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MEDIA ADVISORY: Marine Plastic Pollution Documentary Screening and Panel to be held in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO - The Ocean Protection Council is hosting a free documentary screening and panel event on marine plastic pollution. This event is to inform the public on the science of marine plastic pollution and what California is doing to address the problem. The documentary, *Into the Gyre*, is a 44-minute film documenting a groundbreaking expedition to study the location, extent, and effect of plastic pollution in the North Atlantic Ocean. The film examines the history of plastics, the adverse effects of plastics to ocean ecosystems, and possible solutions to ocean plastic pollution. The panel of speakers following the film includes scientists and resource managers that work to reduce plastic pollution in the ocean and on land. This event is open to the public.

When: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building
914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814
Room 500 (on the 5th floor)

Note: Please see the following link for additional information about the documentary screening and panel event:

http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/pdf/agenda_items/20160629/FilmEvent_Invite_Final.pdf.

Following the event, the Ocean Protection Council will hold its public meeting at the Natural Resources Building Auditorium in Sacramento at 1:00 p.m. The Ocean Protection Council will consider funding projects under Proposition 1 and will hear an informational item related to ocean acidification and hypoxia. Please see the following link for additional information about the Ocean Protection Council Meeting: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2016/06/ocean-protection-council-meeting-wednesday-june-29th-2016/>.

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