

September 30, 2020

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

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

WILDCOAST is an international team that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and addresses climate change through natural solutions. Committed to establishing and managing protected areas and advancing strong policies for coastal and ocean protection, WILDCOAST utilizes SCCOOS tools and observation systems to track issues regarding climate change, water quality, and coastal hazards. Our on-the-ground projects benefit tremendously from the collaboration, data, models and products that SCCOOS provides as they help advance our understanding of the current and future state of the coast and ocean.

I understand that SCCOOS is funded primarily by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). 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,



Zach Plopper
Associate Director, WILDCOAST