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MESSAGE FROM THE
CEO



Jim Moriarty
CEO, Surfrider Foundation
<http://www.surfrider.org/jims-blog>





photo: Ian Swanson

Calendar

Here are a few of the awesome upcoming events in the Surfrider world. See you there...

To submit your chapter's event for consideration, please email alexis@surfrider.org

June 20

Grab your surfboards and get ready to celebrate International Surfing Day on Wednesday, June 20th. What began in 2005 with just a small handful of local observances in the United States has exploded to more than 200 events in 30 countries worldwide. Get involved today. Check out the [ISD website](#) to find an event near you or register to host an event. Also, don't forget that on June 20th, the Surfrider Foundation, TransWorld SURF and SME are hosting an eight-hour web-a-thon with the hottest surfers, celebrities, musicians and environmental heroes. Visit the [ISD website](#) on June 20th to watch the web-a-thon live.



Coming This Summer

Help us keep our beaches barefoot friendly with the Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue Project! We're excited to announce the sixth year of the Project, a partnership between Surfrider Foundation and Barefoot Wine. This summer, we'll be traveling coast-to-coast cleaning 25 beaches, rivers and waterways. Visit the Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue [website](#) to RSVP for an event near you.



The Wavemaker Awards 2011

One of the greatest things about Surfrider Foundation is our volunteers who devote themselves to protecting our coastlines and helping move our mission forward. On February 7th, Surfrider's Board of Directors and staff celebrated some exceptional volunteers at the 2011 Wavemaker Awards. This event has become an annual highlight for recognizing the outstanding work of our volunteers, corporate partners and supporters. Recognition is given to those individuals and companies who have gone above and beyond to assist Surfrider with our mission-related work.

For the first time in the event's history, the evening was opened up to the public and over two dozen guests showed up to honor Surfrider's volunteers, partners and supporters. The evening was capped off with the presentation of the Coastal Impact Award to the late Peter Douglas, the former leader of the California Coastal Commission. Peter dedicated his life to the protection of our coasts and has been unyielding in his support of Surfrider's work. His comments to close out the evening were profound and inspiring to all who attended.

Coastal Impact Award – Peter Douglas

Outstanding Contribution Award – Marisla Foundation

Chapter Leadership Award – Mike Sturdivant – Emerald Coast Chapter

Development Award – Jeff Berg

Environmental Activism Award – Surfrider Foundation Portland Chapter Bag Ban Crew

Distinguished Service Award – Dr. Carl Berg

Corporate Partner Award – KROQ

Surf Industry Partner Award – Malibu Surfing Association

Staff Recognition:

Angela Howe – 5 Years

Charlie Plybon – 5 Years

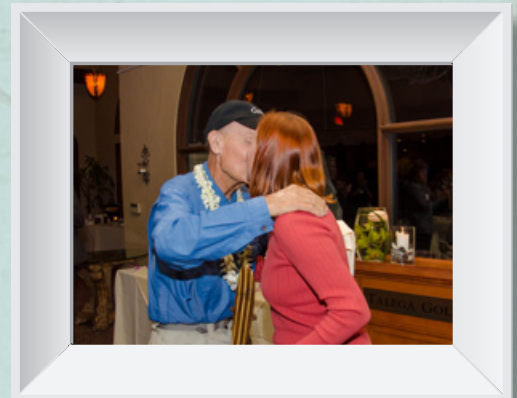
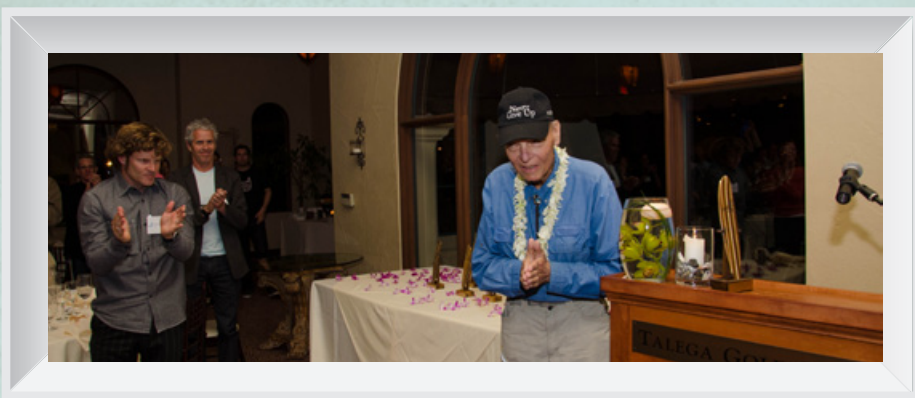
Stefanie Sekich-Quinn – 5 Years

