

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. In the upper right, a bright orange fish with a white dot on its eye swims towards the left. Below it, a large, feathery red coral structure dominates the center. To the left, several long, thin, pinkish-red coral branches extend horizontally. The background is a deep blue with some silhouettes of other marine life. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the coral and the vibrant colors of the fish.

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Honoring
KATE WALSH

Master of Ceremonies
JUNE DIANE RAPHAEL

Musical Guest
THE RAKIEM WALKER PROJECT
FEATURING GLR¥A

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Welcome to the 19th annual SeaChange Summer Party!

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us tonight to celebrate the oceans and mark Oceana's 25th anniversary. We are so grateful for your generous support. Together, our SeaChange community has raised more than \$23 million to safeguard the oceans off California and around the world.

We are honored to welcome back our dear friend, actor, comedian, screenwriter, and producer **June Diane Raphael** as our Master of Ceremonies. June will help us celebrate tonight's honoree, actor, entrepreneur, and longtime supporter **Kate Walsh**. Kate has worked with Oceana for nearly two decades, advocating to protect Belize and U.S. waters from offshore drilling, and helping safeguard sea turtles, among other issues. Most recently, she joined Oceana in June at the Our Ocean Conference in Mombasa, Kenya, where she met with government leaders to advocate for healthy oceans that support nutrition and local livelihoods. We're also excited to conclude tonight's event with a special performance by musical guest **The Rakiem Walker Project**, featuring **GLR¥A**.

The Pacific Ocean is our home and our backdrop this evening as we celebrate meaningful victories that protect California's waters. Since we last met, Oceana and our allies helped pass new safeguards that protect whales from deadly fishing gear entanglements while keeping fishers on the water. In December 2025, California approved ropeless "pop-up gear" that can be used in place of conventional gear if the California Dungeness crab fishery is closed to protect whales. This victory follows years of campaigning and at-sea gear testing by Oceana and our allies. A few months later, the state also approved pop-up gear in a shrimp trap fishery.

In more good news, California passed a new law in October 2025 that will phase out the use of set gillnets — mile-long fishing nets anchored to the seafloor intended to catch halibut and white sea bass. Removing this fishing gear from the water will protect more than 100 different ocean animals, including sea lions and sharks, from being unintentionally entangled in these nearly invisible nets.

These, and new rules to protect deep-sea coral gardens on Sur Ridge off Monterey, will help protect California's biodiverse waters — our beautiful backyard.

Oceana's impact continues to grow around the world, achieving 15 victories in just the last year. We're also marking an important next chapter in 2026 with the launch of operations in Ghana, one of Africa's most fish-dependent nations, where we will campaign alongside coastal communities to rebuild fish populations, increase food and nutrition security, and strengthen coastal livelihoods. Going forward, Oceana will campaign in 10 countries and the European Union to restore ocean health and abundance — for people and the planet.

Oceana's 25 years of success, real on-the-water change, would not be possible without the people here this evening. We're excited to celebrate with you and continue our support and advocacy on behalf of the oceans, because a healthy ocean is every child's rightful inheritance

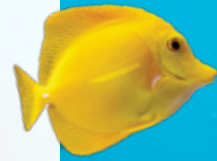
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Honoring — **Kate Walsh**



Kate Walsh is widely known for her starring roles in *Grey's Anatomy* and *Private Practice*, as well as *Emily in Paris*, *13 Reasons Why*, and *The Umbrella Academy*.

Raised along California's northern coast, Walsh spent much of her childhood exploring the tide pools of Santa Cruz before later moving to Tucson, where trips to Puerto Peñasco deepened her connection to the ocean and marine life.

A longtime supporter of Oceana, Walsh has helped advocate for policies to protect Belize's barrier reef from offshore drilling, stop the expansion of offshore drilling in U.S. waters, and safeguard threatened marine wildlife, including sea turtles.

She has partnered with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions to promote science-focused exploration and conservation, and has supported organizations including Sea Legacy, World Wildlife Fund, and The Nature Conservancy.

Beyond her environmental work, Walsh has long been an advocate for women's health and rights, serving on Planned Parenthood's Board of Advocates for more than two decades and as an ambassador for Operation Smile.

