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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC PRESIDENT APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL'S SCIENCE ADVISORY TEAM

Long Beach, CA, March 21, 2008—The Aquarium of the Pacific's President and CEO Dr. Jerry R. Schubel has been appointed to the California Ocean Protection Council's Science Advisory Team (OPC - SAT). The goal of this science advisory body is to ensure that the best available science is applied to OPC policy decisions. The OPC science advisor will call on members of the team to provide expert review, advice, and synthesis of scientific inquiries made by OPC or its staff. Dr. Schubel and the other members display expertise relevant to OPC's numerous deliberations as well as disciplinary representations and a variety of institutional affiliations. The member scientists will be volunteering their time to provide expert advice on a number of ocean health problems facing California and the nation.

Fellow members of the 25-person committee include: Richard F. Ambrose, professor/director at the University of California, Los Angeles/Environmental Science and Engineering Center; Dr. Mark Carr, professor of marine ecology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Santa Cruz; Steve Weisberg, executive director of Southern California Coastal Water Research Project; and Francisco Chavez, senior scientist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

Dr. Schubel is past president of the Estuarine Research Federation, a member and past chair of the National Sea Grant Review Panel, and was a member of the U.S. EPA's Science Advisory Board. He was formerly chair of the National Research Council's Marine Board and is now a member. He currently chairs the committee on the future of the St. Lawrence Seaway for the Transportation Research Board, the Marine Board, and the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Research Council. He has chaired a number of other National Research Council committees and his service was recognized in 2004 when he was designated a National Associate of the National Academies. He chairs the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (ORRAP), which is mandated by Congress to provide advice to all federal agencies with ocean programs.

Dr. Schubel holds a B.S. from Alma College, an M.A.T. from Harvard University, a Ph.D. in oceanography from Johns Hopkins University, and is the recipient of an honorary D.Sc. from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He has published more than 200 papers and five books. In 2007, Dr. Schubel was presented with the national *Ocean Champion* award at Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

Aquarium of the Pacific is a nonprofit education and conservation institution. The Aquarium is dedicated to instilling a sense of wonder, respect, and stewardship for the Pacific Ocean, its inhabitants, and ecosystems and is involved in a variety of educational ocean initiatives and partnerships throughout the nation. For more information, the public can call 562-590-3100 or visit www.aquariumofpacific.org.