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## **Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) Honored for Ocean Leadership; Award Presented by David Wilmot, President of Ocean Champions**

**Washington, D.C.**, Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) was awarded the prestigious Blue Frontier Peter Benchley award in the Area of Policy by David Wilmot, PhD. President of Capitola-based Ocean Champions. The award was presented at the Blue Vision Summit in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Farr was recognized for his commitment to ocean issues and his tireless efforts to protect and conserve the oceans and their wildlife. In addition to his efforts on behalf of sea otters, blue fin tuna and the Monterey Bay, Rep. Farr was honored for his leadership of the visionary legislation, "Oceans Conservation, Education and National Strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act," known as Oceans 21.

"Congressman Farr is a great champion for our oceans in Congress," stated David Wilmot. "It was my honor, on behalf of my colleagues, to recognize him for all that he has done for the Monterey Bay, the California coasts and all our oceans."

"I'm proud to receive the Blue Frontier award this year," said Rep. Farr. "Groups like the Blue Frontier Campaign and Ocean Champions play an important role in our efforts to turn the corner on our national ocean policy. I look forward to continuing my work with all the great grassroots organizations to advance ocean policy that we can be proud of."

The Blue Vision Summit is a gathering of nearly 500 ocean and coastal leaders, ocean environmental groups, scientists, surfers, fisherman, businesses, educators, clergy, and youth, who met to collaborate and promote ideas for protecting our oceans. The Blue Frontier and the Blue Vision Summit are organized and led by David Helvarg, author and ocean conservationist.

For more information, visit [www.bluefront.org/bluevision/](http://www.bluefront.org/bluevision/) Ocean Champions is the only nonprofit political organization that endorses pro-ocean Congressional candidates and lobbies members of Congress on behalf of the oceans. To learn more visit [www.oceanchampions.org](http://www.oceanchampions.org)

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