Walsh is the creator and founder of the award-winning fragrance company Boyfriend Perfume, which has grown into an internationally recognized lifestyle brand.

Master of Ceremonies — **June Diane Raphael**



June is most well known for her work on the long running Netflix series, *Grace and Frankie*, playing Brianna, Jane Fonda's bold entrepreneurial daughter. In addition, Amazon MGM Studios has ordered a pilot for *DINKS*, an improvised multi-cam comedy starring and executive-produced by June Diane Raphael and her husband Paul Scheer. June was in director Zach Cregger's *Weapons*, for NewLine. She reprises her role in Peacock's *Based on a True Story* and Apple TV's *The Morning Show*. Plus, she's on Netflix's new animated series *Mating Season* alongside Nick Kroll, Zach Woods, and Sabrina Jalees. Upcoming, she plays Elle Woods' mother 'Eva' in the prequel series, *Elle*, for Amazon.

Other notable achievements include the 2013 Sundance Film, *Ass Backwards*, which she co-wrote and starred in with her creative partner, Casey Wilson. Her guest star appearances bring in some of

the seasons' highest ratings thanks to her perfect comedic timing. Her extensive television credits include *I'm Sorry*, *Fresh Off the Boat*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Lady Dynamite*, *New Girl* as Dr. Sadie (the lesbian gynecologist and friend of Jess and CeCe), *The League* as Pam, *Flight of the Conchords*, *American Dad!* and *The Muppets* as Lucy Royce, Head of ABC.

She has also appeared in films including *The Disaster Artist*, *Blockers*, *Zodiac*, *Bachelorette*, *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, and *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*. June found her niche and love of comedy after college when she went to work for UCB, first in New York and later in Los Angeles. It was in New York where Raphael and Wilson wrote their two-woman sketch show, *Rode Hard and Put Away Wet*, that went on to run for three years at UCB.

Musical Guests — **THE RAKIEM WALKER PROJECT FEATURING GLR¥A****RAKIEM WALKER**

Rakiem Walker is a saxophonist, musical director, arranger, producer, and cultural entrepreneur who brings decades of artistic excellence and business leadership to his role as Chair of the Board of Directors of the WEG Foundation. Born in Brooklyn and raised in Harlem and the Bronx, Walker's deep roots in New York City's music community, from studying under jazz legends Max Roach, Donald Byrd, and Milt Hinton at the Harlem Jazzmobile workshops to performing and recording alongside Roy Ayers, Gil Scott-Heron, The RZA, and members of the Wu-Tang Clan, give him an unparalleled understanding of music's power to shape communities and transform lives.

As founder and CEO of Walker Entertainment Group, LLC, Walker has built a multifaceted organization that spans artist management, live performance, record distribution, event production, and instrument design. His ensemble, The Rakiem Walker Project, has brought the authentic sound of New York to stages across the United States and internationally, including sold-out shows in Sweden with acclaimed artist Jason "Timbuktu" Diakité, and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *Bon Appétit*.

As Chair, Walker brings to the WEG Foundation a proven record of cultivating talent, building creative infrastructure, and connecting artists with audiences across cultures and generations. His vision is rooted in the belief that music is a universal language and that access to it is a right, not a privilege.

GLORIA RY'ANN | GLR¥A
The Next Era Icon

Gloria Ry'ann (GLR¥A) isn't just a vocalist, she's an instrument of transformation. With a 4.5-octave range that moves from whisper to thunder, she doesn't simply perform; she creates communion. Born in Houston, raised in Chicago, forged in Harlem, GLR¥A carries the lineage of Aretha Franklin, Minnie Riperton, and Whitney Houston while charting entirely new territory.

She has graced stages with Rihanna, Jennifer Hudson, Deborah Cox, and Patti LaBelle, who herself likened GLR¥A to Whitney. She's lent her voice to global brands including JP Morgan Chase, IBM, Chanel, and Gucci, and delivered performances for the Rockefeller Family's Oceana Foundation. Her residencies at Marcus Samuelsson's Red Rooster Harlem and other iconic New York venues have made her a defining voice of the city's musical soul.