Rick Wilson – 10 Years

Joe Geever – 10 Years

Matt McClain – 10 Years

Edward Mazarella – 20 Years



Left to right, top to bottom: The Awards. • Michael Blum, who accepted the Surf Industry Partner Award on behalf of the Malibu Surfing Association with Bronwyn. • Jim Moriarty, Steve Blank and board member Shaun Tomson with Coastal Impact Award recipient Peter Douglas (2nd from left). • Corporate Partner Award recipients Nicole Alvarez and Christine Fung from KROQ. • Marisla Foundation's Beto Bedolfe accepting the Outstanding Contribution Award. • Surfriider Foundation Portland Chapter Bag Ban Crew: Charlie Plybon, Tara Gallagher, Stiv Wilson and Nastassja Pace accepted the Environmental Activism Award for their work in getting Portland to ban the bag. • Staff recognition: Stefanie Sekich-Quinn, Ed Mazzarella, Rick Wilson, Charlie Plybon, Angela Howe, Joe Geever. • Peter Douglas acknowledging the standing ovation from the crowd. • Board member and California Coastal Commission member Meg Caldwell and Peter Douglas embrace following an extremely moving introduction.

Peter Doo

Celebrating 40 Years of Coastal Protection.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a legendary advocate of coastal protection in California and beyond.

Peter Douglas remains an icon of coastal protection. Over his career he participated in the citizen's initiative (Proposition 20) that began the modern era of coastal protection in California exactly forty years ago. He then went on to become a key author in the California Coastal Act of 1976, which formed the California Coastal Commission. He then proceeded to lead that organization as its Executive Director until last year, when he stepped down to focus on his personal battle with [cancer](#).

During his lengthy and successful career Peter was a true champion of coastal protection and beach access who led the Commission with integrity and compassion. He inspired many to join him in becoming ac-

tive to protect what we love about the coast, myself included. Peter was a personal hero to me and many, many others. I am not alone in saying that he inspired my career choice and my dedication to protecting California's amazing coast for the benefit of all of us.

The Surfrider Foundation was very honored to have Peter join our Board of Directors in San Clemente in February so we could present him with our Coastal Impact award, our highest honor. Jim Moriarty also had the opportunity to interview Peter for his



[podcast](#).

[The Los Angeles Times](#) wrote an excellent obituary that you can read [here](#).

Peter, your spirit will live on in those fighting to protect our oceans, waves and beaches and will be honored by all who enjoy them.

– Chad Nelsen

Douglas

Celebrating 40 Years of Coastal Protection

In 1972 the voters of California passed Prop 20, which established the California Coastal Commission. The Commission, in conjunction with coastal cities and counties, regulates the use of land and water in the coastal zone under the Coastal Act, which was established shortly after Prop 20 passed in 1976. Over the last 40 years, our coast has benefited from having a comprehensive coastal program administered by the Commission.

Without the Commission, and foresight of those who prepared Proposition 20, our coast would look and feel much different—there would be less scenic beauty, less public access, and more asphalt.

Click [here](#) for a list of notable coastal victories thanks to the Coastal Commission.

- Stephanie Sekich-Quinn



What's In The ... ?

WATER?

Clean water is a priority for Surfrider Foundation volunteers and Chapters, and the Blue Water Task Force presented by [Emergen-C Blue](#) is one of the Foundation's longest-running volunteer programs. In 2011, the [Blue Water Task Force website](#) underwent a makeover, giving Chapters a great online platform to communicate the results of their water testing programs, and allowing the Foundation to use the data to show trends and results in a comprehensive annual report.

