

Huffman, Lieu announced launch of California Coastal Caucus

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Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-02) and Congressman Ted W. Lieu (D-Los Angeles County) recently announced the launch of the Congressional California Coastal Caucus at The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California. The caucus will bring together members of the California House delegation to share and discuss federal policy to address matters of importance to the 840-mile California coast, including issues relating to the environment and economy. Congressman Lieu and Congresswoman Julia Brownley (CA-26) will serve as co-chairs of the caucus. Additional members of the caucus include U.S. Representatives Eric Swalwell, Nanette Barragan, Alan Lowenthal, Jimmy Panetta, Jared Huffman, Mike Levin, Ro Khanna, Jackie Speier, Salud Carbajal, Barbara Lee and Anna Eshoo.

Congressmembers Huffman and Lieu participated in a tour of The Marine Mammal Center, followed by a roundtable discussion moderated by Carol Costello with Dr. Jeff Boehm, chief executive officer of The Marine Mammal Center, and Dr. Cara Field, medical director of The Marine Mammal Center, on the importance of the ocean in the fight against climate change.

“California’s scenic coastline is admired around the world, and I have the honor of representing – and working to protect – some of the most beautiful parts of it on the North Coast. Our state has long been a national leader in the ocean and environment space, and those lucky enough to represent coastal districts like mine have a responsibility to continue setting an example for the rest of the country,” said Rep. Huffman. **“The California Coastal Caucus will be a platform for addressing coastal issues our state will face, many of which are driven by the climate crisis. The Caucus will provide a space where members, stakeholder groups, and constituents can discuss these issues, identify solutions, and determine a swift course of action. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Caucus on these pressing issues.”**

“I am thrilled to announce the launch of the California Coastal Caucus, and grateful to The Marine Mammal Center for hosting us today to discuss the importance of our oceans and marine life,” said Co-Chair Rep. Lieu. **“California is home to 840 miles of Pacific coastline and has the highest coastal population in the nation with over 26 million people living in coastal counties. The ocean is critically important to the people I represent in CA-33, as it provides work, food, and enjoyment to my constituents. Tragically, our oceans, marine life, beaches, and coastlines are in grave danger due to the existential threat of climate change. Now is the time for bold action. I’m pleased to join my co-chair, Representative Brownley, and Representative Huffman today to announce the formation of the California Coastal Caucus and look forward to working together to develop policies to effectively address a host of coastal issues and support our oceans.”**

“As representative of Ventura County with its 42 miles of coastline, I am proud to join the California Coastal Caucus, which will focus legislative efforts on the myriad of challenges and issues facing coastal communities,” said Co-Chair Rep. Brownley. **“From rising oceans, which threaten local community infrastructure, to ocean acidification and pollution, which threaten our local fisheries and tourism industries, Congress must tackle coastal policy head-on. The Coastal Caucus will provide us an opportunity to work together – across the various committees that we each sit on – to advance policy that will protect our coastlines for future generations.”**