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“OCEAN FRONTIERS” FILM PREMIERES IN BELLINGHAM ON JUNE 21, 2012

STATE SENATOR KEVIN RANKER TO ATTEND & SPEAK

FILM EXPLORES STEWARDSHIP OF OCEAN RESOURCES

Whatcom County, WASH. – Ocean enthusiasts and the community are invited to join the premiere of Green Fire Productions new film, “Ocean Frontiers: The Dawn of a New Era in Ocean Stewardship.” State Senator Kevin Ranker is to attend and share opening remarks. This event, which is open to the public, will take place on Thursday, June 21, 2012 from 5:45-8:30PM at The Pickford Film Center in Bellingham, Washington. The evening will begin with educational tables in the lobby from participating event hosts at 5:45PM. The film event will start at 7PM. Tickets cost \$9.50 and can be purchased at <http://pickfordcinema.org/page/Playing-PFC.aspx#1135> or at the door day of.

The event is hosted by: Whatcom County Marine Resource Committee, RE Sources Baykeeper Program, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA), NWS Chapter of Surfrider Foundation, Pickford Film Center, Cascadia Weekly and Green Fire Productions.

Ocean Frontiers is an inspiring voyage to seaports and watersheds across the country where we meet industrial shippers and whale biologists, pig farmers and wetland ecologists, commercial and sport fishermen, and reef snorkelers—all of them embarking on a new course of cooperation to sustain our oceans and the economies that rely on them.

Green Fire Productions’ Executive Director and producer of *Ocean Frontiers*, Karen Meyer stated, “We are excited to present *Ocean Frontiers* to the Whatcom County community. This film clearly conveys that win-win solutions are possible when industry, scientists, fishermen, conservationists, and government groups work together.”

Annitra Ferderer, Program Coordinator NSEA stated “NSEA promotes ocean stewardship and community based options for overall ecosystem health and salmon recovery. We are excited to support this film event and confident that our community will find additional inspiration for developing and effecting sound solutions for all stakeholders, including the natural environment. We are a community invested in our sustainable future, though not oblivious to the whole system. For continued success, we must further work in cooperative action, and this film provides solid examples of how this can be done.”

“This film highlights four cases where vastly different stakeholders came to the table and cooperatively made good decisions for the environment,” said Melissa Roberts, lead staff for the Whatcom MRC. “This idea is at the heart of the MRC, that by reaching across the table, we make better and more sustainable decisions.”

Amanda Clausen, executive committee member of the Northwest Straits Surfrider Chapter, shared “*Ocean Frontiers* is a great film to share with the community because it is optimistic and positive, and shows successful approaches to the ocean stewardship issues we face today. We are excited to bring this film to Bellingham since we are an active port city and this is a refreshing look at how to move towards cooperation and solutions.”

Event Details:

Thursday, June 21, 2012, 5:45-8:30PM

Special guest State Senator Kevin Ranker to attend and speak.

Hosts Education Tables in lobby at 5:45PM

Film “*Ocean Frontiers*” begins at 6:30PM

Located at The Pickford Film Center

1416 Cornwall AVE., Bellingham, WA

Tickets \$9.50 (purchase at <http://pickfordcinema.org/page/Playing-PFC.aspx#1135> or at door)

Film Trailer:

www.ocean-frontiers.org

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