An analysis of the 1,924 water test results submitted by 20 BWTF labs in 2011, shows that 70% of the samples met the national health standards, while 21% indicated the presence of high bacteria levels considered unsafe for swimming, surfing or other recreational exposure. The majority of the water samples that failed to meet national health standards were collected from freshwater sources that drain the landscape or at beaches near these sources. These results are consistent with national trends, as stormwater runoff is the number one cause of beach closures and swimming advisories in this country. In 2010, there were over 24,000 beach closures and advisories issued due to poor water quality.

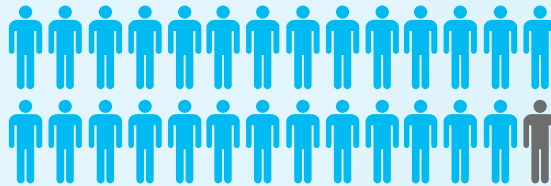
[Click here](#) to read the full report and learn where the Blue Water Task Force is testing, what our Chapters are learning about the condition of coastal waters, and how they are using this program to educate their community about water quality issues and solve pollution problems.

Enterococcus

This bacteria is measured to indicate the risk of getting sick from other illness causing pollutants in the water



1 in 28



According to the EPA studies, the number of people who may contract gastroenteritis from bacteria if water quality is at the health advisory limit

104 / 100

Organisms / Milliliters



per



Above this daily health standard, water is not considered safe for recreation

24,091



Number of beach closures and swimming advisories issued last year due to poor water quality

Where does it come from?

Human and animal fecal matter comes from sewage outfalls, sewer overflows, septic tanks, sewer connections to storm drains, dry weather and wet weather flow through storm drains and creeks, agriculture runoff and wildlife.

1.3 Trillion

The number of gallons of raw sewage that the EPA estimates are dumped by Combined Sewer Overflows every year

12 Billion

Approximate number, in gallons, of municipal wastewater effluent that is discharged each day to the ocean or to estuaries



Average cost per BWTF water quality test

\$7



23,000 - 75,000

The EPA estimated number of Sanitary Sewer Overflows per year. The untreated sewage from these overflows can contaminate our waters, causing serious water quality problems

Myths about water pollution

- If I don't swallow the water I can't get sick.

Fact: While the primary route of exposure is through swallowing polluted water, eating without showering/washing your hands can cause pathogens to be swallowed. Cuts can become infected if not kept clean and dry. Exposure to polluted water can cause eye, ear and sinus infections.

- If the water isn't brown then it must be safe.

Fact: Pathogens (disease-causing bacteria, protozoa and viruses) are much too small to be seen by the human eye. Although brown water is an indication of pollution, even clear water can contain pollutants.



NATURAL





THEN AND NOW

Starting in the early 1990's, the Ventura County Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation began to tackle the beach erosion problem at the mouth of the Ventura River. [The Surfers' Point Managed Shoreline Retreat](#) project was promoted by the Chapter as a short- to medium-term fix, and the best alternative to a surf-destroying seawall. But that is only half the story...

THEN

1947



Sixteen miles upstream, the obsolete Matilija Dam traps the natural flow of sand and cobble that create the righthand point in Ventura. Over the past 60 years, Matilija reservoir has been filled with over 6 million cubic yards of sediment, eliminating the dam's intended purpose for flood control or water storage. This sediment trap has resulted in the erosion of beaches downstream. These problems were predicted before, during, and after the construction of the dam, ([see history](#)) and today we are witnessing the result.

Removing a dam, no matter how worthless

it has become, is no small task. First the Chapter had to convince local decision-makers that this was a good idea. By 1998 local government was on board, but studies would be needed to come up with a plan to remove the 200-foot high dam. State and Federal agencies were called in to assist Ventura County, who had built the dam in 1948.

Six years later, in 2004, we had a completed Feasibility Report that Congress ultimately approved in 2007. Although at the time it seemed we had won, it turned out that "the devil's in the details." Progress was stalled

Now 2012



photos: Matilija Coalition

as the cost of the \$144M project quickly ballooned beyond original estimates.