Classically trained by Dr. Lena McLin (vocal coach to Chaka Khan and Jennifer Hudson), GLR¥A blends soul, gospel, jazz, and contemporary artistry into something singular. Whether she's commanding sold-out international venues in Sweden with Timbuktu, soundtracking Lifetime TV campaigns, or bringing New York City back to life in the 2021 tourism reopening campaign, she makes every listener feel like she's singing directly to them, because she is. Her Grammy-nominated background work has prepared her for her forthcoming solo album on Sony Orchard/Walker Entertainment Group. This is her moment. This is her breakthrough. And when you hear her, you'll understand why her daily prayer is that her voice reaches people "to incite love, healing, and hope."

GLR¥A is not following legends. She is becoming one.

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2026 Victories

- Philippines' Province of Palawan Reserves Municipal Waters for Small-Scale Fishers
- Canada Releases National Strategy to Reduce Whale Entanglements in Fishing Gear
- Whale-Safe Gear Approved for California's Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery
- Canada's Court of Appeal Upholds Federal Authority to Regulate Plastics
- New Law in New Jersey Limits Single-Use Plastics

2025 Victories Since Last SeaChange

- Deep-Sea Coral Gardens Protected in California
- California Approves Pop-Up Gear to Reduce Whale Entanglements
- Spain Strengthens Rules on Fishing Vessel Engines to Protect Fisheries
- Mediterranean Fishing Vessels Required to Obtain Permanent Identification Numbers to Increase Transparency
- California Protects Ocean Biodiversity and Reduces Animal Entanglements
- Spain Designates Six New Marine Protected Areas
- Scotland Protects Over 100,000 Square Kilometers of Ocean from Destructive Fishing
- Philippines Protects Coral-Rich Waters of Panaon Island
- Oregon Adopts New Plan to Recover Critically Endangered Orcas
- New Rules in California's Recreational Crab Fishery Will Help Prevent Animal Entanglements
- Spain Bans Destructive Bottom Trawling in Cabliers Bank
- Chile Approves Management Plan for Nazca-Desventuradas Marine Park
- Canada Begins Rebuilding Depleted Fish Populations with Science-Based Plans





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Oceana is celebrating 25 years of achieving tangible policy victories that protect and restore the world's oceans. None of this success would be possible without your support. Our campaigns have helped reduce overfishing, create new marine protected areas, stop destructive fishing like bottom trawling, curb plastic pollution, limit the expansion of offshore drilling, increase fishing transparency at sea, and protect threatened species like whales and sharks. Join us as we take a walk down memory lane, highlighting just a few of the milestones that made Oceana what it is today — the largest international advocacy organization dedicated solely to ocean conservation.

2001-2011

In our first decade, Oceana protected vital ocean habitats and endangered animals including sharks and sea turtles, reduced harmful mercury pollution, decreased wasteful and destructive fishing around the world, and documented new and rare marine species.

Founding for the Oceans

In 2001, Oceana was established by the Pew Charitable Trusts, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Oak Foundation, Marisla Foundation, and the Sandler Foundation following a sobering discovery – less than 0.5% of all resources spent by environmental nonprofit groups in the United States went to ocean advocacy. To fill the gap, they created Oceana, which would focus solely on oceans, and run specific, time-bound campaigns to achieve policy victories that help protect and restore the world's oceans.

Cruise Control

In 2004, in one of Oceana's first major victories, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, the second largest cruise line in the world at the time, agreed to install advanced wastewater treatment technology on all of its ships, greatly reducing the amount of sewage and gray water dumped into the ocean every day.



Freezing the Footprint

In a historic victory in 2005, the U.S. closed destructive commercial fishing in nearly 1 million square kilometers of north Pacific Ocean surrounding the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, an area equal to Texas and California combined. Over the next few years, Oceana achieved additional victories to stop bottom trawling in precious marine habitats across Spain, Portugal, the U.S. West Coast, the Bering Sea, and Belize.

Out at Sea

In 2006, Oceana conducted its first expedition in the Mediterranean on board its catamaran the *Ranger*, gathering scientific evidence to advocate for habitat protection. Over the last two decades the *Ranger* has helped Oceana document Europe's unique marine habitats and secure protections for 29 areas in the Mediterranean and Atlantic, plus 12 trawling bans across the region.



