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**Subject Line: 2014 Ocean Sciences Meeting Addresses Human Impact on the Oceans through Combining Traditional Knowledge with Marine Science-based Understanding**

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*Waco, Texas* – A continuation of formative collaborations on research, and education, the 17<sup>th</sup> biennial Ocean Sciences Meeting (OSM), co-sponsored by the [American Geophysical Union](#) (AGU) the [Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography](#) (ASLO), and [The Oceanography Society](#) (TOS), will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu on 23-28 February 2014.

The OSM is an important venue for scientific exchange across broad marine science disciplines. Sessions will include all aspects of oceanography, especially multidisciplinary topics, as well as presentations that reflect new and emerging research on the global ocean and society, including science education, outreach and public policy. The OSM originated in 1982 as a joint effort between AGU and ASLO, TOS joined as a regular co-sponsor in 2004.

Why Hawaii? Why Now? Throughout their history, Hawaiians have demonstrated a thorough understanding of sustainability with an approach to land and water use that allowed them to self-sustain nearly one million islanders. Today they build on that heritage with innovations in science and clean energy. Hawaii is a place where interdependence and sustainability are both historic and necessary.

The meeting will be kicked off with an opening plenary session on Sunday, 23 February 2014 by award-winning filmmaker and anthropologist Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey, with her talk entitled *Bringing the Wisdom of the "Elders" Together with Modern Science for the Future of the Environment*. A world citizen and Hawaii native, Lindsey, committed to ethnographic rescue, the conservation of vanishing indigenous knowledge and tradition earned her doctorate specializing in ethno-navigation. She currently serves as an advisor to National Geographic's *Enduring Voices* project.

Additional plenary speakers will be presenting on Tuesday and Thursday, 25 and 27 February 2014. These include Mary Jane Perry of the University of Maine, whose long-term goal is to understand the mechanisms responsible for the variability in phytoplankton biomass, primary production, and species composition; Roger Hanlon, a Senior Scientist at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, who as a diving biologist uses digital imagery (stills, video, hyperspectral) to analyze rapid adaptive camouflage and communication in cephalopods (squid, octopus, cuttlefish) and fishes; and Bob Richmond, of the University of Hawaii, who has spent most of his professional career studying coral reef ecosystems in both the Caribbean and the Pacific and is currently the scientific advisor to the All-Islands Group of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force, will be presenting his talk entitled *Coral Reefs, Climate Change, Policy for Future*.

There will also be a lively panel discussion, moderated by Richard Harris, of National Public Radio entitled "Why Aren't They Listening?" The goal of this panel is to begin a dialogue between scientists of how to better communicate with media and the public.

The conference website will be available soon with the call for sessions being announced in spring 2013. For additional information please contact Lacy Kelley-Croft at 254-776-3550 or by email at [LacyKC@sgmeet.com](mailto:LacyKC@sgmeet.com).