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Ocean Champions Endorses Congressman John Adler (D-NJ) *Lawmaker Works to Protect Critical Coastal Ecosystems*

Washington, D.C. – October 7, 2010 – Ocean Champions, which works to build political power for the oceans by helping to elect pro-ocean candidates to the U.S. Congress is proud to announce its endorsement of Congressman John Adler (D-NJ) for New Jersey's 3rd District.

"With his district having the second longest coastline in New Jersey, it's great to see that Congressman Adler is so good on coastal ecosystem issues," said David Wilmot, Ph.D., Ocean Champions' President and Co-Founder. "He cosponsored the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia bill to address coastal water quality and pushed several measures to improve estuary health."

Congressman Adler helped the House pass the Clean Estuaries Act, and also introduced a bill that directs the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a competitive grant program to improve inefficient stormwater basins that are polluting the 28 estuaries included in the National Estuary Program, such as New Jersey's Barregat Bay. Congressman Adler also helped pass the Omnibus Public Lands Act, which funds the purchase of coastal estuaries in order to preserve them.

Congressman Adler is also a strong proponent for developing renewable energy and was a champion of the Waxman-Markey climate bill. His opponent, Jon Runyan favors additional offshore drilling, even in the mid-Atlantic, and is a proponent of "clean coal." This is out of step with New Jersey voters, nearly two thirds of which said they were against drilling off their coast in a July poll.

Congressman Adler understands the needs of New Jersey's third district, and is the best choice to represent its constituents.

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 about Ocean Champions or any of the candidates endorsed by Ocean Champions, visit www.oceanchampions.org.