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Ocean Champions Endorses Congressman David Wu (D-OR) *Lawmaker Fights for Clean Energy, Healthy Oceans*

Washington, D.C. – October 14, 2010 – Ocean Champions, which works to build political power for the oceans by helping to elect pro-ocean candidates to the U.S. Congress is proud to announce its endorsement of Congressman David Wu (D-OR) for Oregon’s first House District.

“Congressman Wu is strong on so many ocean issues, from habitat and species protection to ocean governance reform,” said David Wilmot, Ph.D., Ocean Champions’ President and Co-Founder. “He knows how important it is to manage natural resources for the long term and always acts accordingly.”

Congressman Wu supports policies that drive conservation and develop alternative, clean energies. He understands that greenhouse gasses are causing climate change and ocean acidification, and believes that addressing these issues is critically important for our future. As the Chairman of the Technology and Innovation Subcommittee, Mr. Wu knows that developing clean energy can drive economic growth as well as improve ocean health. In keeping with these views, Congressman Wu is also deeply opposed to drilling for oil off Oregon’s coast, and was an original co-sponsor of the West Coast Ocean Protection Act, which would permanently ban such drilling along the entire U.S. west coast.

Over his six terms representing Oregon’s first district, Congressman Wu has always done what he believed was best for his constituents. His lifetime score of 95 from the League of Conservation Voters, is demonstrated proof that he values a healthy environment, and his equally strong voting record on ocean issues shows that he knows how important the ocean is to Oregonians. Recently, Mr. Wu helped pass a bill to address the Harmful Algal Blooms that shut down Pacific fisheries, and has continued his efforts to protect Pacific salmon. He also helped pass a law to preserve estuaries, which are critical nurseries for juvenile fish.

Oregon’s first district voters know that ocean health is directly tied to economic health and job growth. As an ocean champion and consistent supporter of sustainable technologies, David Wu is the best candidate to represent them. For more information on Congressman David Wu, please visit www.wuforcongress.com.

Ocean Champions is the only nonprofit political organization that endorses pro-ocean Congressional candidates and lobbies members of Congress on behalf of the oceans. To learn more about Ocean Champions or any of the candidates endorsed by Ocean Champions, visit www.oceanchampions.org.