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Secretary Laird Issues Statement on Executive Order Revoking National Ocean Policy

SACRAMENTO – California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird issued the following statement today on the Trump Administration’s recent Executive Order revoking the National Ocean Policy. The policy has helped elevate issues and coordinate ocean initiatives among state, tribal and federal agencies for the past eight years.

“Over the past several years, California, Oregon and Washington have made great progress working in partnership with federal agencies and tribes on regional ocean issues. We are disappointed that, with this Executive Order, the Trump Administration failed to recognize the essential role of tribes and made federal participation in regional ocean partnerships voluntary. We are committed to continued collaboration to protect ocean health and the resources that are so important to our communities, our economies, our cultures, and our quality of life.”

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