2011-2016

The next five years were a period of transformational growth for Oceana, reaching new coastal countries (Brazil, Canada, Peru, and the Philippines) to rebuild fish populations, emphasizing global fishing transparency at sea, and protecting large swaths of ocean habitat.

Vibrant Oceans Initiative

In 2014, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced its Vibrant Oceans Initiative, which facilitated new Oceana campaigns to boost fish populations and secure coastal livelihoods in Brazil, the Philippines, and Chile. This renewed our shared mission to save the oceans and feed the world. Oceana estimates that a fully restored and responsibly managed ocean could help feed more than a billion people a healthy seafood meal each day.



Protecting Belize's Reef

Following threats by Belize's government to open up its waters, including the largest coral reef in the Western Hemisphere, to offshore oil drilling, Oceana and our allies organized the nation's first ever "People's Referendum" in 2012 to allow the public to vote on whether or not to allow offshore oil drilling in Belize's reef. On this historic occasion, 96% voted against offshore exploration and drilling.



A Win for Biodiversity

In 2013, Oceana and National Geographic led an expedition to the Desventuradas Islands in Chile, uncovering extraordinary levels of biodiversity in the previously unknown seas surrounding these islands. Following the expedition, Oceana released a report on the findings and a proposal for the region's protection. In the coming years, this area became a fully-protected "no-take zone" marine park — the largest in the Americas.

Global Fishing Watch

In 2016, Oceana, SkyTruth, and Google launched Global Fishing Watch. A first of its kind technology, this platform enables anyone with an internet connection to see global fishing activity and track commercial fishing vessels in near real-time, for free. This important innovation was designed to create more transparency at sea and help deter illegal fishing. Today, around 120,000 commercial fishing vessels — about one-third of the world's industrial fishing fleet — can now be tracked on the Global Fishing Watch map.



2016-2021

During this period, Oceana gained steady momentum in many of our campaigns. With help from our allies, we achieved critical policy wins to restore fisheries and protect species from threats including shark finning and plastic pollution.

Brazilians Band Together

In 2018, Oceana teamed up with artisanal fishers from Brazil's southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul, to pass a law banning bottom trawling along the state's 620-kilometer coast. Prior to the ban, bottom trawling was depleting fish stocks, threatening marine biodiversity, and destroying habitat, all of which the local community relies on to support their livelihoods. Now, local fishers report many fish stocks are recovering.



Canada Makes History

In 2019, Oceana advocated to modernize one of Canada's oldest and outdated laws: its Fisheries Act. For the first time in the country's history, the law now requires science-based rebuilding of all depleted fish populations.

Addressing the Plastic Crisis

In 2021, Oceana helped advance more policies to combat the plastic pollution crisis than ever before. In the U.S., Oceana and our allies developed state momentum, achieving new policies in California, Delaware, Maryland, New York, Virginia, and Washington. In Chile, Oceana was also instrumental in passing one of the strongest laws to combat plastic pollution in the world.

Ending the Shark Fin Trade

Oceana has long advocated to end the global shark fin trade, helping to secure shark finning protections in Canada, Chile, the EU, and Peru. In 2021, the U.S. Congress passed a law to ban the buying and selling of shark fins, officially removing the U.S. from this unsustainable and cruel industry, where fins from as many as 73 million sharks end up each year.



2021-present

The oceans and the people who depend on them are forever linked. As we continue this critical work of protecting and restoring the world's oceans, Oceana is expanding our focus to not just who catches the most fish, but also who needs fish the most.

Post-Brexit

In 2022, Oceana launched new campaigns in the United Kingdom. Post-Brexit, the UK ranked among the top 15 fishing areas in the world, yet only 37% of the UK's fish stocks are considered healthy. Oceana's campaigns in the UK focus on stopping bottom trawling and offshore drilling in marine protected areas (MPAs) and ensuring that all commercial fish stocks around the UK, including those shared with the EU, are fished within responsible, science-based levels.

