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MEDIA ADVISORY Third Biennial Ocean Climate Summit

On February 20th, 2013 from 9:45 am to 3:30 pm NOAA's Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative, and numerous other partners will sponsor the "Third Biennial Ocean Climate Summit: Strength Through Collaboration" at the Golden Gate Club, in the Presidio of San Francisco.

The goal of the summit is to connect information, resources, and people across disciplines to collaboratively sustain North-central coast and ocean ecosystem health through fostering awareness, promoting action, and advocating climate smart conservation. At this summit, partners will launch **two new components** of the ocean climate initiative:

1) the Our Coast-Our Future North-central CA coast online planning tool for sea level rise and storms; and

2) the announcement of physical and biological climate change indicators for the North-central CA coast.

WHAT: Third Biennial Ocean Climate Summit

WHEN: February 20th, 2013 from 9:45 am - 3:30 pm

WHERE: Golden Gate Club, 135 Fisher Loop, San Francisco Presidio, CA

Background: The 2013 Ocean Climate Summit will provide a forum for resource managers, scientists, educators, and public relations specialists involved in climate change and ocean acidification efforts in the greater GFNMS region to:

- · Recognize collaborative partnerships and successes in addressing climate change and ocean acidification impacts.
- · Promote dialogue and share new information and tools across disciplines on climate change and ocean acidification.
- Discuss climate change and ocean acidification education and outreach efforts that inspire action within the community, and lead to new collaborations.
- · Discuss local collaborations that provide resources for climate adaptation planning/ climate smart conservation.
- Build upon existing collaborations and forge new partnerships.

Additional Information:

Our Coast-Our Future website: www.prbo.org/ocof

http://data.prbo.org/apps/ocof/index.php?page=our-project to get an OCOF project summary http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/climate/indicators.html to get an Ocean Climate Indicators project summary General information: Kelley.higgason@noaa.gov