The critical issue in any dam removal is how to restore the natural flow of the river without causing serious problems downstream. Removing the dam all at once would cause flooding, property damage, and impacts to the local water supply from the resulting sediment flows. Releasing sediment in a controlled manner has been an elusive goal, as the ambitious engineering plans grew more expensive. Although several large dams in the Pacific Northwest have been removed using the rivers capacity for

‘natural transport,’ Southern California’s unpredictable drought and flood climate complicates things.

In 2012 a panel of experts will define a new set of studies aimed at simplifying and reducing the cost of removing Matilija Dam. Even if these plans can be completed quickly, finding the money remains a challenge. Despite the uncertainties of such a long-term project, the Ventura Chapter, through its [Matilija Coalition](#), remains committed to restoring the Ventura River to its former glory so that future generations will be able to experience the natural bounty of a free-flowing river.

– Paul Jenkin

CHAPTER NEWS

EAST COAST

SOUTH COAST

WEST COAST

HAWAII

By: Ed Mazarella

Bag Monster Visits South Jersey

The Bag Monster visited the South Jersey Chapter proving that all of those plastic bags found on beaches, streets and in trees are really his handiwork. Two-dozen volunteers came out to clean the beaches in Brigantine and then watch the film “Bag It” including City Council member Rick Delucry. Check out the [coverage](#) courtesy of NBC 40. Everyone also enjoyed pizzas from Goochie Brothers, a local business that stopped using plastic bags last year. The Chapter will continue to help Brigantine and all of South Jersey to Rise Above Plastics.



Central Long Island Chapter Elects New Executive Committee

The Central Long Island Chapter closed out 2011 by electing an entirely new crew to their executive committee. Mark Davy, Marvin Weiss, Jeremy Thornton, Larry Moriarty, Cristian Murphy, Tim Clare, and Dan Volpe will have their work cut out for them. The Chapter will continue their work on beach access throughout the area, notifying the public about sewage spills, and monitoring the privatization of Nassau County sewage treatment plants. They whipped up a new [web-site](#) with the help of volunteer Mike Caruso.

Andrew Fish Joins 5-Gyres Trip

Massachusetts Chapter activists Andrew Fish took leave from his chapter volunteer duties and his job to trail the Atlantic for plastics. While not a 5 Gyres trip itself, it is 5 Gyres-inspired. 5 Gyres provided the trawl and trained Andrew how to use it. Check out the [interview](#) the Massachusetts Chapter did with Andrew before he headed out to sea.



Cape Fear Chapter Wants People To “Hold Onto Your Butts”

Surfrider Foundation’s Cape Fear Chapter is engaged in a smoke free-beach campaign. Sean Ahlum, Chair of the Chapter along with Tim Taylor of the Cleaner Greener Committee asked the Wrightsville Beach Board of Aldermen to reconsider a proposed smoking ban that the board voted down 3-2 in May 2010.

“The Cape Fear Chapter has worked with volunteers to collect cigarette butts from the beach strand as part of the Surfrider Foundation’s “Hold On To Your Butt” campaign and in one year, one family picked up 35,000 cigarette butts from the beach,” said Ahlum.

On March 8, the WB Board of Alderman held a public hearing and voted on Smoke-Free Wrightsville Beach. The Star News has a great story outlining the Chapter’s campaign that can be read on their [website](#), and you can help the Chapter by signing their [action alert](#).



Find This Attractive?

75% of cigarette butts end up in our water runoff and into our oceans.

**KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN.
DISPOSE OF BUTTS PROPERLY.**



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CAPE FEAR CHAPTER

South Padre Island City Council Approves First Phase Of The Gulf Blvd. Realignment Recommendations

The South Padre Island City Council unanimously approved and funded the first phase of the [Gulf Blvd. Realignment Recommendations](#) by the Gulf Blvd. Action Group that Surfrider Foundation's South Texas Chapter is part of. This group, made up of City Council members, City Staff, Beach User Advocates and Property Owner and Resident Advocates, has taken action on funding a parking, traffic and pedestrian safety issue that has not moved forward for over a decade.

