



Christine O. Gregoire
Governor
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Carol Hershman
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Dear Carol

Mike and I were terribly saddened to learn of the passing of your husband, Marc. Words are inadequate to express our condolences, but please know that we are holding you and all of your loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

Marc was a man of great energy and accomplishment, whose profound impact on the health of our oceans will last for generations to come. Marc's expertise has helped shape marine and coastal management policy on both the state and federal level, and his unwavering commitment to educating and mentoring students through the University of Washington's School of Marine Affairs will help ensure that our region and nation have access to skilled and thoughtful leaders in ocean policy.

I am deeply grateful for Marc's role in developing Washington's Ocean Action Plan and know that his efforts will continue to positively impact quality of life for the people of our state. Your husband will be greatly missed, but I am confident that his legacy will be a source of comfort and inspiration for many years to come.

Again, Carol, we extend our deepest sympathies. May you find solace in the embrace of loved ones, and in your many cherished memories.

Sincerely,

Chris

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

