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Oceanographer Receives State Assembly Accolades

La Jolla—Dr. Paul Dayton, a long-time Sea Grant researcher and marine ecologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, was recently honored with a California Assembly Resolution from the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Dayton was recognized for his lifetime of achievements in biological oceanography and marine ecology and conservation. State Senator Dede Alpert, vice chair of the joint committee, and Assembly member Patty Berg, committee chair, presented Dayton with the award.

Dayton's Sea Grant-funded research has spanned three decades and has ranged in topic from studies of the biologic diversity in the deep sea, to the benthic communities in Antarctica, to the design and management of marine reserves. In 2000, he and his colleagues were recipients of the prestigious William S. Cooper Ecology Award for their winning paper on kelp-climate interactions, which was based on 30 years of research conducted by numerous scientists. This was the first time the award was given for a non-terrestrial study.

Dayton and his family reside in Solana Beach, Calif.

NOAA's California Sea Grant College Program is a statewide, multi-university program of marine research, extension services, and education activities administered by the University of California. It is headquartered at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. The National Sea Grant College Program is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

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