Locals and tourists benefit from the first phase between Cora Lee and Constellation by utilizing the entire 75' Right of Way instead of just the 45' currently being used. Beach users and visitors get a safer and more efficient parking situation with added public parking opportunities thanks to the utilization of angled parking spaces. Pedestrians and bikers get safe, raised sidewalks protected from traffic. Private property owners will also get protection through the sidewalks and buffer zone. In addition the need to shift and narrow lanes in some areas will calm traffic speed making Gulf Blvd. a safer place for all.

Cocoa Beach 2012 Tide Calendar Sells Out



Photograph: Hurricane Irene, Richard Sully

The Surfrider Foundation's Cocoa Beach Chapter held a 2012 Tide Calendar fundraiser in December 2011. Members and volunteers submitted photos of local events, landmarks and art to grace the pages of the calendar, which was designed by members Joanie Regan and Kelly Richardson. Fifty calendars sold out within a few weeks and a total of \$585 was raised for the Chapter. As a great start to the New Year, the Chapter also held a beach cleanup in January and collected enough trash, from just one empty lot, to fill ten large bags.

Cocoa Beach Surfrider 2012 Tide Calendar

Portland Chapter Gearing Up To Revisit Bag Ban

The [Surfrider Foundation's Portland Chapter](#) is building off of their Bring Your Bag outreach efforts to revisit Portland's bag ban that passed in July of last year. The Chapter's campaign efforts for 2012 are aimed at expanding upon the bag ban policy to include more retailers as well as a fee on paper bags. The ordinance language specified that the City Council would revisit the policy in a year to evaluate and possibly phase in new caveats to the bag ban. Additionally, the Chapter's Ocean Friendly Garden committee has been planning and working to get the program off the ground, holding their first workshop on April 21st. Partnering with East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, volunteers got hands-on experience and training by a professional to help them implement a garden at home.



Newport, Oregon Chapter Campaigns Underway

The Surfrider Foundation's Newport Chapter has been hard at work with their Blue Water campaign and volunteer monitoring efforts, Ban the Bag campaign and lots of beach cleanups! The Chapter kicked off the year with an awesome volunteer recognition event to highlight everyone's hard work, as well as recognize those individuals who really stood out in 2011. Huge shout out to chapter volunteers Frank DeFilippis and Vince Pappalardo, who were acknowledged as volunteers of the year. Check out the slideshow highlighting the Chapter's accomplishments.







**SURE
BREAK**

photo: GeoffGlenn.com

Georgia-Pacific Pulp Mill Campaign Takes Steps Forward

The Newport OR. Chapter's Georgia Pacific Pulp Mill campaign for improved monitoring of the ocean outfall took a few big steps forward when the local task force completed the bid proposal process for third party monitoring. This summer, a bioaccumulation study will be performed within the area of the outfall just off Nye Beach to better understand and measure impacts to the marine environment.

Siuslaw Chapter Tackles Clean Water And Polystyrene

The [Surfrider Foundation's Siuslaw Chapter](#) kicked into 2012 with new programs and campaigns and lots of new energy, with the addition of new chapter treasurer Al Costa. Al's been a solid Blue Water Task Force presented by Emergen-C Blue volunteer for the Chapter over the past couple of years, and is helping out big time by jumping into an executive role mid-term. This year, the Chapter is organizing around their new "No White Trash" initiative to educate and (eventually eliminate) polystyrene from the service industry in Florence, Oregon. The Chapter formed a committee to begin collecting and storing polystyrene from cleanups and to work on a parade float made out of the cleanup debris. One of the landmark events for the City of Florence is the annual Rhody Days Parade, where the Chapter hopes to educate the greater public about their initiative through their float's "White Trash" display.

South Coast BWTF Expands Testing To Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve

The South Coast Organizing Committee is well underway with educational activities and interpretive efforts around the newly implemented Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve in Port Orford. Working with the marine reserve community team members, Port Orford Ocean Resource Team and the local high school and middle school, our Blue Water Task Force presented by Emergen-C Blue has expanded to include regular sampling from within the marine reserve boundaries at Retz Creek. Additionally, a weeklong middle school unit was developed and piloted by teacher Fred Betz and his 8th grade class. The unit provides hands-on experience, beach observation skills and stewardship activities all centered around the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve.



