



# *The HMSC Newsletter*



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## **NMFS Barry Fisher Building Dedicated and Underway**

On October 7, 2001, the official dedication ceremony was for the 15,000 square foot Barry Fisher Building that will accommodate the groundfish program of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC). NOAA Fisheries Assistant Administrator Dr. William T. Hogarth joined NMFS Director Dr. Usha Varanasi, officials from Oregon State University, Newport community members, family and fishers to dedicate the building.

“This dedication is a real tribute to Barry,” said Dr. Hogarth. “It is a tribute to his vision and will become part of his exceptional legacy. He added that “Improved science will help us better manage and restore the west coast groundfish fishery. And, taking a page from

the Barry Fisher book of fishery management, we will include scientists, managers, and the users—our fishermen—in our renewed efforts to rebuild the groundfish population. Collaboration is the key to our future success.”

In the last four years, strong collaborative programs have been established at the Newport Research Station at the HMSC. This summer marked completion of the Fourth Annual Bottom Trawl Resource Survey, which relies on the participation of commercial trawl fishing vessels to complete its mission each year. The five-week survey collected samples of groundfish that inhabit the slope zone off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and northern

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California. The goal of the surveys is to determine the relative abundance of groundfish species such as Dover sole, sablefish, shortspine and longspine thornyhead, and to determine their distribution, population dynamics and biological condition.

When completed in August 2002, the Capt. Barry Fisher Building will be home to the expanded groundfish program of the NWFSC.



### Dr. Weber's Official Retirement Party, February 9

The Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, invites you to join us in celebrating the contributions of Dr. Lavern Weber, Director of the HMSC for 24 years. Dr. Weber is retiring after 32 years with Oregon State University.

A reception in Lavern's honor are planned for Saturday, February 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the HMSC Visitor Center, 2030 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport.

We invite you to join us in celebrating Lavern's distinguished career and contributions to the University, the state and the community. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Pam Rogers with a check for \$10 per person no later than Friday, January 25.

We are preparing a **memory book** for Dr. Weber and would love to include your notes of best wishes, memories, appreciation, fun stories

It will also house the expanded habitat research team and the new acoustics research program which will be the nucleus for the NMFSC's efforts to improve stock assessments by the use of advanced technologies. Meeting and seminar venues will provide a focal point for collaborative work with the local community. The building has an exceptionally energy efficient design. It will feature native plant landscaping, plus displays highlighting their role in the local ecosystem.

and photographs. **Please send these directly to Anita Stuart, 5608 145<sup>th</sup> Place SW, Edmonds WA 98026, no later than January 20.** You may submit an item electronically to Anita at [basis123@prodigy.net](mailto:basis123@prodigy.net) if you put "Weber Memory Book" in the subject line.

Gifts can be made in the form of a donation to a fellowship in honor of Dr. Weber. The fellowship will provide funding for visiting scientists to be in residence at the HMSC for at least three months. The scientist will do marine-related research and interact with students and faculty. You may fill out a pledge form in the Director's office or simply send a check payable to OSU Foundation and indicate Weber Fellowship in the memo section of the check.



### Personnel Notes

Congratulations to **Vicki Hoover Kruzikowsky** for successfully defending her Master's thesis in October. She did her work on bycatch effects on the ocean shrimp (*Pandalus jordani*) fishery.

Congratulations to **Anna Kagley** (NMFS NW) and her husband Robert Snider on the birth of their second child, a son, Braden James Snider on 12/21/01 at 11:44pm. He was 22" and 8lbs 15 oz (the exact weight of their first son Joseph but another inch taller).

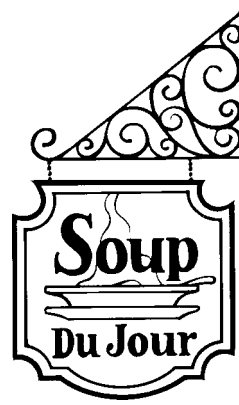


New Seawater Building

### What's That Going up in the Courtyard?

Sandwiched in the courtyard between the West Wing and the hallway to the Education building, a new seawater facility is under construction. The building will hold the necessary chillers and other equipment to support research by Ian Fleming, marine fisheries ecologist with COMES. Part of the building will also hold equipment for the aquarists for the Visitor Center. The bay of the West Wing will then be subdivided into a lab for Fleming, an exhibit preparation area and an aquarists' area.

Other new buildings on campus are the Fisher Building (see related article) and two new generator sheds, one by the boat barn and one by the seawater pump house. These are our emergency power source on the rare occasions when storms knock out regular electrical power.