Tackling Amazon's Plastic Footprint

For four years in a row, Oceana released reports estimating Amazon's massive plastic footprint and calling on the company to reduce its use of single-use plastic packaging. In 2024, Amazon announced it removed all plastic air pillows from its delivery packaging used at its global fulfillment centers and replaced them with recycled paper filler. Plastic air pillows are made from plastic film — the deadliest type of plastic to large marine animals. The company estimated that this decision would avoid nearly 15 billion plastic air pillows every year.



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Partnering with Peru's Artisanal Fishers

In 2023, Peru's Congress unanimously passed a law to strengthen protections for the first five miles off the country's coast and support artisanal fishers. This coastal area is one of the most productive in the world. This victory, which was won thanks to steadfast campaigning by artisanal fishers and their allies, including Oceana, helps support ocean abundance, biodiversity, and livelihoods in Peru.

A Race to 30x30

In recent years, Oceana and our allies are supporting an important global goal: protecting 30% of the oceans by 2030. In the Philippines, we helped create a marine protected area (MPA) around Panaon Island, an area rich with healthy corals and marine life. In Mexico, following scientific expeditions with our partner Blancpain, we helped convince the government to approve two new MPAs in the Gulf of Mexico, creating a conservation corridor that is home to more than 3,000 marine species.



Regulating Salmon Farming

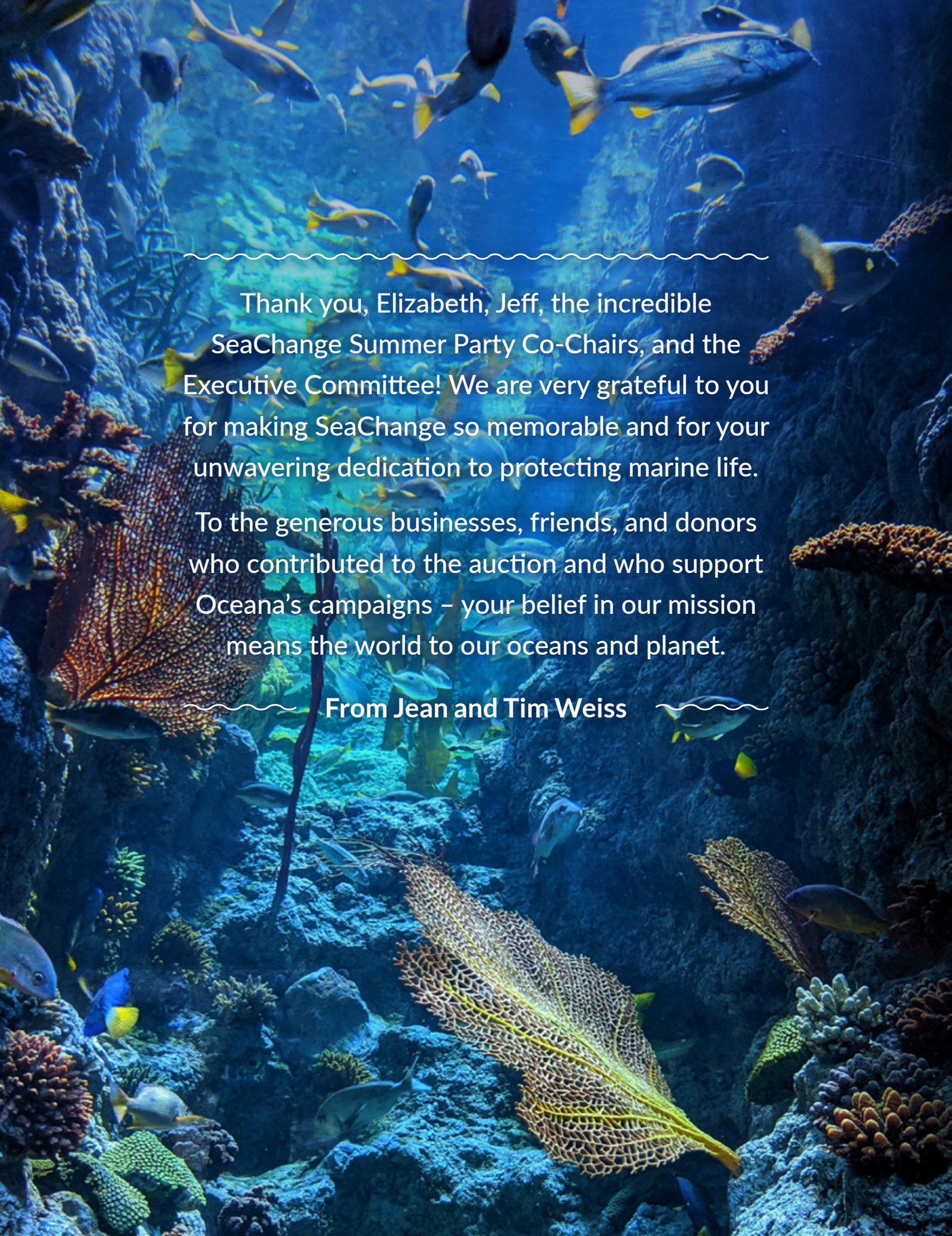
For years, Oceana and our allies have campaigned to better regulate Chile's fraught salmon farming industry. In 2023, a new law passed requiring Chile's Fisheries Service to publish data on the use of antibiotics, antiparasitics, mortalities, and the number of salmon produced by companies.