San Luis Obispo County Passes Single-Use Plastic Bag Ordinance

On January 11, Arroyo Grande High School Club members (part of the SLO Chapter) Emma Vogan and Molliann Jones, dressed up as bag monsters to say, “Please don’t trash our future.” Brad Snook, Carol Georgi and David Georgi of the San Luis Obispo Chapter and RAP Coordinator Bill Hickman also spoke at the [Integrated Waste Management](#) Agency board meeting

The IWMA passed the single-use plastic bag ordinance for carryout bags following the board meeting, and it will take effect October 1, 2012. The ordinance will decrease single-use plastic bags and encourage residents to bring reusable bags with them when shopping.



photo: Carol Georgi

UCSB Campus Goes Plastic Free

UCSB students will serve as a model for campuses around the world, as members of the Plastic Pollution Coalition’s new [Plastic Free Campuses program](#). The group, is formed in part by the [Associated Students Coastal Fund](#), CALPIRG, the [Surfrider Foundation’s Isla Vista Chapter](#), and the [UCSB Environmental Affairs Board](#). The Plastic Free Campuses program will identify student groups at schools around the world that are responding to the multiple threats of plastic pollution and are embracing sustainability by taking steps to measurably reduce their campuses plastic footprint. Check out the [announcement!](#)



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LA City Council Passes Resolution To Support SB568

On February 7th, activists from the South Bay and West LA/Malibu Chapters spoke on behalf of Surfrider Foundation encouraging the LA City Council to pass a resolution of support for SB 568 - a bill that would phase out plastic foam food ware at restaurants statewide by 2016. On February 8th the City Council passed the resolution.

Following a unanimous vote by the City Council, Surfrider Foundation staff and activists along with members of Heal The Bay and Plastic Pollution Coalition were photographed for the City and local media, invited to the top of City Hall to see the Tom Bradley room, enjoy the view of downtown LA, and ring the bell at the top of the Tower, which RAP National Campaign Coordinator, Bill Hickman happily did.

SB 568 passed through the CA State Senate and is now going to be voted on by the state Assembly. We need your support. Click here to learn [more](#).

Los Angeles City Hall Gets An OFG Makeover

Lead by the Mar Vista Community Council the Surfrider Foundation supported a plan to replace Los Angeles' South City Hall lawn with native and drought-tolerant plants. Ever since the City cleared Occupy LA protestors from the South City Hall lawn, environmental advocates have been concerned about what would replace the ruined turf. Check out the [Mar Vista Patch](#) for the full story.

Long Beach Breakwater Battle Continues



The Breakwater battle continues... The Army Corps of Engineers and City of Long Beach entered into a partnership to conduct a feasibility study of the Breakwater in November 2010, and the city already secured half of the feasibility study funds last year. We are waiting to get the other half of the funds from the Army Corps of Engineers (Congressional fund) before the study can begin. The Long Beach Chapter hosted a successful “Breakwater Awareness Month” last May with more than 300 people participating in three events to show support for the Long Beach Breakwater reconfiguration. This year’s 3rd Annual “Breakwater Awareness Month” will be even bigger and more fun, with a memorial paddle-out for the last wave and social events to show support of the cause. For more details on the events, go to the Long Beach Chapter’s website. www.lbsurfrider.org

Pocket Ashtrays Encourage San Diegans To Hold Onto Their Butts

You can help raise awareness of the environmental impact of cigarette butt litter and provide smokers with a practical option for properly disposing their cigarette butts. The San Diego County Chapter and their Hold On To Your Butt committee is excited to introduce their new pocket ashtrays! The personal ashtrays will be distributed through various channels, including beach cleanups and booth events, while advertising them to members in the Chapter's newsletter, Facebook page and website. If you are interested in purchasing pocket ashtrays, are a business interested in sponsoring one or more ashcans, or have any questions, contact HOTYB@surfridersd.org. In 2011 the San Diego Chapter installed 40 ashcans throughout San Diego County, and another 50 are lined up to be installed this year. [Learn how you can Hold On To Your Butt!](#)



Dana Point & Laguna Rise Above Plastics

On February 7th, members from the South Orange County Chapter and Surfrider staff addressed both the City of Dana Point and City of Laguna Beach took action to ban plastic bags, and Dana Point also voted unanimously to pass a ban on plastic foam containers. Check out the [Los Angeles Business Journal](#) for the full story.



