

# Foreword



At the Monterey Bay Aquarium, all of our work on behalf of healthy oceans is grounded in science.

In our first 25 years, the scope of our activities has grown considerably. That's partly a reflection of the ways in which our vision has grown: from an organization focused primarily on Monterey Bay to one whose concerns embrace ocean issues worldwide.

It's also a reflection of the new threats facing the oceans today. The impacts of climate change, the industrialization of commercial fishing and the dramatic growth of aquaculture are issues of global scope.

As we've grown more active in a larger arena, we have never wavered in our commitment to use the best available science as the basis for our work.

Our Research and Conservation report reflects the many ways in which we're engaged in activities that will contribute to a better understanding of critical ocean issues and effective action to make a difference.

Our researchers and research partners are doing important work on behalf of many key ocean species—from tunas to sea otters, to great white sharks. Our longstanding relationship with our sister institution, the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, continues to deepen. And we've expanded that relationship in a new collaboration with Stanford University, in the Center for Ocean Solutions, where science, policy programs and public engagement are helping address critical ocean issues.

Our own Seafood Watch program has grown in stature and effectiveness, as a vehicle for shifting the seafood market toward sustainable sourcing. Ultimately, this will result in real change on the water, as fishing fleets and fish-farming operations respond in ways that better protect marine ecosystems.

Policy efforts by our Center for the Future of the Oceans are bearing fruit, in California and on the West Coast, and in Washington, DC. And we continue to improve our own business practices as we respond to the growing threat posed by global climate change.

I am so grateful to everyone who makes this important work possible: the donors who provide

essential support; and our team members and research colleagues who are making such great progress on so many fronts.

The work before us is challenging. I am more confident than ever that, by working together, we are truly making a difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "June Packard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "J" and "P".