



***** **MEDIA ADVISORY** *****
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**CONGRESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN CONSERVATION**

(Washington, DC) On June 8, 2004, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation presents its annual Leadership Award to U.S. **Senator Olympia J. Snowe** (R-ME) and the four co-chairs of the House Oceans Caucus: U.S. **Representative Tom Allen** (D-ME), U.S. **Representative Sam Farr** (D-CA), U.S. **Representative Jim Greenwood** (R-PA), and U.S. **Representative Curt Weldon** (R-PA). The Leadership Award recognizes each individual's long-term contributions to ocean protection and preservation and the Awards Dinner kicks off Capitol Hill Oceans Week. **The Honorable Leon Panetta** will serve as Master of Ceremonies and deliver the keynote address for the evening. National Marine Sanctuary Foundation Trustees **Jean-Michel Cousteau** and **Dr. Sylvia Earle** will present the awards. For more information about the Honorees and Participants, see www.nmsfocean.org.

The Foundation will also present its *Volunteer of the Year* Award to Ms. Stephanie Harlan of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Monterey, California.

WHO: **Honorees:** U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME); House Oceans Caucus Co-Chairs, U.S. Representative Tom Allen (D-ME), U.S. Representative Sam Farr (D-CA), U.S. Representative Jim Greenwood (R-PA), and U.S. Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA); and Ms. Stephanie Harlan.
Master of Ceremonies: The Honorable Leon Panetta
Presenters: Jean-Michel Cousteau and Dr. Sylvia Earle
Special Guests: Admiral James Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chair of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; Deputy Secretary of Commerce Designee Ted Kassinger

WHAT: The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation Leadership and Volunteer of the Year Awards recognize national, as well as community leadership, in ocean protection and preservation. The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation is the private, non-profit partner to the federally managed National Marine Sanctuary Program, part of the U.S. Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

WHEN: Tuesday, June 8th
6:00 pm – Media Availability
8:00 pm – Awards Presentation

WHERE: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
Atrium Ballroom
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Members of the Media must receive credentials and private interviews must be pre-scheduled through the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. Please see contact information above.