CHAPTER NETWORK

THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION OPERATES THROUGH A NETWORK OF GRASSROOTS CHAPTERS WHO TAKE VOLUNTEER ACTION TO PROTECT OUR OCEANS, WAVES AND BEACHES THROUGH CAMPAIGN, PROGRAM AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

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Maddie Joyce for "Surfrider Original"
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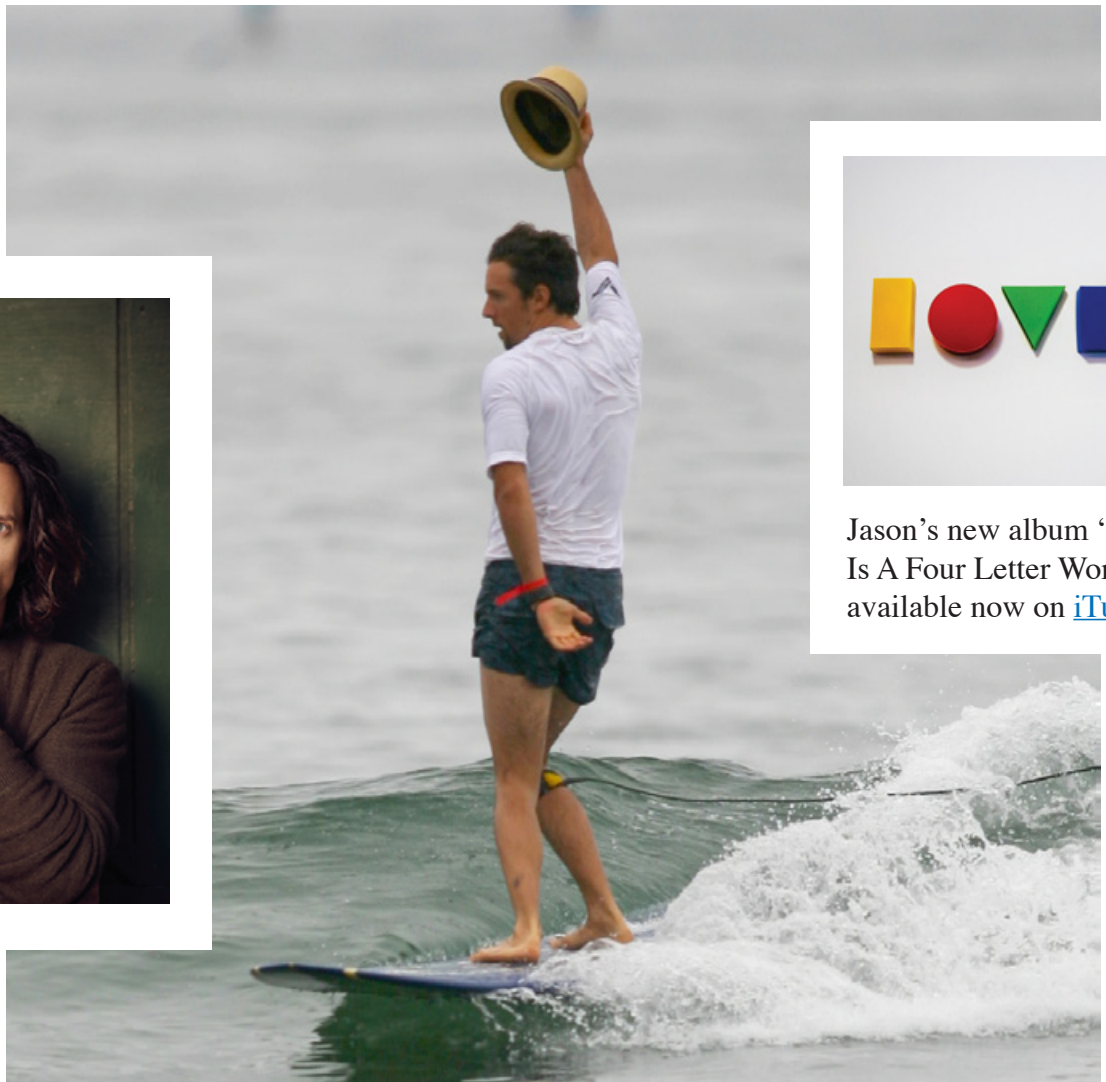
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5 QUESTIONS WITH

