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## US GREEN LOBBY GOES BLUE

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US conservationists and "citizens who care about our oceans and coasts" being encouraged to wear blue tomorrow, this Wednesday 13 January to show their support for a new national ocean policy.

The broad coalition supporting "Wear Blue for Oceans Day" comprises Blue Frontier Campaign, Conservation Law Foundation, Environment California, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Gulf Restoration Network, In Defense of Animals, Natural Resources Defense Council, Ocean Champions, The Ocean Conservancy, Ocean Defenders Alliance, Ocean River Institute, Pacific Environment, Save Our Shores, Save the Waves, Sea Stewards, Surfrider Foundation In June US president Barack Obama called for the country's first ever policy to protect its oceans, coasts and the Great Lakes, which many environmentalists hope to see finalized in early 2010 and made official through an executive order. At present management of US marine resources is determined by 20 different agencies operating under more than 140 laws each with different goals and often conflicting mandates.

"Wear Blue for Oceans" Day events and rallies will be held in 10 cities across the US, including San Francisco CA; New Orleans, LA; Washington D.C.; Honolulu, HI; Cambridge, MA; Houston, TX; St. Petersburg FL and Anchorage, AK.

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