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OCEAN FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

Dear Restaurant Owner,

Thank you for your support of the Surfrider Foundation and our Ocean Friendly Restaurants program! As you know, our mission is to inspire and educate our communities and business owners to make sustainable and impactful choices in their everyday lives, which will help our ocean and planet in the immediate and distant future.

We appreciate your commitment and investment in the program and that is why we ask that you please review your current standards and practices to ensure that the five mandatory criteria and at least two optional criteria are being met.

Restaurants participating must follow the first five criteria:

• No expanded polystyrene use (aka Styrofoam).

• Proper recycling practices are followed.

• Only reusable foodware is used for onsite dining.*

• No plastic bags offered with take out or to-go orders and utensils are provided only upon request.

• Paper straws are provided only upon request.**

* Foodware includes dinnerware, drinkware, silverware, and ramekins/containers.
** Exceptions may be made for alternatives made from other naturally occurring materials and reusables.

And choose a minimum of two of these criteria:

• No beverages are sold in plastic bottles.

• A discount is offered for customers with reusable cup, container, bag, etc.

• Vegetarian/vegan food options are offered on a regular basis.

• All seafood is 'Best Choice' or 'Good Alternative' as defined by Seafood Watch, or certified as sustainable.

• Water conservation and pollution mitigation efforts are implemented.

• Energy efficiency efforts are in place.

Surfrider Foundation is here to help. We have resources to train staff and ensure that your participation in the Ocean Friendly Restaurants program is communicated to the public and your customers. If you need a refresher on how to comply with the criteria or assistance with staff training, count on us to help!

Please be aware that if your restaurant no longer abides by the program criteria, you will be removed from national and local Surfrider websites and locator maps and will be asked to take down any collateral including window stickers, brochures, and table tents.

Let us know if you have any questions regarding the program and criteria. We would love to have your continued membership and appreciate your commitment to the protection of our ocean!

Sincerely,

(Your Surfrider Chapter)