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**The Marine Mammal Center Hosts Roundtable Discussion to Launch California Coastal Caucus**

**SAUSALITO, CA (AUGUST 30, 2021)** – On August 20, The Marine Mammal Center was pleased to welcome Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-33) and Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-02) for the official launch of the California Coastal Caucus. The Congressmembers were joined by leaders from The Marine Mammal Center – the world’s largest marine mammal hospital – for a roundtable discussion on the importance of the ocean in the fight against climate change.

This was the official launch of the California Coastal Caucus, which seeks to bring together members of the California House delegation to share and discuss federal policies to address matters of importance on the 840-mile California coast, including issues relating to the environment and the economy. The Center has been a strong advocate for the creation of the caucus, working closely with Representatives Lieu and Julia Brownley, co-chairs of the California Coastal Caucus, and Representative Huffman.

“The formation of the California Coastal Caucus is a critical step in addressing environmental and economic issues along our state’s coastline,” says Dr. Jeff Boehm, CEO of The Marine Mammal Center. “We are proud to lend our support to help find solutions to protect our shared ocean home for future generations.”

A recording of the roundtable discussion, moderated by former CNN anchor and national correspondent Carol Costello, can be found here: <https://youtu.be/idiX8brY6Kg>.

**WHO:**

Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-33)

Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-02)

Dr. Jeff Boehm, CEO of The Marine Mammal Center

Dr. Cara Field, Medical Director of The Marine Mammal Center

**WHAT:** 30-minute roundtable discussion, launching the California Coastal Caucus

**ABOUT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER:**

Headquartered on the site of a former Cold War missile base, The Marine Mammal Center is a global leader in marine mammal health, science and conservation, and is the largest marine

mammal hospital in the world. The Center's teaching hospital and training programs operate globally, with its headquarters in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, part of the National Park Service. Expert teams from the Center travel around the world to work with emerging first responders and has itself rescued more than 24,000 marine mammals from 600 miles of its authorized rescue area of California coastline and the Big Island of Hawai'i. The Center's mission is to advance global ocean conservation through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, scientific research, and education.

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