Jason Mraz

Grammy winning singer and songwriter Jason Mraz is filled with love, and it's not just reflected on his fourth studio album 'Love Is A Four Letter Word.' This socially conscious and environmentally minded artist's mission is to celebrate music's lasting power to inspire change and help others through global citizenship. As a Lifetime Surfrider Foundation Member, Jason has helped the organization fulfill its mission

of protecting and preserving our oceans, waves and beaches, whether it has been by surfing in the Celebrity Expression Session, or inviting Chapters to table at his shows, or making donations from ticket sales. Making Waves caught up with Jason via email during his busy promotion schedule to ask him five questions about surfing and protecting our beaches in our inaugural "5 Questions With..."



Jason's new album 'Love Is A Four Letter Word' is available now on [iTunes](#).

1 WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT SURFING?

I love how much it challenges me and forces me to get out of my head and into my body. And because of that, I always say a prayer of gratitude before I get in the water. I also ask the sea that everyone be safe and that we all be in the flow of the waves today.

2 WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT TO SURF AND WHY?

While some people are wave hunters, I prefer less driving, so I always go to Oceanside where I live, no matter how crumbly and soft, it is my home and I take whatever the ocean has to offer.

3 WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO OUR OCEANS?

From what I have learned in recent years, I'd say it is pollution and melting ice. Garbage, plastics, oil and other contaminants end up in our oceans because everything ends up in our oceans. That's the way the river runs. And all of those things contribute to sick plants, animals and people. Similarly, the very system that drills for oil, mines for coal and manufactures plastic, has a global effect on the atmosphere, which in turn melts land ice at the poles, which transforms our oceans dramatically. If too large an amount of ice should fall into the ocean, sea levels could advance too quickly, flooding coastal cities, causing storm surges and possibly contaminating drinking water for billions of people with salt water.

4 WHY DO YOU FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE CARE FOR AND PROTECT THEIR OCEANS, WAVES AND BEACHES?

At the very bottom of the food chain there is plankton, algae and krill. If our oceans lose the ability to support these abundant life forms, it will have a chain reaction throughout all of life, not just in sushi restaurants.

Or should the ocean's salinity change due to the addition of fresh water from melting land ice, the weather of the world could change overnight, wreaking havoc on our food supply as well as our sanity.

And as for sanity, it is the mighty ocean that gives us a place to play with our friends and families. We enjoy the sunsets and smell of fresh salty air. And should our oceans, waves and beaches ever become contaminated, we would become landlocked, pale and largely depressed.

5 TELL US FIVE THINGS YOU DO TO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF OUR OCEANS AND YOUR FAVORITE BREAK(S).

1. I support the Surfrider Foundation
2. I support green technologies, operating out of a solar-powered home, reducing our overall dependence on oil (I ride a bike for this same reason).
3. I say no to single use plastics. No water bottles. No grocery bags.
4. I plant trees.
5. I always pick up trash when leaving my beach. Every little bit helps.

PACIFIC VOYAGERS



In January, I was invited to sail on a traditional Polynesian voyaging canoe on an eight-day environmental expedition from San Diego to Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Representing the Surfrider Foundation, I was honored to be part of the Pacific Voyagers crew, a network of seven sailing canoes and more than 100 sailors from Islands across the Pacific.

The entire fleet is eco-friendly, powered only by wind and sun, giving them freedom of movement without any reliance on

fossil fuels. Along with inspiring a cultural renaissance across Polynesia, the crews are spreading an important environmental message around the Pacific to show how climate change, sea level rise, ocean acidification and marine plastic pollution are affecting their home islands. It was an amazing experience to witness how these voyagers are reviving their cultural heritage and embracing modern technology as they sail toward a more sustainable future. For more information, visit the [Pacific Voyagers website](#).

--Stuart Coleman



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