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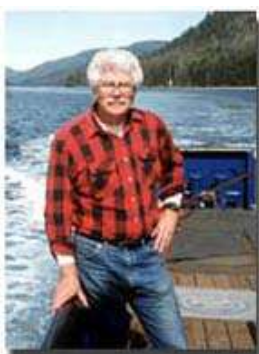


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The Sitka Sound Science Center Welcomes Dr. H. Gary Greene, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories Scientist in Residency Fellow



Sitka, AK. – Join the Sitka Sound Science Center team as we welcome Dr. Gary Greene, Emeritus Professor at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories as our current Scientist in Residency Fellow. Dr. Greene is a Marine Geologist and Director of the Center for Habitat Studies at Moss Landing. He is also a Research Scientist at Friday Harbor Laboratories, University of Washington and Head Scientist of SeaDoc's Tombolo Mapping Lab on Orcas Island. Dr. Greene is investigating marine benthic habitat characterization, a field of study he has pioneered in regard to mapping fishery habitat types.

The Sitka Sound Science Center, through funding from the National Science Foundation, is once again hosting the Scientist in Residency Fellowship (SIRF) here at our Center. Each year fellowships are awarded to preeminent marine scientist from across the country. The SIRF program brings scientists to Sitka for month long sabbaticals allowing for undisturbed research, free from the interruptions of their daily routine. The program provides scientists the opportunity to engage our town in science, sharing their research and career pathways, while also benefiting from the important local knowledge of residents.

With over 4 decades of marine geological experience throughout the Pacific, much of Dr. Greene's recent work has been conducted in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska. Dr. Greene will be collaborating with Alaskan scientists on a research cruise to explore deep-sea coral and sponge during the third week of August. Gary will then be working with Pacific High School students during their NOAA-funded Marine Debris cleanup retreat September 4-6 where he will discuss local geology and marine debris created by natural events such as volcanic eruptions.

Please welcome Gary Greene into our community by participating in one of our public events or by stopping by the Sitka Sound Science Center. Gary will be the morning interview guest on KCAW Friday, August 16 at 8:15 AM before he embarks on his coral research cruise. Join Gary at the Backdoor Café on Thursday the 29th, beginning at 3pm. If you have an interest in science, geology, or are just a fan of a good story, this event will provide a great excuse for a cup of coffee and some stimulating conversation, and the coffee is on us!

Please visit our web page for more information on past and current fellows: sitkascience.org

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