynamic ocean chemistry in establishing healthy oyster reefs in these vital estuaries and helping inform our farm's shellfish operations.

As a science-based decision support system, SCCOOS collaborates with local, state and federal agencies, resource managers, industry, policy makers, educators, scientists and the general public to provide data, models and products that advance our understanding of the current and future state of our coastal and global ocean. SCCOOS focuses on coastal observations and product development to provide the information necessary to address issues on marine operations, coastal hazards, climate variability and change, and ecosystems, fisheries, and water quality.

Sustained funding for SCCOOS will be crucial to the maintenance of the program's ocean observing network and to the continuity of the important data products and services that these observations enable. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas Grimm
CEO and President
Carlsbad Aquafarm