

Dear Friend of the Ocean,

What is your favorite gift from the sea?

Your answer is a celebration of what you value about the ocean and tells your unique sea story.

Whether you enjoy the solace of the shore, the thrill of the surf, or the multitude of sea life, the marvel of the ocean enriches the soul and sustains a clean ocean economy benefiting millions of people. She is the original source of all life, provides most of the oxygen we breathe, and protects the planet from climate change. She is the gift that keeps on giving.

**The most stunning fact of all is that these gifts are free.
All that is required is to do no harm and leave her be.**

Upon reflection, as Clean Ocean Action approaches its 40th anniversary, we know this is true. In the 1980s, the ocean and economy were on the brink of collapse due to dumping all manner of harmful wastes. Together, we ended these abuses—the ocean revived, and now thrives.

However, after years of progress, the tide is again turning against the sea. Always open and voiceless, the ocean is an easy target for exploitation. Today, there is an unprecedented wave of industrial development—massive offshore wind power plants, confined fish farming factories, ocean mining, carbon sequestration, oil and gas drilling and more.

“Those that fail to learn
from history are
doomed to repeat it.”

-Winston Churchill

Amid all this, record numbers of whales and dolphins are dying, and we don't know why. Plastics continue to threaten marine life and people, and waterways are at risk from pollution.

With your support, we are constantly on the case using research, education, and advocacy to track down and eliminate sources of pollution, while also challenging harmful, reckless, and unsustainable industrialization. Of note, COA is not opposed to the concept of offshore wind and has spent years urging a responsible approach. Unfortunately, the current scope, scale, and speed is irresponsible due to the lack of due diligence, good governance, and science.

This is a pivotal time for the health of the ocean upon which our quality of life and livelihoods depend.

Together, we can ensure that the ocean remains a source of wonder, sustenance, and inspiration for all.

Ever onward, together, for the ocean,



Cindy Zipf
Executive Director

P.S. Your funds are in good hands!



Highly rated: In 2023, COA's Charity Navigator rating grew from 99.95% to 100%! Also, Candid (formerly GuideStar) awarded COA their highest ranking, platinum. COA is the only marine protection nonprofit to have held these top honors for an extended period.