



**Dana Beach, Executive Director,
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“The oceans seem healthy to those of us who live near them, or visit often, but this report clearly shows they are in trouble. Fortunately, we can reverse disturbing trends if we act now. I am especially gratified to see that the Commission recognized that what we do on land affects ocean health. The narrow strip of ocean that hugs the coast is incredibly important biologically, but at the same time fragile and vulnerable to pollution from the land.

“Now two high-level commissions have confirmed that coastal development is linked to ocean health and that communities and states must coordinate land use planning for the health of our oceans as well as that of our communities.”