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***OCEAN FRONTIERS* FILM PREMIERES IN BOSTON APRIL 3**
NEW FILM EXPLORES STEWARDSHIP OF OCEAN RESOURCES

BOSTON, Mass. – On the 20th anniversary of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a new documentary, *Ocean Frontiers: The Dawn of a New Era in Ocean Stewardship*, will premiere in Boston Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 pm, at the New England Aquarium, Simons IMAX Theatre. This event is free and open to the public. Online registration is requested: <http://tinyurl.com/oceanfrontiersboston>

Ocean Frontiers chronicles the story of collaborative work to move the Boston Harbor shipping lanes to protect endangered whales in Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and three other ocean stewardship success stories from across the country.

A panel discussion will follow the film with representatives from Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Massport, New England Aquarium Right Whale Research Team and the Conservation Law Foundation.

Ocean Frontiers illustrates how holistic and collaborative ocean governance will generate solutions that work for our economic interests as well as the environment. From Boston Harbor, the first port to redirect shipping lanes to protect endangered whales; to Iowa, where farmers are changing their agricultural practices to diminish their impact on the Gulf of Mexico's dying sea; to both Oregon, and the Florida Keys, where fishermen are protecting their marine environment to increase the health of the very habitats that their businesses depend on, *Ocean Frontiers* is a tribute to and an exploration of this a new era in ocean stewardship.

Green Fire Productions Executive Director and producer of *Ocean Frontiers*, Karen Meyer stated, "We are excited to present *Ocean Frontiers* to the American public, sharing ocean stewardship success stories from Massachusetts and around the country. This documentary clearly conveys that win-win solutions are possible when industry, scientists, fishermen, conservationists, and government groups work together."

David Wiley, Research Coordinator at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary said, "As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Sanctuary, we recognize that our accomplishments in research, education and resource protection would not be possible without the establishment of strong collaborations. Shifting the shipping lanes in the Sanctuary is an excellent case study of

how many organizations worked together to both protect our marine resources and support ocean economies.”

Deborah Hadden, Deputy Port Director with Massachusetts Port Authority added, “Being a better steward of our ocean takes sound science, public involvement and better coordination between the many government agencies that manage our use of the ocean.”

This approach was pioneered right here in New England by Massachusetts and Rhode Island. “Massachusetts and Rhode Island have created the nation’s first comprehensive ocean plans,” added Deborah Hadden, “putting us on the path of managing our use of the ocean in a way that is economically and environmentally sustainable.”

Launched in 2010, the National Ocean Policy builds on the model developed by Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The federal policy seeks to create comprehensive regional ocean plans for all of the nation’s waters. “The policy supports state and regional ocean leadership here in New England,” reports Priscilla Brooks, Vice President of Conservation Law Foundation, “New England’s bottom-up approach to ocean planning, and our emphasis on working with local stakeholders, listening to local communities, and urging local voices to shape their future, is now recognized nationally and has become a model for other states.”

Prior to the film screening visit the IMAX Lobby for the 20th Anniversary Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Exhibit. Learn more about this unique marine ecosystem that is located just outside Boston Harbor.

Film Premiere:

New England Aquarium, Simons IMAX Theatre

Ocean Frontiers: The Dawn of a New Era in Ocean Stewardship

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

7:00-9:00pm

Doors open 6:00pm for the 20th Anniversary Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Exhibit in the IMAX Lobby.

Discussion panel to follow the film. For more information: www.neaq.org/aquariumlectures

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For film trailer and upcoming *Ocean Frontiers* premieres: www.ocean-frontiers.org

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Event Presented By:

New England Aquarium, Massport, Conservation Law Foundation, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and Green Fire Productions.

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