To Ghana

In 2026, Oceana launched its first campaign team in Ghana, one of West Africa's most fish-reliant nations. Our new team in Accra will work in allyship with fish-reliant communities to help rebuild fisheries, boost nutrition and local access to fish, and safeguard coastal livelihoods.

Our oceans continue to face many threats. But the seas can also be a part of the solution. Restored, healthy, abundant oceans can help fight climate change, sustain livelihoods, and feed more than 1 billion people a healthy seafood meal every day, forever. Together, we can save the oceans and help feed the world. ■

A vibrant underwater scene featuring a diverse coral reef. In the foreground, a large, intricate, golden-brown fan coral stands out against the blue water. Other corals in shades of red, orange, and green are scattered throughout the rocky seabed. Numerous fish, including several large blue tangs with yellow tails and smaller yellow-striped tangs, swim gracefully in the water. The lighting is bright, creating a clear and lively atmosphere.

Thank you, Elizabeth, Jeff, the incredible
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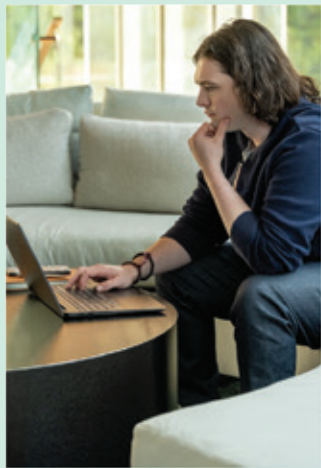
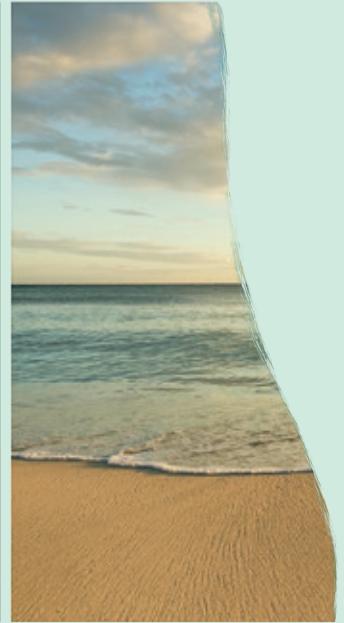


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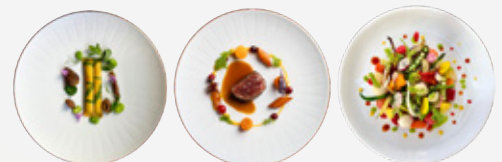
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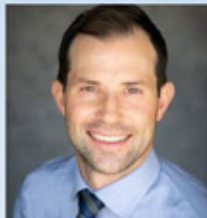


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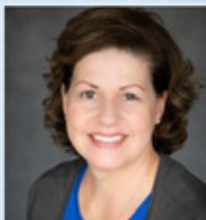
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