

2006 U.S. Ocean Policy Report Card news briefs appeared in the following news outlets:

Coast Lines: State earns high marks on ocean report card

February 1, 2007 | *Santa Cruz Sentinel (CA)*

State

California made the grade in a new Ocean Policy Report Card issued Tuesday by the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative. The state rose to the head of the class with an A-, compared to a C- grade for national ocean governance reform.

The Natural Resources Defense Council said that California deserves special recognition for creating a network of marine protected areas, akin to national parks and wildlife refuges on land; implementing an interagency council to promote coordination and innovation; and establishing an ocean trust fund to help finance the transition to a healthy ocean. California's move toward a holistic approach is an important shift away from managing on a species-by-species basis, which often misses broader systemic threats, the group said.

U.S. gets C- on oceans

January 31, 2007 | *Albuquerque Tribune (NM)*

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U.S. rates C-minus on ocean protection

January 31, 2007 | *Edmonton Journal (Alberta)*

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Grade on guarding oceans up to C-

January 31, 2007 | *Charlotte Observer (NC)*

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Progress on saving oceans

January 31, 2007 | *Newsday (NY – Nassau & Suffolk Edition)*

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January 31, 2007 | *Orlando Sentinel (FL)*

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A Passing Grade

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