### Cold? Tired of the Rain? Hungry? The Soup Kitchen is Coming!

On Tuesday, February 5, the annual and ever-popular Soup Kitchen will open at noon sharp. For those new to the Center, during the month of February (and usually into March) master chefs at the HMSC combine their talents to produce delectable soups, pastries, breads and other assorted goodies which are for sale in the HMSC mail room. All proceeds go to the Lincoln County Food Share and last year we were able to donate over \$700 to the hungry in Lincoln County.

If you would like to sign up for a particular Tuesday for soup or goodies, please let Pam Rogers know (7-0212). For the first time, there will be a large commercial soup pot available to use, or you may of course bring in a smaller pot and we can offer more than one type. Diners are encouraged to bring their own bowls and silverware and sit down and visit for a while. It's dangerous to carry hot soup down the halls! Already on the menu are Hamburger Stew and Sherried Black Bean.

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### Revised OSU Safety Handbook Available On-Line

Environmental Health and Safety would like to announce the posting of the recently revised Safety Handbook which is part of the University Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual. The changes in the Handbook range from minor updates of names to the addition of new chapters. The chapters in the Handbook provide policy and general requirements. Most chapters also contain links to detailed Safety Instructions. We encourage you to view the

updated Handbook, particularly those sections which relate to your individual operation. Any comments or questions are welcome and should be directed to Bill Francis.

Link to the Revised Safety Handbook:  
<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/budgets/safehand/toc.pdf>

Link to Environmental Health and Safety Home Page:  
<http://osu.orst.edu/dept/ehs/>

## January Public Events at the HMSC

**Tuesday, Jan 15 Lecture** 4:00-5:00pm Guin Library Seminar Room  
“New Insights into Submarine Volcanic Eruptions from a Seafloor Instrument that was Overrun by Lava” (You may have seen this rumbleometer as a Visitor Center exhibit) by Bill Chadwick CIMRS, NOAA

**Friday, Jan 18 Home School Program** 10am-4pm HMSC Visitor Center  
Special labs, tours, talks for home schooled students. Contact [maureen.collson@hmsc.orst.edu](mailto:maureen.collson@hmsc.orst.edu) for more information. Registration required.

**Saturday, Jan 19 Talk** 1:30-2:30 p.m. HMSC Visitor Center Auditorium  
“Tsunami and Earthquake Hazards on the Oregon Coast”  
Dr. George Priest, Or. Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will explain the probable risk from earthquake shaking and tsunami flooding in the event of a 8 or 9 magnitude earthquake. Jim Hawley of Lincoln County Emergency Services will let us know how to decrease the risks from such a catastrophic event. Hazard maps of local areas will be available - so you can see if your beach home or favorite restaurant will still be standing!

### February Fossil Festival:

**Saturday, February 2 Fossil Festival**  
10:00am-4:00pm  
Bring in your beach finds for identification.

11:00 a.m. Talk on “Fossil Collecting on Oregon’s Beaches”, Guy DiTorrice, “The Fossil Guy”

1:30 p.m. Talk on “History of Oregon Paleontology” Dr. William Orr, U of O



Eunice proudly holds her glass float.

### HMSC Employee Finds Glass Treasure

Eunice Jenson, Personnel Clerk in the HMSC Business Office, has only been at the Center since July of last year. A transfer from OSU Printing and Mailing, Eunice and her husband Mel have already become beachcombers extraordinaire. They spotted one of the special hand-blown glass floats released in Lincoln County floating down Beaver Creek. Patiently watching and waiting while the float disentangled itself out of rushes and reeds and floated ever so slowly down the stream, they were finally able to snag it with the help of a huge branch. The lovely blue ball is engraved with the name of the artist, David Duncan, and the year released.

Beach combing is not new to Eunice, as she and her husband lived in Florence for eleven years before moving to the Valley for her children’s advanced schooling. A native of Eugene (fourth generation Oregonian), she has six children and nine grandchildren. Her husband, Mel, is a carpenter and Eunice gets to help out with woodworking at home. In addition she enjoys learning the piano, grandchildren and, of course, finding treasures on the beach.

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***Important Notice: After a publishing hiatus of six months, the HMSC Newsletter editor has a lot of catching up to do. If you have news or information or announcements to share, please contact Pam Rogers at [pam.rogers@hmsc.orst.edu](mailto:pam.rogers@hmsc.orst.edu) or 7-0212. Thanks!***